

HERNING - WHERE THE FISH ARE PLENTY

In recent years Herning Municipality and neighbouring Ringkøbing-Skjern Municipality has become a top-tier destination for river fishers. Two rivers, Skjern Å and Karup Å, both offersome of the best fishing waters in Europe just 50 kilometers apart.

It is actually a bit of a wonder as Skjern River and its salmon have experienced many challenges. Back in the 1980s, biologists estimated that the stock was as low as 50 wild salmon. The course of things was changed by the largest nature recovery project ever accomplished in Northern Europe. The stock of wild salmon restored and did so surprisingly quickly as the water got cleaner, as obstacles were removed and as the meanders of the rivers were recreated.

Today, several thousand salmon return to spawn in the Skjern River every year. The 2017 season was spectacular with a large number of salmon caught. A record catch in fact. The average weight was around 6 kilos and the average length 85 centimeters. The surprisingly high average weight and the high number of salmon in the river make Skjern River comparable to some of the best salmon rivers in Norway.

Another river in the area is the Karup Å. This is a comparably smaller river than the River Skjern. Karup Å meanders through a beautiful valley and is quite narrow on the stretch upstream of the town of Karup. Further downstream, it gets somewhat wider. Karup Å is first and foremost known for its powerful and large sea trout. Season after season, sea trout weighing more than 10 kilos are caught here. Few other sea trout rivers in the world can match that. The sea trout is shy and tricky to catch. But Karup Å is definitely the place to go if your dream is to hook a trophy fish. The Karup Å offers the chance of excellent sport and who knows: maybe you are the next lucky one!

Only about 50 kilometers separate the Skjern Å from the Karup Å - where else in the world can one experience world class angling for both salmon and sea trout in two neighbouring rivers?

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