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The Telemark Canal

(THE NORSJØ-BANDAK CANAL) The Telemark Canal was completed in 1892 and has 18 locks, taking passengers from 0 to 72 m above sea level, on the 105 km long section between Skien and Dalen. This waterway offers varied scenery – from landlocked fjords surrounded by steep rock faces to cultural landscapes with fertile meadows and, not least, locks carved out of rock.

“MS Victoria” and “MS Henrik Ibsen” make scheduled trips between Dalen and Skien from May to September. At Dalen Bryggje you will find a guest harbour, service facilities and a café.

In the warehouse: Exhibitions by local artists/craftsmen and a canal exhibition. Recreation ground with bathing place.

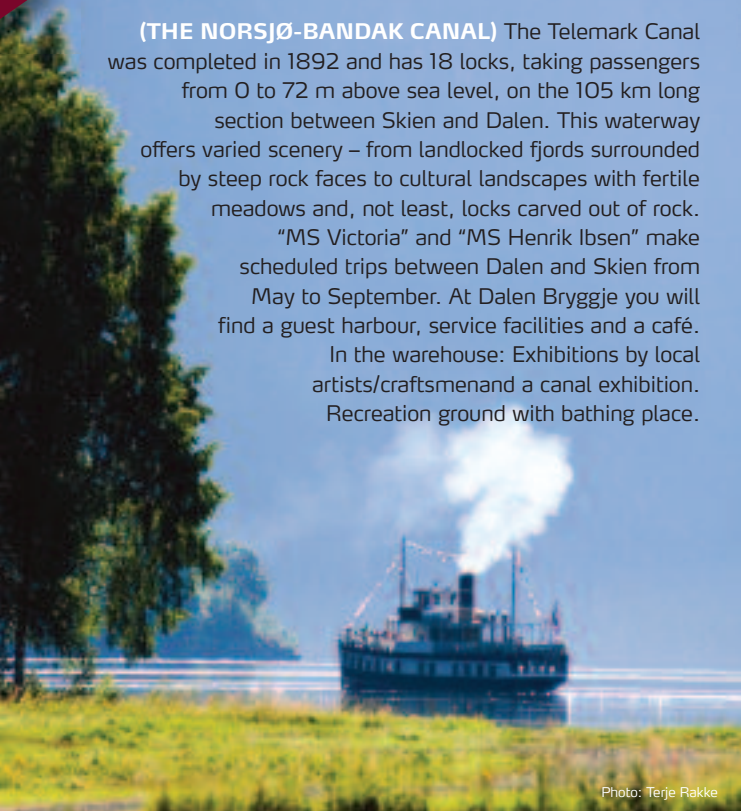


Photo: Terje Rakke

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Marken



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THERE HAS BEEN A MARKET in Dalen for more than 150 years. In the old days it was a horse market at Tangane. Today there is a modern market right in the centre of Dalen. Lithography by Harald Kihle “Fra hestemarken på Dalen, Telemark” 1963.



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3 KM DISABLE ACCESS TRAIL,
PARTLY FOOT/CYCLE PATH/ 1 – 1,5 HOURS
EASY WALK →



Dalen – Telemark

WALK **Bufjordstigen**

THEME **Along the Telemark Canal**



Photo: Hamish Moore

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE ON YOUR WALK?

STEPPING STONES ACROSS A FISHING RIVER Cross River Tokkeåi using the stepping stones. Many a giant trout is caught in the Bandak and Tokkeåi rivers every year.

BEAVER: Tread cautiously, and you may be able to see the engineer at work. Photo: Jørgen Kasin

THE RETURN LEG of the hike takes you through a pleasant shopping street and a market abundant with flowers. Photo: Hamish Moore

DALEN HOTEL: “– the grandest of them all –” (Norges Kunsthistorie, Volume V). Read more about this elegant building situated along the trail. Photo: Dalen Hotel



Photo: Hamish Moore

Photo: Kay Brattestå

Description of the walk

AN EASY HIKE with culture, history and great fishing spots. The walk starts at Dalen Bryggje, also known as Lastein. This is where the renowned Eidsborg whetstone, Norway's oldest export, was shipped from. You will then pass a lovely beach before crossing the Eidsborgbekken stream.

The trail then takes you past Tangane, a popular recreation ground with an idyllic pine forest. You can get a good view of Dalen Hotel from the gardens. Cross River Tokkeåi using the stepping stones.

At Buøy, follow the nature trail through the fascinating "jungle", occasionally converging with the river with its great fishing spots and extensive beaver population.

The tour then takes you back through the centre of Dalen and its intimate shopping street, flower market, shops, cafés and the Tokke town hall with its sculptures by Anne Grimdalen and Charles Michalsen and assembly room clad in whetstone.

Driving directions

The trail starts at Dalen Bryggje. If you are arriving on route E134 from the east, leave the road at Høydalsmo and follow route FV45 to Dalen. Dalen Bryggje is on the left-hand side just as you reach the bottom of the Eidsborgberget hill.

From Vrådal and Åmot on route FV38 towards Dalen, drive straight past the exit for the centre of Dalen. You will then see Dalen Bryggje on your right after 1 km.



Parking at Dalen Bryggje.
Starting/finishing point:
(GPS: N59°26.713' E008° 01.374')

Read more: The nature trail at Buøy is signposted in multiple languages. Contact the tourist information office, www.visitdalen.com

Please note: Walk quietly if you want to see the animals.

You are responsible for your own safety during the walk. Treat the countryside and grazing animals with respect. Take only photos, leave only footprints. Please take your rubbish home with you. Enjoy the trip!



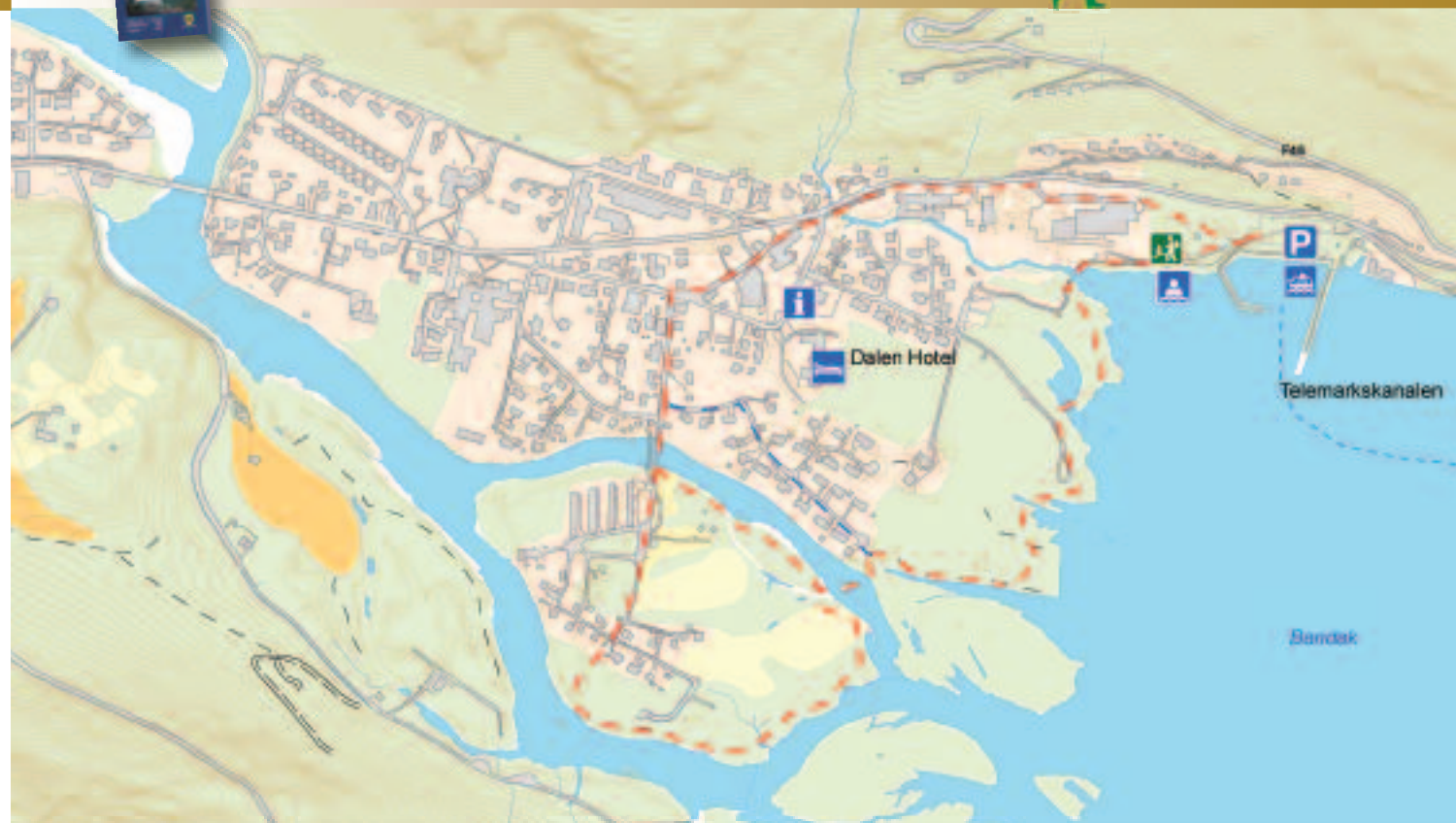
Map of the tour:
Tokke 1 : 50 000

Map: AT plan.
Source: Norwegian Mapping Authority, Geovekst and local councils

Total incline: 0
Footwear: No special requirements



Accessibility: April to October
Highest point: Dalen 74 m above sea level



Scale 1 : 50 000

Equidistance 20m

..... = marked summer trail - . - . - . = alternative route at times of flooding



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