Västernorrland Museum – Summer Program 2025

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ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

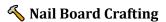
Activities take place daily from June 16 to August 16 unless otherwise stated.



Mondays, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

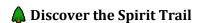
Bees are a vital part of nature. Let's show our appreciation by building cozy little hotels for them!

Location: The outdoor room, next to the museum building.



Tuesdays, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Come and create your own nail board – we'll be crafting with both hard and soft materials. **Location:** The outdoor room, next to the museum building.



Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1:00 PM-1:45 PM

Join a guided walk through the woods and meet forest creatures and mythical beings from the past.

Meeting point: Outside the museum entrance.



Thursdays, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

This summer we'll be switching it up between eco-printing and making your own wind chimes.

Location: The outdoor room, next to the museum building.

Explore the Exhibitions

Fridays, 1:00 PM-1:30 PM (July 4 - August 8)

A family-friendly guided tour through one of the museum's exhibitions. Join us for an exciting journey through time and space!

Meeting point: Inside the museum entrance.

Rope Crafting

Sundays, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Make your own rope using recycled materials – maybe a jump rope or a leash for your dog? **Location:** The outdoor room, next to the museum building.

<u>a</u> School in the Old Days

Sundays-Tuesdays, 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

Experience what school was like back in the day and help out with daily chores in the school garden. The bell rings for an old-fashioned lesson at 1:00 PM (approx. 30 minutes). **Location:** The Schoolhouse.

≅ Summer Holiday Cinema

Come to the museum and enjoy a movie on two special summer days. (Swedish audio)

- Friday, June 27, 1:00 PM-2:42 PM The Wild Robot (USA, 2024)
- Friday, August 15, 1:00 PM-3:14 PM Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (USA, 2023)

Location: The Auditorium. Minimum age: 7 years.

ACTIVITIES TO DO ON YOUR OWN

S Activity Booklets

Fun challenges to explore in the museum's three main exhibitions. You'll find the booklets outside the exhibitions and in the entrance hall. Some of the activities in the booklets are only available in Swedish.

? Create Freely

In the creative corner by the entrance hall, you can let your imagination run wild and make something with your hands.

Audio Guides for Kids

Discover the exhibitions and learn cool facts with our kid-friendly audio guide. Bring your smartphone and headphones and take a step back in time!

Build Historic Worlds in The Sims

Challenge yourself in The Sims 4! All summer long, you can recreate the historic streets of Härnösand – Östanbäcken and Långgatan – or even the castle in Lugnvik.

Note: This is not a competition.

Y Pentathlon by the Bowling Alley

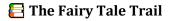
Challenge your friends in a five-event showdown! Try your hand at bowling, sack racing, walking on stilts, and aiming games with balls and rings.

🔔 The Spirit Trail

Listen to tales of gnomes, giants, vittra, and other creatures from Swedish folklore. Download the *KulturPunkt* app or scan the QR code at the trailhead by Kyrkvallen. Follow the eyes on the trees to stay on track.

The trail is about 800 meters and takes 30–60 minutes to complete.

Recommended for ages 8-12.



Welcome to a magical story adventure for kids aged 4–8! Download the *KulturPunkt* app or scan the QR code at the start of the trail by Kyrkvallen. Follow the yellow markers to find your way.

The full trail is 1.5 km and takes about 45 minutes to walk.



Play Areas

Go exploring in the museum's various play zones! You'll find hobby horses, a timber building set, a spruce-branch hut, and a classic "Madicken" swing.



> JUNE EVENTS

SE June 6 - National Day Celebration

12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Come celebrate Sweden's National Day at Murberget Open-Air Museum! Enjoy activities hosted by local associations, with coffee and treats for sale starting at noon.

- Music and a welcome ceremony for new citizens at 1:30 PM
- Parade band and baton twirlers at 2:30 PM
- Several of the museum's houses and farmsteads will be open
- Don't miss the café in the Wulkanska House, the shop in the General Store, and exhibitions in the main museum building.

In collaboration with Härnösand Municipality

Inne 8 - Stories You Don't Want to Miss in Keys to Our Time

P 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

A guided tour of the exhibition Keys to Our Time, featuring stories of slaves, scientists, demons, and more from the 18th to 20th centuries.

Meeting point: In the exhibition, one floor down.



Iune 12 - A Night of Music with Kapellsberg Music Program

(1) 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

An evening filled with music from opera singers, instrumentalists, composers, and folk

In collaboration with Härnösand Folk High School

June 14 - Murberg Folk Music Gathering

10:00 AM-approx. 11:00 PM

A full day of folk music at the open-air museum!

- Music and singing workshops in the morning
- Live music in various farmsteads into the night
- Evening concert at 9:00 PM with Rena Rama In collaboration with Angermanland's Folk Musicians Association, Härnösand Folk Musicians Guild, and Härnösand Folk High School

June 14 - Opening of The Great Noise: Monica Sjöö

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Opening of a powerful contemporary art exhibition, part of the 2025 Triennial.

The theme: the witch trials in Angermanland in 1675.

More details about the opening program are available on the museum's website.

Location: 1st floor of the museum building.

June 20 - Midsummer Celebration

12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Celebrate Midsummer the traditional way!

- Help decorate the maypole from 12:00 PM
- Maypole raising at 1:00 PM
- Ring dances with Louisa Johansson and fiddler Knapp Bertil Eriksson
- Dance performance by Öbackaringen In collaboration with Öbackaringen

1:00 PM-1:45 PM

A guided tour of the exhibition tailored for visitors with visual impairments.

Part of the 2025 Triennial.

Meeting point: In the exhibition, 1st floor of the museum building.

June 23 - Biodiversity at the Open-Air Museum

1:00 PM-1:40 PM

Join a guided walk and learn about how the museum is working to support biodiversity – and why it matters.

Meeting point: Outside the museum entrance.

June 29 – For the Sake of Love

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

Instrumental music with two violins and a guitar.

Musicians: Jan Borell, Sten Axel Johansson, and Herbert Borgsten

Location: Murberg Church

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Meeting point: Outside the museum entrance.

July 9 - A Day with Sheep and Chickens

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

See how sheep are sheared and learn more about both sheep and chickens.

With: Iain Thomson and Ulla Öhman

Location: Behind the school, by the chicken coop.

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

A 30-minute guided tour of the exhibition, part of the 2025 Triennial.

Meeting point: In the exhibition, 1st floor of the museum building.

July 11 - Wendela's Birthday Party

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Celebrate Wendela Hellman's birthday with a cozy coffee party!

Härnösand's Gardeners' Association will be baking and selling treats.

Feel free to dress in 1940s-style clothing and/or wear a hat.

Location: The Rectory Garden (indoors if it rains)

In collaboration with: Härnösand's Gardeners' Association

ℰ July 11 − Learn to Play Kägel

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Try your hand at the traditional game of kägel (a form of bowling).

An instructor will be on site. Fun for all ages!

Location: The Bowling Alley

July 12 - Guided Tour: The Great Noise - Monica Sjöö

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

Another chance to join a 30-minute guided tour of this powerful exhibition.

Location: 1st floor of the museum building.

₩ July 16 - Mowing Course

10:00 AM-5:00 PM

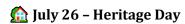
For those working in agriculture or managing farmland. Others welcome if space allows.

Instructor: Patrik Glamsjö

More info and registration: On the County Administrative Board's website

Location: Murberget Open-Air Museum

In collaboration with: County Administrative Board of Västernorrland



10:00 AM-4:00 PM

A full day of activities at the open-air museum with local heritage associations from the region.

Fun for all ages!

In collaboration with: Angermanland and Medelpad Local Heritage Federations

A July 26 - Learn to Play Kägel

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Another chance to try the traditional game of kägel.

Location: The Bowling Alley

July 27 – For the Sake of Love

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

Instrumental music with two violins and a guitar.

Musicians: Jan Borell, Sten Axel Johansson, and Herbert Borgsten

Location: Murberg Church

A July 28 - Life in the Forest

P 2:00 PM-2:40 PM

A guided tour with the forest as the theme – learn about forestry work and how the forest has been used over time.

Meeting point: Outdoor stage

J July 30 - World Embroidery Day

12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Let's embroider together! Bring your own embroidery, a snack, and something to sit on.

Location: The Rectory Garden

In collaboration with: Härnösand Handicraft Association

₽ July 30 − Singalong at Murberget

7:00 PM

The singalong is finally back at Murberget!

Guest artists: Anna Stadling and Pecka Hammarstedt

Sing along with leaders Sanna Norberg and Mathilda Lindgren, accompanied by a house

band led by Jakob Asker. **Location:** Outdoor stage

Organized with support from: Arrangörslyftet Västernorrland

AUGUST EVENTS

August 6 - Rabbits Then and Now

1:00 PM

Come cuddle with the baby bunnies and learn more about rabbits – past and present.

Location: The Rectory Garden

August 9 - Tar: Then and Now

(3:00 PM-3:40 PM

A talk by Ludvig Tigerhielm about the history and modern uses of tar, including traditional techniques.

Location: The Auditorium

August 10 - For the Sake of Love

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

Instrumental music with two violins and a guitar.

Musicians: Jan Borell, Sten Axel Johansson, and Herbert Borgsten

Location: Murberg Church

August 13-14 - Tar Workshop

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

This course is mainly for those working in building conservation or with tar in other ways.

Others are welcome if space allows.

Instructor: Ludvig Tigerhielm

Registration: Via the museum's website

Fee: 800 SEK

Location: Murberget Open-Air Museum

August 17 - The 5i12 International Festival

11:55 AM-3:00 PM

A celebration of food, music, and cultural exchange!

Enjoy delicious dishes from around the world and a stage program filled with global sounds.

In collaboration with: The 5i12 International Club, with support from Härnösand Municipality

2 August 19-20 - Tar Workshop

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Another opportunity to join the tar course for those in building conservation or similar fields.

Instructor: Ludvig Tigerhielm

Registration: Via the museum's website

Fee: 800 SEK

Location: Murberget Open-Air Museum

THINGS TO EXPERIENCE ALL SUMMER

June 16 - August 16, unless otherwise stated.

Guided Tour of the Open-Air Museum

① Daily at 11:00 AM-11:40 AM (except June 20)

Join a guided tour through the museum's historic buildings, animals, and landscapes.

Meeting point: Outside the museum entrance.

The tour lasts about 40 minutes.

Animal Feeding

Daily at 2:00 PM (except June 20)

Come along as we feed the chickens, sheep, and rabbits.

Meeting point: The Rectory Garden.

😭 This Summer's Animals

This summer, you'll find rabbits, sheep, and chickens at the open-air museum.

- Chickens: behind the school, by the chicken coop
- Rabbits: in the hutch by the Rectory Garden
- Sheep: in various pastures depending on grazing availability Ask museum staff if you're unsure where to find them!

Guided Tour of the Town Setting

Lack Tuesdays at 3:00 PM-3:40 PM

Take a guided walk to the Hellström House and its 1900s hair salon, the old mangle, and the Wulkanska House.

The tour lasts about 40 minutes.

Flax Processing & Weaving

Wednesdays-Saturdays

Flax was once an important resource in the region. At the Ångermanland Farmstead, you can learn how flax was processed into textiles.

- 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Flax processing in the courtyard
- 12:00 PM-4:00 PM Weaving demonstrations inside the main house by Härnösand's Weaving Association

Literary Summer at Murberget

1:00 PM

Discover local authors and get inspired for your summer reading! Presented by the County's Literary Society.

- **June 26:** Frida Stéenhoff *Location: School Garden (indoors if it rains)*
- July 3: Laura Fitinghoff, Pelle Molin, Emil Hagström Three voices from Sollefteå, Wulkanska House
- July 10: Alfhild Agrell Wulkanska House
- **July 17:** Ludvig Nordström *Wulkanska House*

• **August 14:** Karl Östman – *Rectory Garden (indoors in the school if it rains)* **In collaboration with:** The County's Literary Society

Folk Music Gatherings

! Fridays at 1:00 PM-4:00 PM (except June 20)

Come play or listen to traditional folk music from the region with Härnösand's Folk Musicians Guild.

Location: Outdoor stage

Garden Days!

Tuesdays in July, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Härnösand's Gardeners' Association tends the Rectory Garden and is on site to offer advice and tips.

Bonus: Evening garden work sessions on Thursdays from 5:00 PM.

EXHIBITIONS

The Great Noise - Triennial 2025: Monica Sjöö

31 On display: June 14 – September 14

For the first time ever in Härnösand, Västernorrland Museum presents the internationally acclaimed artist Monica Sjöö (1938–2005). Born in Härnösand, Sjöö spent most of her adult life in Bristol, where she was active in the women's movement.

This exhibition features works spanning 30 years of her artistic career, woven together by themes of political activism, feminism, and spirituality.

The exhibition is part of *The Great Noise – Triennial 2025*, which explores the witch trials in Ångermanland in 1675. The title reflects how major societal shifts, power structures, and polarization shaped the witch hunts of the past—and how those patterns still echo today. **Location:** 1st floor of the museum building

Bengt Lindström from the Collection

In 2006, the Michèle and Bengt Lindström Foundation for Modern Art donated its collection to Västernorrland Museum.

The collection mainly consists of Lindström's graphic works. Five of these are on display in the niche, one floor down.

Works of the Hands

This exhibition is full of stories about people who created out of joy or necessity—true role models and keepers of knowledge.

Location: 1 floor down in the museum building

Little Folk - In the Land of Soon Enough

The museum's play exhibition is open for curious little ones!

Children can explore, listen, and touch environments inspired by the cultural heritage of Västernorrland.

For ages: 0-6

Location: 1st floor of the museum building

Student Work from the Wood Academy

31 On display: June 16 – August 17

Students from the Wood Academy (Yrkeshögskolan Höga Kusten) showcase their work from the programs in Building Conservation, Furniture Carpentry, and Upholstery.

Location: Town setting, Murberget Open-Air Museum

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS

Keys to Our Time - From the 1700s to Today

Explore events and political visions that have shaped life in the region.

The exhibition features stories, images, sound, film, and around 300 objects from the museum's collections.

Personal life stories give voice to people's efforts to live, build identity, and find meaning.

Great Powers - From 1050 to the 1680s

From the Middle Ages to the Age of Empire—a time of growing powers that left their mark on Västernorrland.

Told through stories of people and the archaeological finds that support them.

Journey Through Prehistory - 9,000 Years of Human Traces

Take a trip through prehistoric Västernorrland!

See arrowheads, pottery, the Stone Age woman from Lagmansören, house models from the Stone and Iron Ages, the game *Crafthunter*, a mammoth tooth, and much more.



Mathematical The Museum Around the Region

EW Cabin - A Home for the Unemployed

This "hobo hotel" was built in 1931 by Erik and Hedvig Westman.

It offered free lodging to traveling unemployed people, with a wood stove, mismatched dishes, and walls covered in movie posters.

Always open

Location: Along the E4 in Skulnäs, west side of the road

Old Chapel on Ulvön, Ulvöhamn

The oldest preserved wooden building in Ångermanland, built in 1622 by fishermen from Gävle who had royal permission to fish along the Norrland coast.

Tours in collaboration with Ulvö Chapel Association

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Opening hours: www.ulvomuseum.com

Access: By boat from Örnsköldsvik, Köpmanholmen, or Docksta

Styresholm

This medieval bailiff's castle was likely built by the Vitalians in the late 1300s.

Today, only the mounds remain, marking where the castle once stood.

Explore the site with the *Kulturarvsresan* media guide (see Media Guides section).

📍 Directions: Drive to Prästmon, past Hola Folk High School, down toward the Ångerman River. Parking available nearby.

Gammelgården in Myckelgensjö

This beautiful farmstead overlooks Lake Myckelgensjösjön and remains on its original site. Its many outbuildings reflect northern Swedish farming during the self-sufficiency era.

- Don't miss the village café!
- ① Open daily 11:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 21 August 10
- Guided tours: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:30 AM−1:00 PM and 1:30 PM−3:00 PM

Also on Saturdays: June 28, July 12, and July 26 (same times)

June 20: Midsummer celebration with Anundsjöringen – more info on Myckelgensjö's Facebook page

♥ July 17: Mowing course, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM – register at lansstyrelsen.se/vasternorrland

To Directions: From Örnsköldsvik, take road 348 via Bredbyn toward Junsele, then to Myckelgensjö.

MEDIA GUIDES

Enhance your museum experience with the *KulturPunkt* app (www.kulturpunkt.org) and the *Cultural Heritage Journey* guide.

Bring your headphones and listen to stories for children in the museum's permanent exhibitions and at the Murberget Open-Air Museum.

You'll also learn more about the buildings there and at Gammelgården in Myckelgensjö.

The *Cultural Heritage Journey* takes you across the region to various historical sites, offering stories about the 17th-century witch trials, medieval pirates and bailiffs, Sámi tales from Ångermanland, myths and legends, and life along rivers, streams, and the coast.

PRACTICAL VISITOR INFO

About Västernorrland Museum

Welcome to explore 9,000 years of life in Västernorrland – through exhibitions, experiences, a café and museum shop, an open-air museum, and activities for children.

About Murberget Open-Air Museum

Step into a bygone Norrland!

The museum features historic environments from across the region, showcasing Västernorrland's cultural heritage.

During summer, many buildings are open to visitors, and guided tours are offered daily. The area is quite large, so comfortable shoes are recommended.

There are several lovely picnic spots and a designated barbecue area you're welcome to use. Please note: open fires are only allowed at the designated grill site.

The open-air museum includes forests, meadows, gardens, and cultivated land. We care deeply about biodiversity and manage the green spaces to ensure blooming plants

throughout the season.

That means we avoid closely trimmed lawns and shaved roadside edges whenever possible.

A big thank you to all our partners who help keep the museum grounds vibrant and alive. And special thanks to organ builder Robert Gustafsson for lending his pipe organ to Murberg Church.

() OPENING HOURS

Museum Building:

Open daily from **June 16 to August 17**, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Closed on Mondays before June 16 and after August 17.

Extended hours: Open until 8:00 PM on June 12.

Open-Air Museum Buildings:

Open daily from **June 16 to August 17**, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM:

- The Schoolhouse
- The Rectory
- The Ångermanland Farmstead
- The Croft
- Kyrkvallen
- Murberg Church
- The Bowling Alley

Wulkanska House and **The Mangle House** are open daily from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM during the same period.

The General Store (Handelsboden) in the Long Cottage (Långstugan) sells old-fashioned candy cones, baskets, oil lamps, and more.

Open daily from **June 16 to August 17**, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM.

Special opening: June 6, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.

MUSEUM SHOP

Located inside the museum building, the shop offers local crafts and regional flavors. You might be inspired by the exhibitions to pick up something in a traditional style—or find a gem in our book selection.

CAFÉ

Café Murberget, located on the 1st floor of the museum building, serves light lunches and fika (Swedish coffee breaks).

Open the same hours as the museum building.

MOW TO GET HERE

Address: Murbergsvägen 31, Härnösand

- **A** From Härnösand Travel Center: about a 20-minute walk
- Bus 501 toward Saltvikshöjden stops at Murbergsskolan/Länsmuseet
- By car from the E4: follow signs for *Länsmuseum* after turning off toward Härnösand

Note:

Driving inside the open-air museum area is not allowed.

Please park only in designated areas and respect speed limits.