

Snowmobile traffic

During the winter, snowmobile traffic is regulated within large areas of Jokkmokk, including places like national parks. In addition the municipality can, on behalf of the Sámi villages, order a temporary snowmobile ban within certain areas. A temporary snowmobile ban is issued when the reindeer are in particular need of peace and quiet, for example during calving season.

Information about snowmobile bans is available from the County Administrative Board and the Municipality. As a visitor, it is your responsibility to ensure you are informed of snowmobile traffic regulations.

Deliberately aggravating, disturbing or scaring reindeer, or in any way obstructing the reindeer husbandry work, could be a punishable offence.

Dogs

Always keep your dog on a leash when you are in reindeer country.

Dálvvadis Financial Association

The Dálvvadis Financial Association is a cooperative platform for the Sámi villages of Sirges, Tuorpon, Udtja and Jáhkågasska.



The organisation deals with things like spreading knowledge about reindeer husbandry and other Sámi industries.

Contact the Dálvvadis Financial Association for more information about reindeer husbandry, Sámi culture or Sámi industries.

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Welcome to reindeer country

Advice and guidance for visitors to the Jokkmokk Municipality



As a visitor to reindeer country, it is important that you are aware that an area or valley could be empty and deserted one day, only to be home to several hundred reindeer and the workplace of a herder the following day. Respect the reindeer and their herder.

Advice for anyone lucky enough to witness reindeer grazing:

- Using binoculars you can admire reindeer from a distance.
- Avoid walking straight towards them.
- If possible, hide.
- The quieter you are, the better it is for the reindeer.
- If you have a dog with you, always keep it on a leash.
- If you are lucky enough to see large reindeer herds on the move, take a seat and enjoy the experience.
- If you encounter reindeer on a public road, slow down and allow them to pass. Remember that using your horn will stress the reindeer.

Reindeer husbandry is a central and very significant industry in Jokkmokk Municipality.

A Sámi village is both a geographical area and an organisation for reindeer husbandry and reindeer husbandry businesses.

For the Sámi villages in Jokkmokk, reindeer pastures stretch from the Norwegian Atlantic coast in the west to the Gulf of Bothnia in the east.

Within each Sámi village area, the reindeer roam between and are moved between different pastures. The various pastures have different characteristics that are important to reindeer husbandry during the various seasons.

There are five Sámi villages within Jokkmokk Municipality; two woodland Sámi villages – Slakka and Udtja – and three mountain Sámi villages – Sirges, Tuorpon and Jåhkågasska.

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Reindeer husbandry in Jokkmokk

Reindeer husbandry is not just an important part of Sámi culture. The reindeer industry and Sámi industries are also the biggest private industries in Jokkmokk Municipality, generating approx. 360 annual jobs.

Reindeer – *Rangifer tarandus*

For the Sámi people, reindeer symbolise a life in harmony with nature. Over the millennia, reindeer have adapted to the Nordic landscape.

The Sámi have long lived in harmony with the reindeer. Reindeer still need to roam freely and graze in peace. Which is why they need considera-



tion and respect from those of us visiting reindeer country.

- There are approximately 280,000 reindeer in Sweden
- There are approximately 30,000 reindeer in Jokkmokk Municipality
- There are both mountain reindeer and woodland reindeer
- A white reindeer is considered good luck
- Reindeer can withstand extreme cold due to their hollow hairs, making their coat extremely warm.

