



The Mariannelund Tour

Length: 17.1 km

Places to visit:

- 1) Filming location Snickerboa (The Woodshed)
- 2) Filming location Doktorn i Mariannelund (The Doctor of Mariannelund)
- 3) Herrgårdsparken (The Manor Park)
- 4) Högebro power station
- 5) Filming location Nykterhetslöfte/skola (Sobriety Vow/School)
- 6) Filming location Fattigstugan (The Poorhouse)
- 7) Stjernbergs Skafferi (Stjernberg's Pantry)
- 8) Filming location Folkhögskolan (The Folk High School)
- 9) Filming location Smedjegränd (Blacksmith's Alley)
- 10) Julles verkstad (Julle's Workshop)
- 11) Mariannelunds Karamellkokeri (Mariannelund's Candy Factory)

Before you go:

Download the app "Ride with GPS". To find Mariannelundsturen press "Find" and write "Mariannelundsturen" in the box "Keywords". To see your GPS marker, press the crosshair symbol on the map.

Download the app "QR Code Reader" (unless you already have a QR-reader on your phone, iPhones often have the function built into the camera).

Directions:

Start the tour from Filmbyn Småland. Ride with GPS will suggest road 40 but it's safer and more enjoyable to choose the back road through Filmbyns Upplevelseskog (Filmbyn's Event Forest) and then turn right on the bicycle path and go up the slope towards Mariannelund. Continue until you reach the street Majsgatan where you take a right, and directly after take a left to continue on the bicycle path until you reach the gas station Preem/Frendo. From here you can follow Ride with GPS.

Cross road 40 and go onto the street Norra gatan. Here you will find two of the filming locations from the Emil movie: **1) Snickerboa (The Woodshed)** and **2) Doktorn i Mariannelund (The Doctor of Mariannelund)**. Scan the QR-code on the signs to get information and videos.

Keep going straight ahead towards the dead end, follow the gravel road which will turn into an asphalt road and then turn left past the yellow house on your left side. Turn right onto the street Mariannegatan along the dam and the fauna passage by the upper utility dam. Follow the gravel road around the park **3) Herrgårdsparken (The Manor Park)**.

3. Herrgårdsparken

*Major Gustaf Adolf von Siegroth had served in the military in France when he received Hesseleby as his major residence. He bought the farm Strömslund in the 1750s and renamed it **Mariannelund** after his wife Mariana. In her honor he also built this leisure park with avenues, ponds and plantations. The squirming ponds were dug by soldiers at Calmar Regiment and were from the beginning most likely shaped like the couple's initials. Siegroth planted an avenue out towards the passage and set up gardens on both sides of the avenue. The two pink houses on the farm are wing buildings. The intended main building between the wings was never built because Siegroth was called to The Pomeranian War and was then promoted and transferred to another regiment. The town inherited the farm's name and in 1913 it was rewritten as **Mariannelund**.*

Continue over the bridge and go around Mariannelunds Gård. Turn right by the identical armory buildings and cycle through the avenue. On the left side you will pass Ola Johansson's magnificent garden and the former rectory before you turn right on road 40 after "Kroa". The little red house was Mariannelund's first roadside tavern, which served beer brewed at the manor.

Go along road 40 and then turn right onto the street Strömtorpsgatan, which soon turns left and becomes Ryttagatan. Then turn right in the first intersection. You are now on Ydrevägen. Continue in the direction of Linneryd for roughly two kilometers and then turn left towards Bäckarp.

Follow the road for about 300 meters and turn left at the next intersection, where the typical Småland roundpole fence ends. Continue straight ahead, keep left in the village Möcklemark.

Just before road 40 you can enjoy a pleasurable detour to **4) Högebro power station**. Here is a rest stop put in place between the ponds that is open to the public. The bridge is closed to car traffic, but it is possible to walk on it.

4. Högebro

Railroad, country road and the river Brusaån meet at Högebro. The place is mentioned as far back as 1634 by a bishop named Prytz who crossed Brusaån on the old road KonungsWägen. The house nearest the train station was used as a lineman cabin. From the beginning the bridge was a high wooden bridge. 1908 - 1909 the

stone bridge was built, partly as a dam attachment to the Högebro mill. The mill was torn down in 1925. The year after Högebro power station was built, which still produces electricity when the water flow is strong enough. In the dry summers of 2018 - 2019 the power station was closed from June and well into late summer. On both sides of the rest stop there is a fish ladder which has been built by the county.

Go back to the bus stop and carefully cross the trafficked road 40. Continue about three kilometers on the small, asphalted road. You will pass the farm Sjögle and Hässlebogården and eventually arrive at Rölund. Here you're really supposed to turn left towards Mariannelund, but first do a detour, 50 meters to the right, and scan the QR-code for **5) recording location Rölund**. Here the school scenes were filmed, as well as Emil's visit to the Good Templars.

Now bike the three kilometers to Mariannelund. On the outskirts of town, in the intersection towards Karlstorp, you'll find the next recording location, **6) Hässleby gård**. Scan the QR-code and experience anecdotes from the filming of the scenes in the poorhouse.

Keep going past the barn towards Mariannelund and then directly after the welcome sign turn right down through the residential area. Follow the street Olofsgatan, continue on Strandgatan along the pond and then on Skolgatan. Turn left onto the street Hantverksgatan and then turn onto Verdandigatan past the square and **7) Stjernbergs Skafferi (Stjernberg's Pantry)**.

7. Stjernbergs Skafferi

Per Andersson started the confectionery Centrum in Mariannelund in the middle of the 1900s. The business has remained in the Andersson family, operated in different premises and under different names, among others as "Konditori Brödstugan" ("The Bread Cabin Confectionary"). Today Stjernbergs Skafferi is one of Mariannelund's most important meeting places. The Andersson family is now on its fifth generation of bakers and delivers bread, buns and pastries of high quality from their own bakery. Stop by Stjernberg's Pantry here by the square and buy some bread to take with you or get some coffee or lunch. The sourdough bread is one of their many specialties.

Pass the grocery store ICA Mathörnan and then turn left by the folk high school (here the app Ride with GPS and the directions do not really agree with each other). Cross the street Centralgatan and stop by the next recording location. **8) The folk high school assembly hall** was the place where all the indoor scenes from Katthult were filmed in built-up scenery. Here the whole film team also lived during filming.

Continue to the right past the school building along Centralgatan, take the gravel road to the left before the next house and bike down the hill towards the tennis park. Turn left by the playground. Between the red outhouse length and the brick building **9) Smedjegränd (Blacksmith's Alley)** is located, where the scenes from Vimmerby market were filmed. Pick up your phone again and look at a lovely clip of Björn Gustafsson himself, who played the farmhand Alfred in the movie. Go around the brick building and look in through the window to **10) Julles verkstad (Julle's Workshop)**.

10. Julles verkstad

At the turn of the last century Johan Nilsson set up the workshop by Brusaån, where a water turbine drove the machinery through a shaft line in the ceiling. Here equipment for the sawmill industry was made but Julle's also became the local smithy that fixed and made all manner of things. When the sons Bror and Julius took over in 1920 an electric motor was installed to the shaft line, but the equipment stayed the same – even during the grandson Bertil Nilsson's time. When Bertil finally locked the door after his last workday in the year 2000 he gave the key to Hässleby and Mariannelund's local community association. In the workshop, it still looks as if the workers have just gone for a coffee break. Look in through the window and take part in the 20th century's industrial history – it can hardly be presented more authentically than this.

Go back and continue along the playground, turn left on the street Parkgatan.

When you've passed Brusaån you will find **11) Mariannelunds Karamellkokeri (Mariannelund's Candy Factory)**.

11. Mariannelunds Karamellkokeri

Mariannelunds Karamellkokeri was born by the kitchen counter at the home of auctioneer Ernst Johansson and his wife Gerda in the 1920s. The company was founded in 1929. The original recipes and the feel for the candy has been passed down and the recipe book has been supplemented throughout the years but today every candy piece is made by hand. Pure raw materials are mixed in big cooking containers, the batter is stirred with a wooden spoon, kneaded and broken by hand or is cut with an ordinary kitchen knife. If it says "Öppet" (Open) on the door you're welcome in to shop and see how the production is done.

Cycle along Parkgatan, after Preem/Frendo turn left then right over the railroad and then follow the bicycle path back to Filmbyn, the same way you came: by turning right onto Majsgratan and then directly left, down towards the bicycle path.