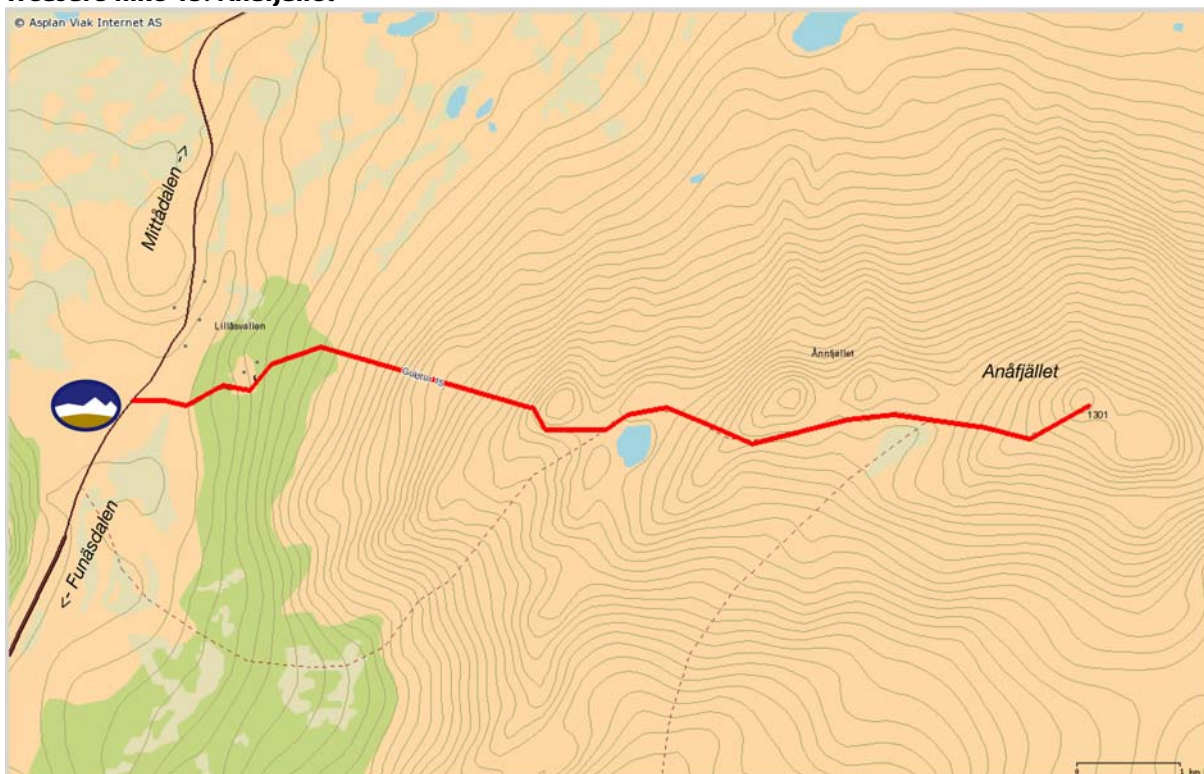


Treasure hike 15: Anåfjället



The summit of Anåfjället, at 1,301 metres is part of the magnificent massif Anåfjällsmassivet. A very scenic hike, lasting for about four hours including a break at Anåfjällstjärn (2 hours return trip if you choose not to go all the way to the summit).

Follow the road up to the grazing ground and the start of the summer trail. The rise is steep for 2 km with many major boulders seemingly easily unbalanced – they are however well buried into the ground and form characteristic remains of the Ice Age. Sometimes you may be watched by eagles. Here is the highest treeline in Sweden at an altitude of 1,060 metres above the sea level. Just above the treeline the hike becomes less steep and you reach a very pretty tarn at 1,100 metres. The landscape is as harsh as on Iceland with glorious views.

The ascent continues up to the summit, and the marked summer trail is a good option. The views of the massifs from the summit are spectacular. Nearest to the west lies Ormrøet, further away Skarvarna, a bit further to the north Haftornsstöten and the Norwegian border, Skars and closer but further to the north the well-known profile of Mittåkläppen. Further to the north are Helags and Predikstolen and the Jämtland peaks. If you look to the south you will see several lakes and the peaks in Rogen's nature reserve. Tearing us away from the sights, we reluctantly turn back the same way as we came up.

Mount Anåfjället is harsh and no floral mountain but at the starting point runs the River Ormán, a location for the beautiful Early Marsh orchid (*Dactylorhiza incarnata cruenta*) best chances in July.