**Vemdalen**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Families

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

14

**Intermediate Runs**

26

**Advanced Runs**

16

**Total Runs**

56

**Lifts**

34

**Chairs**

5

**Drags**

29

**Gondola Cable Cars**

0

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

Unavailable.

**Overview**

Vemdalen ski resort offers some of the most varied skiing in Sweden. Its three ski areas of Björnrike, Vemdalsskalet and Klövsjö/Storhogna are well supplied with lifts and a wide variety of runs, from moguls to gentle, undulating slopes.

Vemdalen ski resort also has plenty of natural beauty. Klövsjö has not only been described as the prettiest mountain village in Sweden, but it has also been dubbed as 'the skier’s ski resort'. This charming area is peculiar in that it has the sunny and family-friendly slopes high up on the mountainsides, whereas the more challenging runs are located further down. Neighbouring Vemdalsskalet is a charming little village that has been newly built in a traditional style; while Björnrike, which is nearest to the resort centre, is a great place for families.

In the last decade the resort has enjoyed massive development which has drastically improved the ease, speed and comfort of skiing in the area. Such developments include the opening of the resort’s first six-seater chairlift at Klövsjö in 2008, the addition of an express lift in Björnrike in 2010, another six-seater, the Skalet Express, at Vemdalskalet in 2011, and a fourth new express lift for the 2014-15 season.

**Location**

Vemdalen is located in the west of Sweden, about midway between the northern and southern tips of the country. The distance to Stockholm is around 500km (311 miles) and to Gothenburg around 700km (435 miles). Trondheim in Norway is 240km (150 miles) away.

**Website**

http://www.skistar.com/vemdalen

**Piste Map**

http://www.skistar.com/EPi7PageFiles/42841/1280\_Vemdalen\_121110.jpg

**Hit The Slopes**

More than half of the slopes in Vemdalen are wide, soft and gentle, and are well suited to beginners and near beginners. Björnrike is best for children, while Vemdalsskalet has some good slopes for beginners and intermediates. Over at Storhogna and Klövsjö, there are also sunny and family-friendly slopes high up in the mountains.

The resident ski school, which can be found in Björnrike, is excellent and offers private and group lessons for all ages. There are also classes for advanced skiers who want to learn freeriding.

The Hovdefjället and Skalsfjället mountain peaks near Vemdalsskalet provide good challenges for the expert skier, while there are several steep and challenging runs further down the slopes at Klövsjö.

Snowboarders and freestylers are not left out, with a choice of three terrain parks. The parks in the Skalspasset area of Vemdalsskalet and in Klövsjö are good places for children and beginners to learn the ropes, while the park and ski cross track in Björnrike are suitable for the more experienced.

A downside (for some) is that nearly all the lifts are T-bars; so if taking a drag lift is fear-inducing, this might not be the most suitable resort. However, there is a quad chairlift and the new express chairlifts, which together cover much of the terrain anyway, so it is possible to avoid many of the drags.

Due to its northerly latitude and snow-making on half of the resort’s slopes, the ski season in Vemdalen is usually relatively long, running from late October until May.

**Vemdalen**

**Resort**

500

**Base**

500

**Top**

900

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Due to the small size of the resort, Vemdalen’s activity offerings away from the slopes are relatively limited; and those offered primarily revolve around being out on the snow in one form or another.

Visitors can go on a snowmobile safari, try their hand at dog sledding or take part in various kinds of trekking trips in the mountains. An additional option is to try the traditional pastime of ice fishing, a recreational activity still widely enjoyed by the local community. Ice climbing is also an increasingly popular activity for those with a head for heights.

For those still itching to strap on the skis, there are nearly 300km (186 miles) of well-prepared cross-country skiing tracks to explore.

**Family Fun**

Vemdalen is a great option for skiing families on account of its many gentle, uncrowded slopes with soft snow cover. Björnrike, in particular, is well suited for young skiers and its resident ski school is very good, with English-speaking instructors.

In terms of activities, there are children’s clubs with dedicated ski and play areas in all three ski areas, while the bowling hall in the village keeps both kids and adults entertained.

**Retail Therapy**

There is limited shopping of note in Vemdalen as the majority of stores are either under the broad umbrella of ‘essentials’ – such as grocery shops, a baker’s and a pharmacy – or ski rental outfits.

There are, however, a small number of independent shops selling gifts, handicrafts or antiques in the central village area.

**Splashing Out**

Head to Storhogna Högfjällshotell & Spa (tel: +46 682 413 030; [www.storhogna.com](http://www.storhogna.com)) for a weekend of pampering. Choose from a range of spa treatments, encompassing everything from facials to full-body scrubs, or more particular treatments for hands and feet. The various kinds of massage on offer are also worth exploring. Additionally, there is a pool, gym and relaxation areas.

**Apres Ski**

Vemdalen is hardly famous for its après-ski scene but, as with most things Scandinavian, there is a pleasant, laid-back feel to several of the venues that offer evening entertainment.

Among the livelier bars for après-ski in Vemdalen is Baggen (Vemdalsskalets Högfjällshotell), which has a good party atmosphere and live music. Other venues of note are Hotell Klövsjöfjäll (tel: +46 682 413 100; [www.klovsjofjall.se](http://www.klovsjofjall.se)) and Storhogna Högfjällshotell & Spa (tel: +46 682 413 030; [www.storhogna.se](http://www.storhogna.se)) in Klövsjö and Storhogna respectively.

**Eating Out**

There are now more than 20 restaurants in and around Vemdalen, and the number of options continue to grow year on year.

Among the best restaurants in Vemdalen is Hildings Krog (tel: +46 684 31330; www.[hildingskrog.se](http://hildingskrog.se)), which serves top-quality food based on local ingredients and has panoramic views over the Hovdebacken slopes at Vemdalskalet.

The Anorak restaurant (tel: +46 684 31213) serves Swedish style tapas, along with more usual fodder including great steaks.

At Björnrike, there are a handful of cosy eateries offering both à la carte and pizza options, as well as the Grizzly Bar and Grill (tel: +46 684 15380; [www.grizzlybar.se](http://www.grizzlybar.se)), which dishes up American-style burgers and barbecue dishes.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Sveg Airport (EVG).

Distance to resort: 60km (37 miles).

Driving time: 50 minutes.

Nearest railway station: Röjans

Distance to resort: 20km (12 miles).

Driving time: 30 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Frequent bus services run between the skiing areas and lodgings. The distance between the three areas is too big for walking, but there are cross-country skiing tracks linking them.

A day train service operates to Stockholm, while night trains run to Gothenburg and Malmo.

**Hotels**

Choose from accommodation either located within the village or on the slopes. There is a great range of bed and breakfasts, hostels, guest houses, private cabins and hotels in Vemdalen to suit most budgets.

**Hovde Hotel**

Opened in 2013, the Hovde Hotel is located slopeside, just 50m (164ft) from the nearest lift. The hotel houses a popular sports bar that serves good seasonal food, and free Wi-Fi access is also available.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Vemdalsskalet

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Vemdalen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

SE 84092

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

+46 684 15390.

**Website**

http://www.vemdalen.se

**Vemdalen Gästis Hostel**

A friendly family-run hostel in the traditional village of Härjedalen, a 10 minute drive from the ski slopes. Available rooms are either private or shared and the rate includes access to the on-site sauna and Wi-Fi services.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Landsvägen 5

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Härjedalen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

Vemdalen

**Postcode**

SE 84092

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

+46 684 30640.

**Website**

http://www.gestis.com

**Hotel Mysoxen**

A welcoming hotel approximately 5km (3.1 miles) from Vemdalen in the hamlet of Sveg, the Hotel Mysoxen houses a number of relatively basic rooms as well as a lovely traditional restaurant, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Fjällvägen 12

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Sveg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

SE 84232

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

+46 680 17000.

**Website**

http://www.mysoxen.se

**Hotell Klövsjöfjäll**

A comfortable hotel with a good restaurant and bar, Hotell Klövsjöfjäll has a relaxation area with a hot tub, sauna and sun beds.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Klövsjö

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Vemdalen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

SE 84092

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

+46 682 413 100.

**Website**

http://www.klovsjofjall.se

**Storhogna Högfjällshotell & Spa**

A luxury hotel boasting some excellent restaurants, Storhogna Högfjällshotell & Spa, in the Storhonga area of Vemdalen ski resort, has a spa with a wide variety of treatments.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Storhonga

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Vemdalen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

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