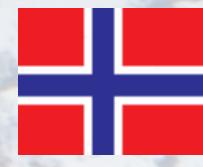


# KLEPPA - UTFART OG FRILUFTSLIV I GAMLE STØLSOMRÅDE



Kleppa 400 - 500 m.o.h. er viktigaste utfartsområde for Leikanger. Frå 1920-talet er det lagt til rette for vinteraktivitetar –hoppbakkar, skihytte, alpinbakke, lysløyper, gapahuk, jakt- og fiskelagshytte, leirduebane og dagsturhytte. På Kleppa, samlenamn for Orrasete og Kleppa, låg 9 vårstøler for gardane i Husabø, Halland og Prestegarden. Kvar støl hadde to hus; sel med omn og seng og skott (ein liten forgang til selet), fjos og ei lita innmark/slåtteteig. Fjellstølane låg i fjellet fremst i Grindsdalen og i Romedalen, opp frå Fjærlandsfjorden.

Gode stølar med gode beite var avgjerande for å kunne produsere nok mat til eigenbruk og for sal. Siste stølsdrifta vart avvikla ca. 1956/57. Det renn to vatningsveiter gjennom området. Vatnet frå snosmeltinga om sommaren vart ført ned til stølane og gardane i bygda.



## KLEPPA – EXCURSION SPOT AND LEISURE TIME AREA AMONG THE OLD SHIELINGS AND PASTURES

Kleppa is situated approximately 4-500 m.a.s.l., and is the major excursion area in Leikanger. It is reached by driving a car from Hermansverk by the fjord, and there is ample parking available most days. From the 1920s, local authorities and various clubs/associations have improved the grounds to accommodate winter activities, such as ski jumping, cabins offering shelter and serving of food during skiing competitions, a down-hill slope, flood-lit cross-country tracks, rough shelters, a fishing and hunting lodge, a clay pigeon range, and recently, a so-called 'day-trip cabin' – mainly for those with limited patience for hiking. Originally, Kleppa, (a collective name for lower Kleppa and higher Orrasete), used to be the spring shieling for the farms at Husabø, Halland and the vicarage farm. Each shieling consisted of two plain buildings, a cabin with beds, a wood-burner, and a front part for temporary storage of dairy products. There was also a cow shed, surrounded by a small fenced-in meadow which used to be harvested. Two artificial water-channels carry water through the area of Kleppa. In this manner, melt water from high-lying snowfields was led down to the shielings as well as to the farms by the fjord. The mountain shielings of the said farms are situated at about 800 m.a.s.l., just above the timber line in Grinde valley and in Rome valley, likewise, situated high above the Fjærland fjord.

