Welcome to Kosterhavet and Ytre Hvaler national parks, a unique natural marine environment shared by Sweden and Norway. Boating in the national parks provides wonderful opportunities to experience the magnificent archipelagos and sea. As a visitor at sea, you can contribute to preserving the parks’ valuable nature for the future.

In the national parks, you can go fishing, diving, swimming, or row over as many other activities associated with the coast and archipelagos. Please remember, however, that as a visitor in a national park you are nature’s guest. Everyone who visits the area has a responsibility for ensuring that the plants and animals are not disturbed and that the habitats do not deteriorate. By local laws you can enjoy the open sea and the water and avoid assaults on the archipelago. During the summer the best traffic is very busy. Speed limits are in place in specific areas, lower speed reduces noise and the risk of damage to the sea bed from engine and propellers. You are not allowed to leave anchors where the sea bed is particularly sensitive. There is a ban on going ashore on some islands at certain times, this is to give sea birds and sea life space and quiet when they have their young. In the national parks, you can go fishing, diving, swimming, or row over as many other activities associated with the coast and archipelagos. As a visitor at sea, you can contribute to preserving the parks’ valuable nature for the future.

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Ytre Hvaler and Kosterhavet national parks cover a marine area of almost 800 square kilometres. Ytre Hvaler’s information centre is in Skjaerhalden on the islands of Hvaler while Kosterhavet’s visitor centre (naturum) is planned to be on the islands of Koster. The national parks in Sweden will be supplemented by entrance points at Resö, Rossö, Tjärnö/Saltö and in Strömstad. Kosterhavet national park is managed by a local management organisation which includes representatives from the County Administrative Board, local commercial fishermen, the District Councils of Tjärnö and Strömstad, Göteborg University and local communities (Kosterhavet Partnership). Ytre Hvaler national park will have a local management organisation with representatives from among others Fredrikstad and Hvalers District Councils and Østfold County Council.

Water depth:
- 0 - 20 m
- 20 - 60 m
- 60 - 100 m
- 100 - 200 m
- 200 - 400 m
- 400 - 1000 m

- National border
- National Park boundary
- Speed limits in place
- Quiet Area
- Lighthouse
- Road
- Guest marina
- No anchoring
- Natural harbour
- Toilet
- Rubbish
- Toilet emptying station
- Boat washing facilities
- Busy
- Information
- Entrance to the national park
- Sea bed protection area
- Seal protection area
- Bird protection area

Not for navigational use