

## Simontorp 10km

Start along the gravel road leading down to Kroghuset. The road ends at the house. In its extension, a trail runs over a stream to a “spinning gate”. Use this gate to enter Simontorp. Follow a tractor road straight ahead until a fenced house becomes visible in front of you. Follow the tractor road as it turns left towards a stone wall. Beyond this wall and the field lays Simontorp's manor. Turn right along the stone wall onto a tractor road. Keep left on this one until you reach a T-junction next to a green iron gate. Take the left along the gravel road which initially runs in the forest edge. Follow the tractor road uphill, see the map! Turn right as you reach the top of the hill and continue downhill. Enjoy the beautiful view of Sövdesjön in the distance. The pathway is surrounded by pastures, but halfway down from the hill the forest enfolds. On the left side is a pumping station. Locate and use a narrow path at the edge of the pumping station. The path follows a stone wall along a field. It leads to a transverse, lower stone wall located above a stream; Keep right along this. Pass an opening in the wall on the left hand side. It is most likely a hunting tower nearby. Continue another 20m to another opening in the wall. Here you will find a circular, concrete lid/cover over a water cistern. Cross the wall, take a right and follow the brook downhill. This particular section of the hike is particularly pleasant. On the right hand side you can see a beautiful oak garden as well as the Simontorp manor. On the left side of you there are cow stables. Do not disturb the cows! A tractor path connects; take a left and thereby passing the stables and the connecting estate. In the next junction there are two big stones (benchmark) by the roadside. Keep left towards a red brick villa. Pass a rear-facing sign with the text Simontorps säteri. Keep left again, walk past a pond, over the cattle grid and turn right upon a sandy tractor road that runs uphill at the edge of the enclosure. There are orange markings/references (Skåneleden) along a path at the edge of a gravel pit. Follow these orange markings until further instructions are given. The trail first curves sharply to the left as you pass “Cecils hage” (an erect stone with this ~~an~~ inscription). Shortly after, the road curves sharply right. Further down the track, another “spinning gate” is visible on your right; enter the gate into Simontorp thereby leaving the marked trail, Skåneleden. Turn right at the first tractor road located 200m from the gate. The path follows the fencing (see map). Further along this tractor road near the fence (where the erect stone stands), the road divides into two paths; choose the left, most frequently used path, up a hill. The next benchmark is a forest road crossing and timbered feeding place, 20m to the right of this the excursion continues. The path is narrow and mostly trodden by deer, and therefore the path is constantly changing. The view that enfolds down the pond and a stream is truly delightful. Follow the ridge freely, but keep close to the edge of the pond and then along the stream to a gravel road alongside a beautiful house with a mill. Walk past this house and as the road divides; Keep left on the narrow tractor road and take a left again along the outside of the fence that encloses the premises. On the back of the fenced property is the tractor path that will take you back to the first spinning gate (Kroghuset).