**Vemdalen**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Families

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

17

**Intermediate Runs**

15

**Advanced Runs**

23

**Total Runs**

55

**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 facilities in Sweden. Its three ski areas of Björnrike, Vemdalsskalet and Klövsjö/Storhogna are each well supplied with lifts and a wide variety of runs, from moguls to gentle, undulating slopes. In addition, there are good off-piste opportunities and nearly 300km (186 miles) of well-prepared cross-country skiing tracks in the region.

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 characterful 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.

The opening of the first six-seater chairlift at Klövsjö in 2008 gave Vemdalen ski resort a big boost, dramatically improving the ease, speed and comfort of skiing in the area. Improvements have continued, with the addition of an express lift in Björnrike in 2010 and another six-seater, the Skalet Express, at Vemdalskalet in 2011.

**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/sv/Vemdalen/Skidakning/Pistkartor/

**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**

There are several things to do besides skiing; although during winter, most activities are related to being on the snow. For example, visitors can go on a snowmobile safari, try dog sledding or take part in various kinds of trips in the mountains. Ice climbing is also an increasingly popular activity.

**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: (0682) 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, a gym and a 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: (0682) 413 100; [www.klovsjofjall.se](http://www.klovsjofjall.se)) and Storhogna Högfjällshotell & Spa (tel: (0682) 413 030; [www.storhogna.se](http://www.storhogna.se)) in Klövsjö and Storhogna respectively.

**Eating Out**

Among the best restaurants in Vemdalen is Hildings Krog (tel: (0684) 31330; [hildingskrog.se](http://hildingskrog.se)), which serves top-quality food based on local ingredients and has panoramic views over the Hovdebacken slopes at Vemdalskalet. Another good eatery in Vemdalskalet is the Skalets Bar & Bistro in the Vemdalsskalet Högfjällshotell (tel: (0684) 15100; [www.vemdalsskalet.com](http://www.vemdalsskalet.com)), which has a wide-ranging menu and serves excellent food at fairly moderate prices.

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: (0684) 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.

**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**

XXX

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

(0682) 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

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

(0682) 413 030.

**Website**

http://www.storhogna.com

**Backstigen R38**

This stylish self-catering accommodation on the slops at Vemdalsskalet is a short distance from the facilities at the lively Vemdalsskalet Högfjällshotell.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Vemdalsskalet

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Vemdalen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Sweden

**Telephone**

(6093) 6949.

**Website**

http://www.skistar.com/vemdalen