

SAINT ANNA'S RETREAT

Human curated kayakpacking and camping guide to 4 days in Sweden's St Anna Archipelago

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OVERVIEW

DISTANCE
17.8MI / 28.65KM

DAYS
4

SOLITUDE RATING
4/5

DIFFICULTY
2/10

LOOP OR 1-WAY
1-way

TYPE
Ocean

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CLARE KNIGHT hasn't always been the adventurous type but the more she explored the globe, the more it became all part of the fun. New experiences and new places are what calls to her and she takes an approach of "let's see what happens!".

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With nearly 6,000 potential camp sites to choose from and thousands of ways to link them together, knitting together a viable kayakpacking route in Sweden's St Anna Archipelago is a kayakpacker's dream. This particular 3-4 day track is an island hop through a remote and beautiful Baltic Sea landscape that will leave you wishing you had taken more time off for the journey.

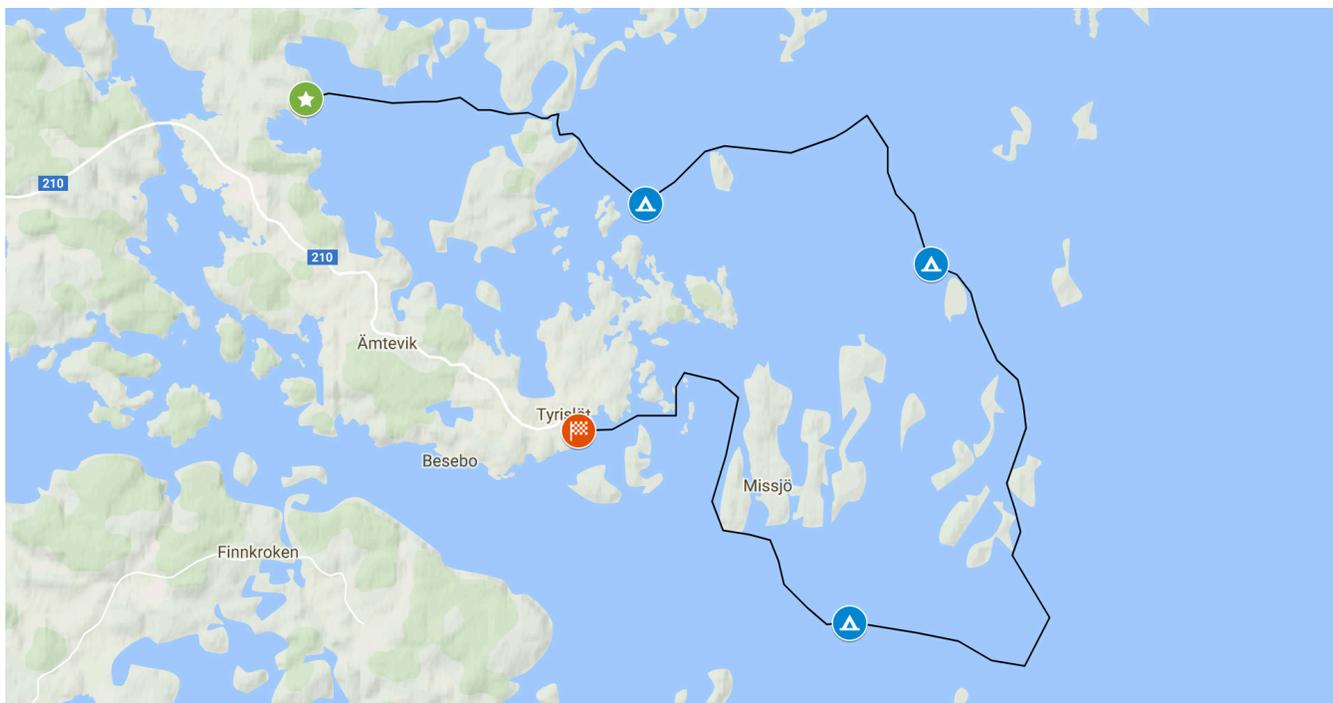
Thanks to Sweden's very liberal wild camping laws known as Allemansrätten or 'everyman's right' gives you the right to roam and wander as you please. The dilemma you'll face is that each island in the St Anna's chain is more beautiful than the next. Our best advice is to choose a suitable location from which to watch the magnificent sunsets afforded by the +58. latitudes.

If you are looking to maximize your solitude rating make this adventure in early to mid-September and you'll likely not see another living soul for days. The trade-off will come in the form of cooler water and overnight air temperatures that'll likely push below the 120 degree rule (see Nota Bene tab below). That being said paddling the St Anna's is more akin to paddling a large lake rather than the open seas.

Despite its coastal location, tide and current are a non-issue when it comes to planning and the sheer number of islands serve as a natural break to any higher winds and waves that would otherwise have to be accounted for. If swimming and water play are your thing then plan a mid-summer put-in as sea and air temps maximize in July.

If its a wild Baltic Sea adventure that you are looking for then you've come to the right Archipelago. Most of the islands are uninhabited and the route allows for countless side trips and discovery of nature including private alcoves, till covered hillsides, skerry, and granite balds.

MAP: ST ANNA'S RETREAT



PUT IN: 58.36494, 16.82955

TAKE OUT: 58.32166, 16.89714

ISLAND

CAMP 1: 58.35121, 16.91379

ISLAND

CAMP 2: 58.34342, 16.98469

ISLAND

CAMP 3: 58.29659, 16.96443

SEPTEMBER ARCHIPELAGO WEATHER NOTES

IN MID TO LATE SEPTEMBER the weather in Sweden can change quickly, which is even more so true in the coastal waters of the Black Sea Archipelagos. We had a beautiful sunset one evening and braved a storm through out the night in our tent, then the next morning, back to sunshine.

120 DEGREE RULE - This slips it just under our 49c/120f rule at 28c/114f: when the combined Water and Air temperature falls below 49c/120f then consider wet or dry suites as appropriate for the conditions.

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