



The Løten Murder Trail

Category: Cycle ride and short ramble

Length: 19 km

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Region/area: Løten, Innlandet



Route description

Kristoffer Svartbekken was the last Norwegian to be executed in Norway in peace time. The execution took place on Ekrom Moor in Løten, apparently with more than three thousand spectators.

In under two hours from Løiten Brænderi, you can visit the place where Svartbekken's victim, young Even Dælien, was found robbed and brutally murdered on the 28th of February, 1875, the rebuilt scaffold on Ekrom Moor where Kristoffer Svartbekken was beheaded in 1876 and the grave in Løiten Churchyard, where he was subsequently buried. The murderer's body was not allowed through the gate, so he was hoisted over the churchyard wall at night and buried as far away from the other graves as possible.

On arrival at Ekromshagan, (a smallholding at the end of the road), leave your bike to the left of the gatepost and follow the blue-marked pathway (The Rondane Trail) northwards. NB: Stay on the path; do NOT go through the field! The memorial erected where the body was found is about 500 metres on.

On arrival at Villmarksporten Camping: Follow the road northward into the site as far as it goes, to a wide grassy area. Leave your cycle here. A marked path continues 300 metres or so through thick woods out to the moor and the scaffold. At Løten Church: Follow the church wall to the north end of the church. There is only one grave, right by the wall. The gravestone was erected by Løten ward council in the 1990s.

Link to digital map of the route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31800977>

www.norway-sweden.com

Time: Approx. 2 hours

Surfaces: Mostly asphalt, some gravel and natural path (walk)

Recommended equipment:

All cycle types **Traffic:** Little: separate cycle path alongside fairly busy road

Start and finish: Løiten Brænderi

Signage/markings: None

Accommodation, places to eat, attractions

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Elevation profile

