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Norway, Stjördal Austkil Lodge

Fly fishing for salmon on Stjördal River in Mid-Norway. A fine Austkil Lodge and a good private 2 km long Austkil beat is available on middle Stjördal River. This fine double sided Austkil beat with a nice lodge will be rented exclusively for groups of 4-6 persons. The best year over 100 salmon and seatrout has been caught there.

Stjördal River. Stjördal is one of the best salmon rivers in Norway and flows into the sea at Trondheimsfjord close to Stjördal town, about 40 km north from Tronheim. The average size of salmon is about 4 kg but biggest Stjördal salmon are around 20 kilos. The annual catch from the river varies between 1500-2500 salmon.

Austkil Beat. The guests are fishing beautiful, private Austkil beat situated middle Stjördal river about 20 km from the Atlantic Ocean. The Austkil beat is about 2 km long and consists of 3 different pools that can be fished from both sides of the river. There will be 4-6 fishermen at the same time on this exclusive beat. The pools are divided in two beats. Beat 1: Skogen pool, length 1300 m will be available every day. Beat 2: Sonoset pool, lenth 500 m or Holmene pool, length 700 m (these 2 pools will be fished one at a time, changing every day).

Fishing Rules. Only fly fishing and spin fishing is allowed. Bag limit is one salmon per person per day. If fisherman kills a salmon, he must stop fishing until midnight. The season bag limit is 6 salmon per person, of these 3 salmon may be over 65 cm. Released salmon is not counted on quotas. All female salmon over 3 kg must be released in August. We recommend also coloured male salmon to be released. All seatrout must be released. Scale samples must be taken from all retained salmon. Please take a few scale samples and put them into envelope and fill up details.

Fishing Season on the Stjördal River starts on the first of June. During the two first weeks of the season only big salmon enter the river weighing often 7-18 kg. At this time you have a good chance to hook and catch a salmon of your lifetime. During the early season water level is often high and water temperature is about 6-10 degrees. For these high and cold water conditions as fly lines we recommend Guideline TripleD Sink 2/4/6, Sink 1/3/5 ja Float/S2/S4 shooting heads. In these conditions tube flies with 7-12 cm long wing are recommended.









By mid June the numbers of salmon in the River Stjördal increase and in addition to big salmon there is often a good run of two sea winter salmon weighing 4-7 kg. The main run of salmon in Stjördal River is from early July to mid August, that period we can catch all sizes of salmon and the catch numbers per week are highest. During mid season the water level is often medium or low and water temperature is about 10-16 degrees. For these medium/low water conditions we recommend our guests to fish for example with Guideline TripleD Float/S2/S4, Float/Int/S2 ja Floating/Int shooting heads and tube flies with a wing length 3-7 cm.

During the last two weeks of August there are still some fresh salmon running but we also catch coloured salmon which have been in the river for a while - often very big ones. During late season the water level on Gaulfossen gauge is often medium or low and water temperature is about 9-15 degrees. For these medium/low water conditions we recommend our guests to fish for example with Guideline TripleD Float/Int/S2, Float/Int and Floating shooting heads and tube flies with a wing length 3-5 cm. River Stjördal fishing season ends on the last day of August.

Fly Fishing Tackle. For fly fishing for salmon on Stjördal River we recommend 12-15 ' feet double handed rods for lines #8-11 and suitable fly reels with good quality brakes. Single handed rod of for example 9' for lines 7-9 will be also fine. Floating, sink tip or intermediate shooting heads are most used fly lines but please bring also medium sinking shooting head for high water conditions. Before fishing everyone must disinfect fishing gear and buy a Norwegian state license at nearby Midtkil Camping.

Flies. Good salmon fly patterns for Stjördal are: Thunder & Lightning, Black Sheep, Green Butt, Red Butt, Greenlander, Green Highlander, Sunray Shadow, Monkey, Black & Yellow, Willie Gunn and Silver & Black.

Accomodation for fishermen is in nice charming Austkil Lodge. The lodge is located close to Austkil fishing beat and it has been restored for fishermens needs. There is a big living room, a well equipped kitchen and single bedroom for every guest. Toilet and shower are in other building very close. Guests can cook their own meals in the well-equipped kitchen but it's not included in package price.

Travel Arrangements. Fishing trips to the Stjördal River Austkil Lodge will be arranged throughout the fishing season and the packages can be booked according to the client's preferred dates. Anglers will take flight or car transport to Norway. It is about 20 minutes drive from Trondheim airport to the Austkil Lodge. Owner of the lodge shows the accomodation and beat to the guests on arrival.

Price includes: Exclusive fishing - Accomodation - Showing the pools on arrival











Price excludes: Flights/transports to Norway - Norwegian state fishing license (250 crowns = approx 30 eur) - Disinfection of fishing gear - Food/drinks

Stjördal - Austkil Lodge



- * Well-equipped kitchen
- * Living room
- * Dining room
- * 4 x Single bedrooms
- * 1 x Double bedroom



- * 2 x Double bedrooms
- * 2 x Shower
- * 2 x Toilet
- * Drying room





















Stjördal - Austkil Beat

Beautiful, private Austkil beat is situated middle Stjördal River about 20 km from the sea at Trondheimsfjorden. Total of approx 2 kilometres of double bank of the famous Stjördal river. Beat fishes well in all different water levels and consists of three different pools: Skogen, Sonoset and Holmene. Skogen can be fished every day. Sonoset and Holmene will be fished one pool at a time changing every day. From accommodation to Sonoset it's about 500 metres, to Holmene about 1 km and to Skogen about 2 km.

Skogen is the uppermost of Austkil pools and is about 1300 metres long. It is a prolific pool and fishes very well. It has a nice current which suits great for fly fishing. It's every year one of the most prolific of Austkil salmon pools. In this pool there are plenty of deeper places and big stones, where salmon tend to stop for rest even longer period. Skogen is an easy pool to cover well. In the middle of pool there is a long deeper spot. Also on the tail of the pool there is a good spot for catching salmon. The pool ends to short rapids which has deeper places and big stones too. In the middle of pool on riverbank we have a nice shelter.













Sonoset is a long and prolific pool, about 500 metres. It starts from a short rapids. The upper part fishes well in medium and low water. In the middle of pool there runs a tributary called Sona into Stjördal River. This place is therefore a good taking place where salmon stops for a rest even for a longer periods because salmon stops here before running into Sona. From there towards the end of pool it is good water all the way and it fishes well all water levels. Sonoset is an easy pool to wade and cover well, there is plenty of room for casts too. Also by this pool we have a nice shelter for fishermen.

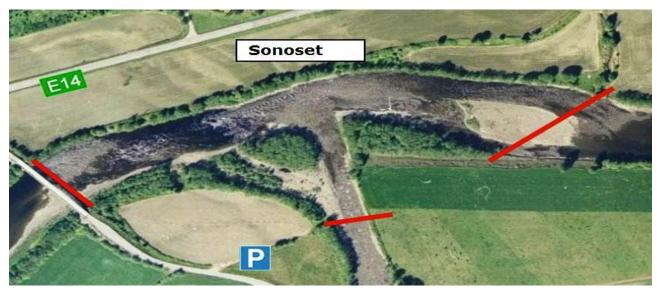












Holmene is about 700 metres long and a quite fast flowing pool. In the beginning its quite shallow with big stones in the middle of river. The deepest places of this pool are in the middle and at end of pool. It has a nice current for fly fishing all the way and is very easy pool to cover well with fly. It is as well easy to wade and has plenty of room for backcasts. Holmene is a typical running pool where salmon tends to stop for only short period before they continue further upstream. In the middle of pool there is several big stones which are good places for resting salmon and thus good taking places. There is no need for deep wading here because the river is quite narrow here. Therefore there is also no need for long casts.





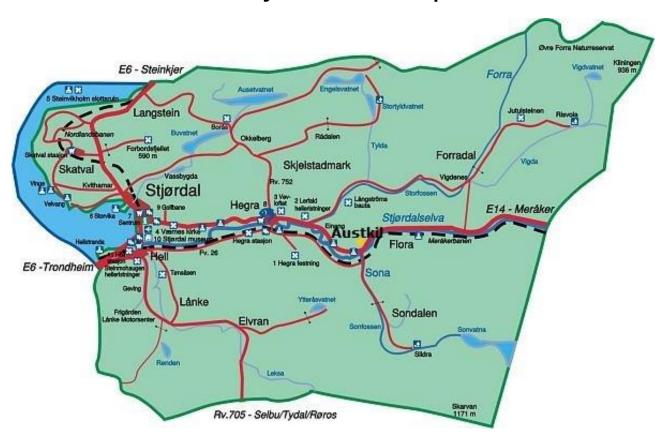


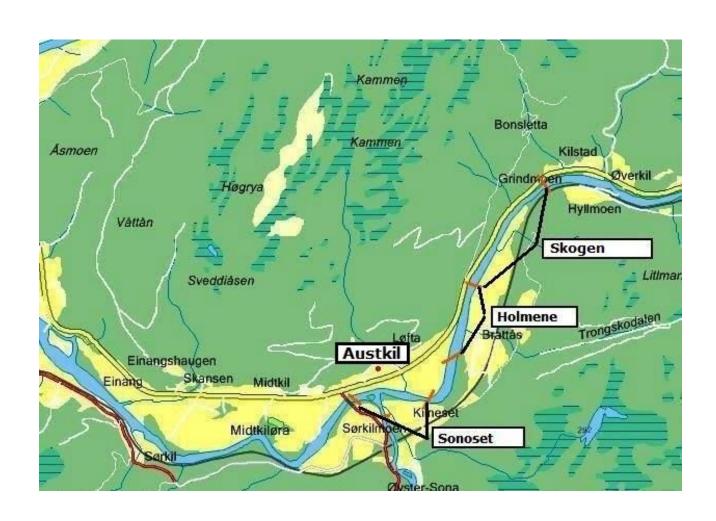






Stjördal – Austkil Map





Stjördal - Flies

Black Sheep

Tag: Red Butt: Red

Body: Black floss

Rib: Silver Hackle: Blue

Wing: Black and yellow arctic fox

Head: Red or black



Green Butt

Tag: Silver

Tail: Fluorescent green Body: Black floss

Rib: Silver

Hackle: Yellow and black Wing: Black arctic fox

Head: Black



Greenlander

Tag: Fluorescent green Butt: Fluorescent green Body: Pearly ice-dubbing

Rib: Silver

Body hackle: Olive green

Front hackle: Black and white (badger cock)

Wing: 1/3 yellow, 1/3 light green,

1/3 black arctic fox

Head: Light green conehead



Willie Gunn

Tube: 1/2 inch brass tube

Body: Black floss

Rib: Silver

Front hackle: Blue

Wing: 1/3 yellow arctic fox 1/3 light orange arctic fox

1/3 black arctic fox

Head: Black



Black & Yellow

Tube: 1/2 inch brass tube

Body: Gold

Wing: Yellow and black arctic fox

Yellow angel hair between yellow and black hair



Stjördal - Tackle List

General

Hat with bill

Polarized sunglasses

Long sleeve shirts, sweaters, fleeces

Short sleeve shirts, t-shirts (several)

Underwear

Warm, long underwear to use under waders

Fleece pants, fleece shirt

Long pants

Warm socks, several

Shorts

Sandals or camp shoes

Raingear or wading jacket

Sunscreen

Insect repellent

Camera, memory cards, extra batteries, battery charger

Backpack (to carry camera & other gear)

Small flashlight

Mobile phone

Water bottle, thermos bottle

Garbage bags or waterproof bags for laundry and wading boots.

Books, magazines

Passport (If you come outside EU) or proof of citizenship

Airline tickets and other travel documents

Pre-trip information, maps, address

Credit card, cash, norwegian crowns for state fishing license, food

Notebook and pen

Liquor

Food (Best to buy in Norway)

Toiletries; Razor, tooth brush, shampoo, hand lotion, bandages

Pain killers, Prescription medications

Fishing Equipment

Rods, rod tubes

Reels, reel covers

Spare spools

Fly lines, leaders

Fly boxes, flies

Waders, wading belt

Repair kit for waders

Wading boots

Reel lube/oil

Pliers (rustproof)

Hook hone/file

Extra spools monofilament: 0.35, 0.40

Needle clippers

Hemostats

Fly tying gear

Tape measure, Scale

Rod rack for car