#### **5. THE GOTTSUNDA TRAIL**

#### 5A FÅGELDAMMARNA (BIRD PONDS)

Near the centre of town you can enjoy these ponds in a wooded area. A long time ago, people believed that the liquid in the tormentil had a pain-relieving effect.



Potentilla erecta
Blooms: June to August



Common toothwort

Lathraea squamaria

Blooms: May

#### **5B PREDIKSTOLEN**

In Linnaeus's time, getting here was difficult, but the rare plants made the trek worthwhile. The common toothwort is a parasitic plant. Its roots have special organs that suck up nutrients from trees, especially hazel trees. The toothwort is colourless since it can't use sunlight as green plants are able to.

# 6. THE HÅGA TRAIL

#### **6A ENGELSKA PARKEN**

Take a break amongst the big leafy trees in Engelska Parken. Wood cow-wheat is a semi-parasitic plant that take nutrients from bushes and trees in order to make its green leaves and colourful flowers.



Wood cow-wheat
Melampyrum nemorosum
Blooms: June to July



Brown knapweed

Centaurea jacea

Blooms: July to August

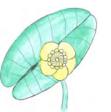
#### **6B KING BJÖRN'S GRAVE MOUND**

Walk out to Hågahögen, where Linnaeus took his students to see a great variety of plants. Brown knapweed is used for textile dying and results in a clear yellow colour.



## 7A A COFFEE BREAK AT THE FYRISAN RIVER

Take a coffee break near the river and enjoy a calm moment in the city. The yellow water lily has hundreds of stamens. The root was previously used as flour to be mixed into poor man's bread during years of famine.



Yellow water lily Nuphar lutea Blooms: June to August



Sickle medick

Medicago falcata

Blooms: July to September

# **7B BÄCKRAVIN (BROOK RAVINE)**

Sit and listen to the babbling sounds that come for the water in this brook ravine. Here you'll find the sickle medick that Linnaeus first discovered on Gotland. The Swedish name he chose for it meant hay seed. This plant has tubers on its root, which can fix nitrogen.

# 8. JUMKIL'S TRAIL

#### **8A ÖRNSÄTRA**

At the brook ravine, people have found false rune stone that some believe were used as a joke during Linnaeus's botanic excursions. Have you seen the plant that's named after Linnaeus? He admired the twinflower (Sw. Linné) so much that he ordered a coffee serving set that depicted this flower, all the way from China.



Linnaea borealis
Blooms: June to July



Moor king
Pedicularis sceptrumcarolinum
Blooms: July to August

# 8B THE FOOTBRIDGE OVER LÅGMOSSEN MARSH

This was the final destination of Linnaeus's lecture series for his students. The Swedish name of what is known in English as moor king was named after King Charles XII by Olof Rudbeck, Sr. Linnaeus described this species as stately, straight and stiff. The plant is poisonous and semi-parasitic on other plants.



# Walk in Linnaeus's footsteps

# **HOME PAGE**

More information on all eight Linnaeus Trails can be found at www.linnestigarna.se. Here you can find useful information and read more about the Linnaeus Trails.

#### THE LINNAEUS TRAILS

Maintained and managed by the Municipality of Uppsala. If you have any questions, please contact us by telephone atv 018–727 00 00

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Linnaeus Trails are primarily hiking trails, and certain sections are better to bike on. See the map inside this folder. Regarding bus connections, please visit ul.se.



In cooperation with The Linnaeus Historical Society

The routes of the Linnaeus Trails are based on information found in historical documents. Uppsala Municipality expresses its appreciation to the Linnean Society of London, which has contributed the medallion for signs and folders.



# LINNAEUS TRAILS IN UPPSALA

Eight trails to visit





# DO YOU WANT TO BE AN **EXPLORER FOR A DAY?**

#### THE LINNAEUS TRAILS

Visit Uppsala's secret places and experience beautiful surroundings. Discover fascinating plants from Linnaeus's time, and relive history.

Carl Linnaeus, who lived in the 18th century, is known internationally as the Father of Taxonomy, and is often called Blomsterkungen (the Flower King) in Sweden. He was the first outdoor scholar, taking hundreds of his students on field trips. They walked together along eight trails that he called Hebationes Upsaliensis, which are today known as the Linnaeus Trails. There they found new plants and animals. Linnaeus introduced the species classification system that is still in use today.



### A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF EVERY TRAIL

#### THE ANCIENT UPPSALA TRAIL - 12 KM

Begin in the Linnaeus Garden, where you can transport yourself back to the time of Linnaeus, in the 18th century. Continue along the river out to the lofty observation points. The trail ends in a marsh where you can find the round-leaved sundew, a carnivorous plant.

#### HE VAKSALA TRAIL - 13 KM

The trail begins in Nyby from where you continue toward the pastures. It ends in Törnby, a farm that generated the income to pay Linnaeus his professor's salary.

#### THE DANMARK TRAIL - 16 KM

This is the most stately of the trails. Linnaeus followed it to take his students all the way out to his summer home, Linnés Hammarby.

#### THE ULTUNA TRAIL - 7 KM

Bike out and find beautiful views of the countryside near the Fyrisan River. Finish by walking over a footbridge over the wetlands around the Sunnerstaviken Inlet.

#### THE GOTTSUNDA TRAIL - 8.3 KM

This trail is a good example of nature as a classroom, and there was plenty here for Linnaeus's students to learn. You will be walking through the Stadsskogen nature reserve and continuing into beautiful Hågadalen-Nåsten, the next nature reserve, which is noted for its unique flora.

#### THE HÅGA TRAIL – 5.6 KM

Did you know that you can discover many plants from Linnaeus's time in the centre of town? You begin this trail at Carolina Rediviva, and then continue out to Håga Valley and King Björn's burial mound where you can find unique plants from long ago.

### THE HUSBY TRAIL - 16 KM

Begin your exploration at the Fyrisan River, and continue along a quiet brook ravine. The trail ends at Börje Church, from where you can try a forest loop.

#### JUMKIL'S TRAIL - 4.2 KM

This was the last field trip for the term Linnaeus would take with his students. They travelled out to Jumkil's Church with horse and carriage, but the walk began out near Örnsätra and ended at the Studentvilan picnic and grill area.

Researchers have compared the plants one finds today along the Linnaeus Trails with those that Linnaeus described. On the next few pages, we have chosen some plants along the trails that also were there in Linnaeus's day.

#### 1. THE ANCIENT UPPSALA TRAIL

## **1A OBSERVATION TOWER ON** TUNA RIDGE

Thirty metres tall with a magnificent view of Uppsala. St John's wort was previously used as an anti-depressant and to give wine and aquavit an aromatic taste.



St. John's wort Hypericum perforatum Blooms: July to September

Round-leaved sundew Drosera rotundifolia Blooms: June to July

2. THE VAKSALA TRAIL

Take along a picnic and coffee,

the woods. The poisonous Lily

of the Valley, used to be used to

out evil forces from their body.

make people sneeze, thus driving

and enjoy a quiet interlude in

2A THE RÅBY PARK FOREST

# **1B SPÅNGEN TO SJÖDYN**

There is a fine footbridge here, surrounded by wetlands that contain plants that cannot be found in many other places. The carnivorous round-leaved sundew attracts flying insects with its red colour. This plant was previously used as a cure for warts.



Wild strawberries Fragaria vesca

#### 3. THE DANMARK TRAIL

#### **3A NÅNTUNA GROVE**

Linnaeus had his students find plants and insects in these woods. The poisonous cowslip was previously used as a diuretic and an expectorant. It also gave a brown colour to snuff and aquavit.



Primula veris Blooms: May to June

Blooms: May to July

# **3B CLOSE TO LINNÉS HAMMARBY** This was Linnaeus's summer

home. Here he often walked with his dog, Pompe. Later in life, Linnaeus suffered from gout and arthritis of the foot. In order to cure these troubling ailments, he ate a bowl of wild strawberries every day.

# 4. THE ULTUNA TRAIL

#### **4A THE VIEW FROM ULTUNA RIDGE**

From here you can enjoy a panoramic view of the countryside that was formed after the Ice Age. The little harebell's Latin name means "round leaves", and it spreads its seeds in late summer and autumn.



Harebell Campanula rotundifolia Blooms: June to September

Hare's foot clover Trifolium arvense Blooms: June to July

### **2B EKE AND JÄLLA MEADOWS**

Say "hi" to the cows and discover plants in the meadows. Watch the buzzards swoop over the flora from Linnaeus's time. Folk medicine used the hare's foot clover as a cure for various diseases of domesticated animals, as well as people.

Lily of the Valley

Convallaria majalis

Bloom: May to July



Common hemp nettle Galeopsis tetrahit Blooms: July to September

### **4B SUNNERSTA FOOTBRIDGE**

Walk along the footbridge and fine water plants in the march. Listen to the birds and see the frogs jump out. The common hemp nettle was discovered by Olof Rudbeck about 300 years ago. This plant prefers nitrogenrich soil.

# THE LINNAEUS TRAILS





**8A THE BROOK AT ÖRNSÄTRA** Parking: Studentvilan, 3.4 km away Bus stop: Broholm, 4.7 km away Coordinates: 59.9489089, 17.3604604



LÅGMOSSEN MARSH
Parking: Studentvilan, 500 metres away
Bus stop: Broholm, 8 km away
Coordinates: 59.953674, 17.305251

**8B THE FOOTBRIDGE OVER** 



TUNA RIDGE
Service: Picnic table
Parking: Gamla Uppsala mounds, 1 km away
Bus stop: Lilla Myrby
Coordinates: 59.894147, 17.6209723

**1A OBSERVATION TOWER ON** 



**1B THE FOOTBRIDGE TO SJÖDYN**Service: Seats
Parking: Gamla Uppsala högar, 5.8 km away,
Jälla gymnasiet, 7.8 km away
Bus stop: Kunghögarna 5.4 km away
Coordinates: 59.9205170, 17.7018670



**2A THE RÅBY PARK FOREST**Parking: Nyby, 1 km away
Bus stop: Nyby, 2 km away
Coordinates: 59.8988814, 17.6662463



7A A COFFEE BREAK AT THE FYRISAN RIVER

Service:Seats
Parking: S:t Olofsgatan 21, 500 metres away
Bus stop: Götgatan
Coordinates 59.862715, 17.631004



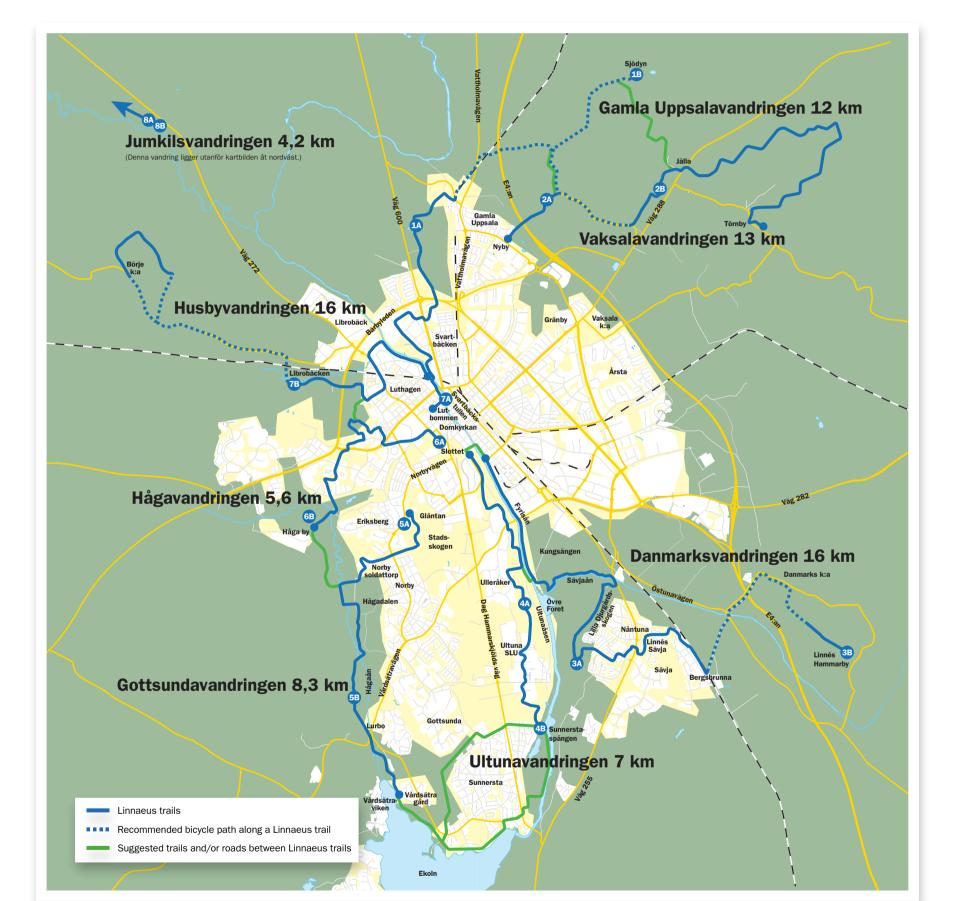
7B BÄCKRAVIN (BROOK RAVINE)

Parking: Husbyborgskolonin, 1.2 km away Bus stop: Librobäck Coordinates: 59.8655760, 17.5814830



6A ENGELSKA PARKEN

Service: Picnic table Parking: Blåsenhus, 600 metres away Bus stop: Slottsbacken Coordinates: 59.854248, 17.6298692





**2B EKE AND JÄLLA MEADOWS**Parking: Jälla gymnasiet, 1 km away
Bus stop: Godegård
Coordinates: 59.9001098, 17.7081344



**3A NÅNTUNA GROVE**Parking: Myrgångens förskola, 1 km away
Bus stop: Vävstolsvägen
Coordinates: 59.815678, 17.676801



3B CLOSE TO LINNÉS HAMMARBY Parking: Linnés Hammarby, 500 metres away Bus stop: Linnés Hammarby, vägskäl, 1.8 km Coordinates: 59.818144, 17.775059



6B KING BJÖRN'S GRAVE MOUND

Service: Picnic table nearby
Parking: Kung Björns hög, 0 metres
Bus stop: Håga Gård, 0 km away
Coordinates: 59.8374039, 17.5868834



5A FÅGELDAMMARNA (BIRD PONDS)

Service: Picnic table Parking: Norbyvägen 69, 500 metres away Bus stop: Sommaro Coordinates: 59.8419293, 17.6207590



**5B PREDIKSTOLEN** 

Parking: Lurbo bro, 2 km away Bus stop: Gottsundevägen Coordinates: 59.8094621, 17.599787



4A THE VIEW FROM ULTUNA

Service: Observation point and picnic table Parking: Ulleråkersvägen 86, 2.1 km away Bus stop: Kronparksgården Coordinates: 59.8265810, 17.6613670



4B SUNNERSTA FOOTBRIDGE
Service: Picnic table

Service: Picnic table Parking: Ultuna SLU, 1 km away Bus stop: Holmvägen Coordinates: 59.8055134, 17.6652113