

Fjord Coast Regional and Geopark



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Discovering Who We Are

17th - 24th July 2026

22nd International Junior Ranger Camp





ABOUT US

The Fjordcoast regional- and geopark is the first park in Norway to achieve both a regional park and a UNESCO geopark status.

The park brings together both non-profit and commercial interest and is a collaborative platform that, through long-term collaboration between locals, local businesses, schools, organizations and municipalities, manages the region's natural and cultural heritage in a sustainable way.

The park is located in the westernmost area in Norway, where the Sognefjord, Åfjord, Dalsfjord, Stongfjord and Førdefjord meets the rugged North sea.

JUNIOR RANGERS

The mandate of Fjord Coast Park is to give children and young people deeper knowledge of the nature and culture they are part of. Our goal is to build pride and competence related to their own history and landscape, while also fostering alliances and solidarity with other countries.

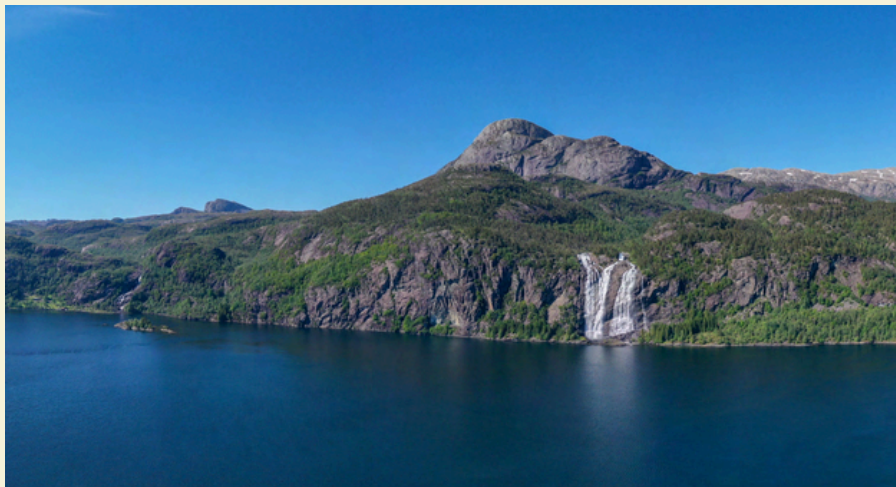
The best way to create a sense of ownership, competence, and identity connected to one's home place is through active participation in the preservation of nature and culture. We emphasize hands-on learning, where knowledge is passed from hand to hand through practical experience. This is an inclusive method, especially for those who are not academically inclined or who have a different mother tongue.

We have established cooperation with schools and organizations, including Hardbakke Villsaulag in Solund, to teach children and young people about landscapes and the Management of the endangered habitat type coastal heathland.

You can watch a short film made by CNN about this project here: [Link](#)

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PROGRAMME

Back to the Viking Age! Visit the Millstone Park in Hyllestad — the site of one of Norway's very first large-scale industries. As early as the 8th century, people were quarrying a special type of stone found only here, on the outer edge of the Sognefjord, perfectly suited for making millstones.

While we are there, we will also give something back by helping to clear and maintain the trails in the surrounding landscape. We will be joined by one of the mentors from the local Junior Ranger programme, who will bring his horse to assist us with the work.

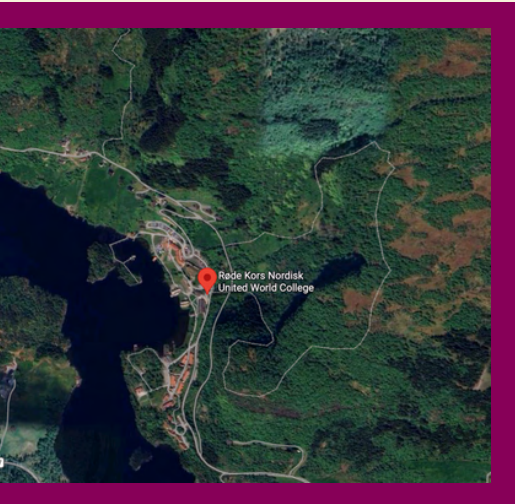
We will also go hiking and canoeing in the incredible landscape around Flekke and Dalsfjorden. In addition, we will travel by bus to explore more of the natural wonders in the Fjord Coast Park.

We'll be swimming in the fjord, the beach is right next to the camp, and we've also rented the indoor pool/leisure centre for at least one evening.

There are plenty of other activities available in the area. We can try archery, play different ball games, and make use of the large lavvu for gatherings and shared barbecues, among other things.

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ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation, UWC connect, is co-located with UWC Red Cross Nordic and Haugland Rehabilitation Centre, which includes, among other facilities, a large indoor swimming and sports complex. The College has 201 scholarship students, aged 16-19, most of whom are selected by UWC National Committees from over 85 countries. Some of these will stay at the school during the summer and will help with the camp.

We will make use of the school's modern and well-equipped canteen, and the campus offers contemporary, high-quality facilities for accommodation, gatherings, and activities.

The campus blends sustainability, global community spirit, and outdoor adventure in one inspiring location. Here, you're never far from the water. The fjord is right at your doorstep, perfect for swimming, paddling, and exploration.

Rooms will be shared rooms of 4 - 8 for Junior Ranger and 2 people Mentors, with occasional single rooms if anyone has specific requests or needs.

All duvets, pillows, bed linen, and towels are included

QUERIES

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MAP

Link to accommodation: [Map](#)
Website: <https://uwcr.cn.no/>

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REGISTRATION

We are happy to announce there is space for 10 EUROPARC Junior Ranger groups of 1 mentor and 2 Junior Rangers.

The Junior Rangers must:

- be 14 - 17 years old at the time of the camp
- be able to understand and communicate in English (B1-B2 level)

The Mentor must:

- be able to understand and communicate in English (B1-B2 level)
- be able to take care of the wellbeing of their Junior Rangers throughout the camp

Registration is on the EUROPARC Website. It is up to the Protected Area to register, individual applications will not be considered.

Deadline for applications: 1st April 2026.

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[REGISTRATION LINK](#)



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TRANSPORT

Closest airport is Bringeland (Førde) or Flesland (Bergen). Bringeland Airport is unfortunately closed for maintenance from July 16–23, but it is possible to fly out from there on the return journey, either to Oslo or to Bergen for onward transfer. Please check affordable youth fares at <https://www.wideroe.no>

It is also easy to travel by express boat from Bergen to Rysjedalsvika where you will be picked up by bus or car. By ticket from Bergen Strandkai terminal to Rysjedalsvika. They give discounts on group tickets and on return fares.

Check tickets here :
<https://booking.norled.no/>

Note the times of the ferry and please plan time to get there into your itinerary.

The 17th and the 24th are expected travel days. If you are unable to travel on these days, please email EUROPARC.

Please check the travel costs before applying.

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