



Invitation to:

A wandering festival in the spirit of Arne Næss

Theme: The narrative landscape from Hallingskarvet to Sognefjord - from June 30th to July 4th 2015

This is an invitation to participate in a wandering festival from Hallingskarvet to Sognefjorden. This is the first year we are having a wandering festival. The theme for the festival is the “Narrative Landscape”. Because of logistics, the festival will be limited to about 25 people, both local and international participants. We are only sending out invitations. We hope you are able to join us.

The Festival starts on Tuesday the 30th of June with a walk to Arne Næss’ famous hut, Tvergastein. Here we will hear from Næss’ deep ecology and stories from Hallingskarvet. Along the way we will bring up the creative force both in nature and the human. We will explore the depths of the interplay between nature and humans rooted in oral traditions and the narrative sense of place. We will explore together the different aspects of the narrative landscape, also how it can be a source for sustainability in place-based development and learning. After Tvergastein, we will spend time in Iungsdalen (<https://iungsdalshytta.turistforeningen.no/>). Here we will hear the story of Eivind Fredlaus, an outlaw who wandered in these mountains alone for 250 years ago and whose stories still are told. From Iungsdalen, the journey will take us to Østerbø Fjellstove, (www.aurlandsdalen.com), where we will meet local mountain rangers who will tell us stories of different usages of nature. The festival is a slow wandering of wonder with exercises and reflections, with conversations looking for stories and with making drawings and maybe poems. From Østerbø we will wander down the magical and mystical Aurland valley and we will stay at the summer farm Sinjarheim in the midst of the valley. What are the new stories that emerge in this valley and are longing for being told? Saturday the 4th of July we will arrive in Aurland, a small village by the Sognefjord. At the agricultural college there, (www.sjh.no) we will share the wonders of our journey with local people.

A circle of deep ecology may emerge among the participants of the wandering. The journey will feature David Abram and his co-founders of the Alliance of Wild Ethics (AWE) (<http://www.wildethics.org/>). We have invited especially some storytellers to join us. And from The Cotswolds in England, a group working with connecting art, landscape and community (<http://www.walkingtheland.org.uk/>), will help to document the journey.

Preliminary outline of the programme: (30.06.-04.07.2015)

Tuesday 30. June:

Train from Bergen 07.57 (departure) to Ustaoset 10.43 (arrival). Train from Oslo 08.25 arrive Ustaoset 12.07. We will meet at the train station for the Oslo train at 12.07, if you come by other means.

Meeting the mountain, a walk to Tvergastein (1,5 hours) “in the spirit of Arne Næss” by Per Ingvar Haukeland, chair of Tvergastein trust. In the afternoon we will return to Ustaoset and travel to Iungsdalen (DNT) by cars. 45 minutes walk into the lodge. Dinner at Iungsdalen hut. Evening storytelling – stories from the wild

Wednesday 1. July:

The story of the place and how it developed, by Geirmund Tormodsgard *The becoming of the mountain*, nature history walk, by Aksel Hugo

Afternoon: Into the depths of deep ecology, by the founders of AWE: Abram, Harding, Stoknes and Haukeland
Evening storytelling – animal stories.

Thursday 2. July:

Telling the mountain, guided by activities, like, fishing, caring for animal, stonework, by Morten Clemetsen
We leave by car for Østerbø (DNT). Dinner and music at Østerbø.
Evening storytelling: human-nature cooperation

Friday 3. July:

Meeting the Aurland Valley. Waking the old drover’s route through the valley, by Jorunn Barane

Stay overnight at the old farm Sinjarheim (simple accommodation) or walk down to the village.
Evening storytelling: mythical places

Saturday 4. July:

Meeting the Fjord. Cultural meeting, at the agricultural college from 16.00 to 18.00
Sharing with local people, music and activities, Summer night by the fjord.

Registration is valid after invoice is payed.

Price: 3.750 NOK

This includes: lungsdalen: 2 nights with dinner, breakfast and packed lunch, boatripe from Toviken to lungsdalen, Østerbø with dinner breakfast and packed lunch, double rooms (bring sheet bag). Sinjarheim 1 night (bring sleeping bag; it can stay in the car otherwise). Aurland/ SJH , food, Winjum appartments /4 in each appartment (bring sheet bag). Transport connected to the walk. Other costs must be paved by participants.

If you know right away that you can or cannot join us, we would appreciate you send an email to Jorunn Barane (see contact info below) as soon as possible, so the spot may be offered to others. Deadline for initial response is May 15th and deadline for payment is June 8th.

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Att: Wandering festival 2015

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With warm regards,

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