





# Värnamo Tourist Guide

## The four "Must See and Do's" when visiting Värnamo

- ▶ Ohsabanan (Scenic Route)
- **▶ Store Mosse National Park**
- ▶ Åminne Iron Works Museum
- **▶** Bruno Mathsson Center

## **Municipality Facts**

Population 32 841

**Area** 1 391,24 km²

Regional Center Värnamo

County Jönköping

### **More Information**

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#### Internet

www.varnamo.se www.visit-varnamo.com

### **Newspapers**

Värnamo Nyhete www.varnamonyheter.se Dagen www.dagen.se

### **Tourist Bureaus**

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Enjoying a snack on the green grass. Photo: Shutterstock

# Welcome to Värnamo

In Värnamo, you can see everything from Gnosjöandans (culture) to the furniture kingdom! You can visit Bruno Mathsson Center - his parents, offices and the first glass house, which is now offering a unique exhibition of all Bruno's furniture. Another well-known name

is Källemo, visit the exhibition with exciting modern furniture design and experience modern form and color. The Tourist Office recommends five things you should not miss during your visit to Värnamo.





# See and Do



Take a refreshing dip in one of our lakes. Photo: Shutterstock



A nice cold ice cream on a hot summers day. Photo: Shutterstock

# **Swimming**

### **Annebergsbadet (Bathing Area)**

Annebergs Bathing Area is a major area outside the village of Bredayd. It is located on a grassy slope area with a sandy beach area. The large dock serves as a boundary to the shallow area. A small kiosk is open on sunny days and next to it are changing rooms and restrooms. A small playground is located in the shadowed area and there are many places to grill. Annebergsbadet is the perfect place to be on a hot day! Bredaryd, Värnamo

### **Eskilstorpbadet (Bathing)**

Eskilstorpsbadet is a grassy bathing area, which popular in the summer for its small rock cliffs on the waters edge. During the winter, it is a perfect grill area during

after skating. It is located in the village of Eskilstorp, on the way to Anderstorp. Quiet and child-friendly during the day, with tranquil barbeques in the evenings. Docks, restrooms and changing rooms. *Eskilstorp, Lanna, Bredaryd* 

# **Fishing**

Recreational fishing in Jönköping is very popular. Each year, more than 100,000 locals enjoy sport fishing. There are more than 2,000 lakes in the county which makes it quite easy to find fishing areas. The Värnamo area is best known for its fine zander. Here are some of South Sweden's best lakes in terms of zander and pike fishing. We offer everything from angling to advanced troll fishing. You are welcome to try your luck!



# See and Do

## Museum

#### **Bruno Mathsson Center**

Clearly, the most brilliant mind in the field of Swedish furniture design during the 1900s. The combination of carpenter, architect, entrepreneur and philosopher made Professor Bruno Mathsson an all-around talent. Bruno Mathsson's home, along with the first glass house, are located in the heart of Värnamo and the house exhibits his wonderful creations.

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## Car, Music and Toy Museum in Rydaholm

A great experience for all ages! A fantastic museum with cars, musical instruments and toys. You can also see motorcycles, mopeds, tractors and a depot with racing cars from Italy and England. There is also a chapel with a pipe organ and market for antiques. Next to the museum is a lake with bathing possibilities.

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#### Forsheda Mill

The mill is located four km West of Forshed where malt flour has been made since the Middle Ages. It was a natural meeting place for farmers in the area. The information board is where you can read about the processes and the mills history. Do not hesitate to visit the Forshedaverkens Industrial Museum and the nice café at Kvarnagården while you are here!

Industrial Museum, Forsheda

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# Forshedaverkens Industrial Museum

Located 4 km west of Forshed, you can see the machinery used by the Forshedaverken Company from 1917 and onwards. Don't miss visiting the mill and the cheerful café Kvarnagårdens, while you are here! Kvarnagården in Forsheda, Forsheda

### **Ohs Iron Works Museum**

Here you'll find tools showing Ohs Iron

Works history from the 1660s, and the next 200 years. The archives from the old iron works is also gathered in this building. There are also a variety of everyday items, older gear and odd things with an interesting history.

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#### **Åminne Iron Works Museum**

Just a mile South of Värnamo is Åminne. On Vidöstern's Western shore, is Smålands most well-preserved limonite smelting house. It was built according to the newest techniques when the 1800's turned into the 1900s. Ever-changing times!

Smålands dormant millions, the inexhaustible ore deposits on the seabed, would be extracted with greater efficiency. The old practices were replaced with a dredger which could bring up more than 40 tons of iron ore a day.

Ore, charcoal and limestone were filled in the pipe to the blast furnace's rim, around the clock, week after week. Manifestation was made every four hours, pig iron was formed and stamped for further transport. Aminnejärnet was famous in quality, and compared to the best English iron. It formed a proud professtion of everything from stew pots to lawnmowers. to mangle machines and tripods.

The blast furnace was blown for the last time in 1934. The foundry continued until the 1990s. Today, Åminne is an industry memorial and museum. The foundry houses the exhibition, "Smålands slumrande millioner" (Smålands dormant million), which depicts the history of Åminne.

During the summer, Åminne Museum has has a full program of concerts, guided tours, story telling evenings, etc.. See more details on our website. Åminne Works also has an environment suitable to arrange parties, company meetings or other events. Events could be arranged at Masugnshyttan, located in Modellvinden or why not host them at Kolladan.

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There is a lot to see at the museum in Rydaholm. Photo: Shutterstock



Take a break between activities. Photo: Shutterstock



Old millstone. Photo: Shutterstock



The Åminne Iron Works Museum organizes concerts. Photo: Shutterstock



# See and Do



Experience Värnamo by horse. Photo: Shutterstock

## **Nature**

### **Getaryggarna (Scenic Route)**

A beautiful stretch of road West of Rydaholm. The road winds its way through the forest on an esker and lined with ancient monuments and hay meadows.

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### **Store Mosse National Park**

To call the Store Mosse National Park a wetland sea - is no exaggeration. It has impressive plains, which are reminiscent of the mountains. The National Park offers 40 km of hiking trails, several lookout towers, resting cottages and three hostels. It has a diverse flora and rich bird life characterized by both northern and southern Scandinavian breeding birds. The park also has a handicap sled and a Naturum. The Naturum is a source of inspiration and meeting place for all nature lovers. Here, you can make hiking arrangements around Lake Kävsjön. Next to Naturum, is Transtigen which is over 200 meters with mini towers for children and information boards for short excursions.

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Spring flowers in the park. Photo: Shutterstock

## **Parks**

### **Apladalen (Historical Park)**

A popular natural history park and museum with Carl Snoilsky's statue of the famous couple,"Per and Kersti" - a couple who met in Värnamo to become engaged as in the poem "On Wernamo Market." Peasent dwellings from the 18th and 19th century, spice garden, animals, large playground, a café and an outdoor stage. The market cabin shows local craftwork and the craftsmen sell



Designer crafts. Photo: Shutterstock

their products every day during the summer. Welcome!

Apladalen, Värnamo

### **Forsheda Culture Park**

The culture park consists of 3 buildings adjacent to the vicarage and the church. It is possible to arrange tours of the buildings. During parts of the summer season, there are exhibitions and even various crafts are for sale.

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# See and Do



How wide is a railroad track? Photo: Shutterstock

# **Worth Seeing**

### **Ohsabanan (Scenic Route)**

Take a trip along the narrow iron mill rail between Ohs and Bor. Now, with rail in July and August. Here are steam engines, locomotives, passenger and freight wagons, as well as a small nearby cafe. Group tours by train are available year round.

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