

Migratory Birds for People: Annual Meeting at Takern, Sweden

Sunday 29th September – Wednesday 2nd October 2013

Hosted by the *County Administrative Board of Ostergotland*, the NGO *Lake Takern field station* and the visitors centre *naturum Takern*.

Meeting venue

The visitors centre *naturum Takern*. For those joining by skype please use wetland.conservation. You should add this to your list of contacts (at least!) the week before the meeting starts.

Logistics

Arrival - aim to arrive on **29th September – Sunday**, by evening at pick up point at the bus station in Linköping. From here we will take you to Takern Vandrarhem Hostel by another bus.

Note when you arrive in Stockholm Skavsta airport, you will need to take a bus to Linköping Bus Station which takes 1,5 hrs; more information on routes and time on <http://www.flygbussarna.se/en>

Departure - aim to depart on **2th October - Wednesday** after from Stockholm Skavsta airport. Departure from Takern Vandrarhem Hostel to Linköping for transfer to airport buses to Skavsta airport (2,5 hrs).

Please bring sheets for the hostel if you plan to stay there (although you can hire them). Also, sturdy boots and warm, rain-proof clothing for the trips – it can be cold in the mornings and evenings.

And finally.... Please, in case you play a musical instrument, don't hesitate to bring it along!

Accommodation

Takern Vandrarhem located at a walking distance of naturum Takern
<http://www.svenskaturistforeningen.se/sv/upptack/Omraden/Ostergotland/Vandrarhem/STF-Vandrarhem-Takern/>

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PROGRAMME

	29th September - Sunday: Arrival in Takern
	30th September - Monday
07.00	Breakfast at Takern hostel
08.00	Walk to Naturum Takern (2 km)
09.00 – 12.00	Annual Meeting, Session 1:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round of introductions (15 mins) • Introductory meeting on progress with MBP - Chris (20 mins) • Update from partners on new and interesting activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taej – AEWA Flyway Link Twinning Plan (15 mins) ○ Taej – UN-WTO <i>Destination Flyways</i> project plan (15 mins) Coffee (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Katja Fedrowitz - “Flying high” – the new exhibition at naturum Getterön (20 mins) ○ NorBalWet, Sari Airas – wetland centre approach (20 mins) ○ Florian Kiel – update from World Migratory Bird Day (20 mins) ○ Yulia and Eugene – Russian CEPA action plan (20 mins) ○ Skype link to Ramsar rep - Sandra Hails (15 mins)
12-12.30	Skype link for 30 minutes with those MBP members not present
12.30 – 13.15	Lunch in the Visitors centre.
13.15 – 13.45	Special presentation: use of social media and augmented reality (Sindre Magnusson)
13.45-15.00	Look around in Visitors centre, discussion of experiences and educational quality
15.00 – 15.30	Checking out birds from bird watching tower
15.30 – 17.00	Annual Meeting, Session 2: Work groups on specific strategy areas (How much progress have we made with each area? What have been the successes / barriers?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by Freek • Capacity-building for staff • MBP Network building • Connecting with science (Taej) • Others?
17.20	Round up of day one and planning for day 2
17.30	Bus to the restaurant
18.30	Dinner. Excellent dinner with local ecological produce at Omberg Hotel www.ombergsturisthotell.se . Sunset over huge lake Vattern.

	1st October – Tuesday
07.00	Optional demonstration of bird ringing by NGO staff (those attending please wear warm/waterproof clothing, and bring a sandwich for breakfast in the field)
07.00	Or Breakfast at Takern hostel and walk to Naturum Takern (2 km)
09.00 – 12.30	Annual Meeting, Session 3: Strategy plan and future challenges for the partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion on the communication element of the plan (Network Development). • Plan for activities in 2014, discuss development and funding/resource opportunities • Others?
12.30 – 13.15	Lunch in the Visitors centre
13.15 – 14.30	Annual Meeting, Session 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skype link (30 minutes) with MBP members not present. • Summarizing meeting and identifying next steps • Plan for next meeting
14.30 – 17.00	Guided tour in nature reserve. In flight by migratory geese (around 10000) and cranes. Our guides are Malin and Ellen from naturum Takern.
19.00	Communal dinner at the hostel and music session led by Roelof!
	2th October - Wednesday
07.00	Breakfast at Takern hostel
09.00	Departure to Linköping for transfer to airport buses to Skavsta airport (2,5 hrs).

Map of Lake Takern



Link to larger map of area:

<http://kartor.eniro.se/m/nPjCL>