

# RIGHT OF ACCESS - PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY

*The Right of Common Access to move freely in the countryside of Sweden gives you extensive rights, but also many obligations that you have to respect.*

## You must observe the following prohibitions:

- You may not trespass on someone else's land! By "land" is meant the area around a dwelling house, etc, that the owner considers he needs to enjoy his own privacy.
- You are not allowed to light a fire if there is a risk of it spreading! It is also forbidden to light a fire on flat rocks and other places that can suffer permanent damage!
- Do not pick flowers, berries or mushrooms on someone's private land. Don't pick protected flowers!
- Do not damage or cut down living trees or bushes! You are not allowed to take twigs, branches, bark, resin, leaves, acorns or nuts from living trees and bushes.
- Do not walk over fields that are newly sown or have crops growing on them!
- Make sure that you close all gates and climb over fences in such a way that no damage is done or cattle let loose!
- Normally you cannot camp for more than one night in the same place without the permission of the landowner! Groups must always have permission except at the official campsites.
- You are not allowed to park or drive a motor-vehicle on the side of the road if there is a risk of damaging the roadside! You may not drive a motorvehicle on a private road that is closed to the public!
- You may not bathe, land or tie up your boat or canoe on someone else's land or pier if by doing so you interfere with the owner's use of them!
- You must particularly respect areas of special access prohibitions, such as bird sanctuaries and places where it is forbidden to go ashore.
- Do not litter the countryside with rubbish! Do not pollute the countryside in any way!
- You are not allowed to fish in someone else's water without his permission. It is your responsibility to acquaint yourself with the local fishing regulations.
- Do not take bird's eggs or their young! You are not allowed to hunt without the permission of the landowner or the owner of the shooting rights!