



VELKÁ HLEĎSEBE
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23th - 28th of May 2011



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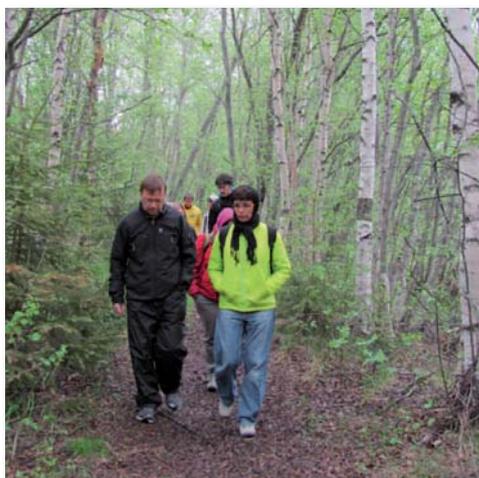
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dancing



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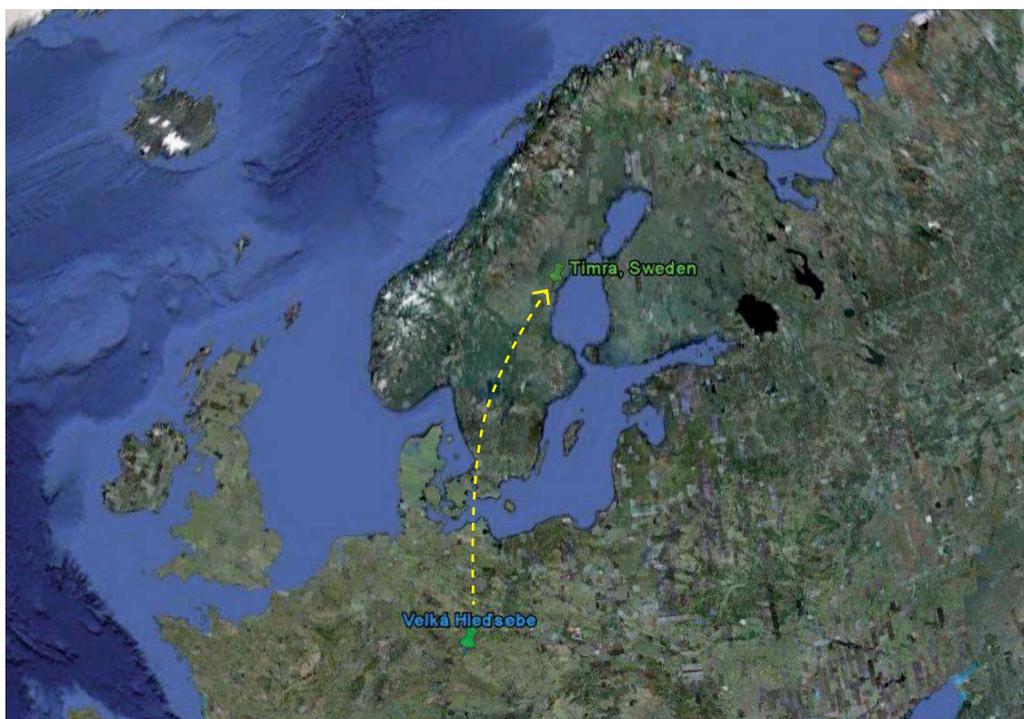
The municipality of Velká Hleďsebe is located in the west part of Czech Republic, close to the spa town Mariánské Lázně.

The head of the municipality is RNDr. Vítězslav Padevět.

Velká Hleďsebe takes area of 455 ha and has 2200 inhabitants



town hall of Velká Hleďsebe



municipal office of Timra

Timra

Timrå is a locality and the seat of Timrå Municipality in Västernorrland County, Sweden with 10,199 inhabitants.

It is located about 13 km north of Sundsvall (a town with a metropolitan area of some 100,000 inhabitants), and could arguably be considered a satellite to that town.

Indalsälven, one of Sweden's largest rivers with a length of 430 km, meets the sea in Timrå.

In Sweden, Timrå is mainly known for its ice hockey club Timrå IK, playing in the highest division (Elitserien).

Participants from the Czech Republic - municipality of Velká Hleďsebe:



Ing. Martina Šindelářová

- Graduate of the Mendel University in Brno, Faculty of Horticulture in Lednice - Master's degree, full-time university-type, interests: Gardening
- Employee in a private company 'Garden Teplá', managing the production of ornamental plants, design and of private and public green places
- Member of ZO ČSOP Berkut (focused, among other activities, on restoration of landscape elements)



Ing. Jiří Šindelář

- Graduate of the Mendel University in Brno, Faculty of Horticulture in Lednice - Master's degree, full-time university-type, interests: Garden and Landscape Architecture
- member of the 'Society for garden and landscape architecture' and 'Union of the establishment and maintenance of green places'
- coordinator of activities of the organizations 'Czech Union for Nature Conservation' and 'Recovery of Bečov botanical garden'
- Founder and owner of the landscape studio 'Propark' (author of projects and studies for public spaces and historical parks and gardens)
- Manager of 'Association of municipalities in Slavkov Forest for Rural landscape Recovery'



Ing. Kristýna Vaňková

- Graduate of the Mendel University in Brno, Faculty of Horticulture in Lednice - Master's degree, full-time university-type, interests: Garden and Landscape Architecture
- Currently working in a private company 'Zahradní a Parková spol. s r.o.' as a garden and landscape architect, working on several projects for the Municipality Velká Hleďsebe

1st day - Monday 23th of May

On Monday afternoon we have been picked up by Bo, at the airport and transferred to very cosy houses. During the car ride we could observe the swedish landscape, full of green colours, fresh and clean. We all agreed, that we enjoyed this kind of vegetation period several weeks ago back in our country and that the landscape character is very similar to our land.

Later this day we met our partners from other countries and were introduced to new ones.

The welcome buffet was held in very nice spirit, we all enjoyed our first swedish meal and were discussing the next days and our previous meetings in other countries.



piecefull land piecefull accomodation



the swedish flag in front of the hotel



garden perfect for slow walking and talking



italian and french delegations having coffee



2st day - Tuesday 24th of May

Thursday was dedicated to nature, conservation of nature and to typical landmarks maintaining.

We were informed about the structure, and policies in Timra Municipality, about the environmental and planning issues and about the legislation and common rights in Sweden.

Later that day, we visited the Aston Nature Reserve, and Asto fishing museum. Concerning the relevant topics in our country, the remains of military activity in this area were very interesting for our group. There are still several remains, but the area is now safe to visit.

In the evening we were honored the invitation of the members of The Culture House of Soraker. The welcome was very kind and friendly, first, we watched the invitation dance, and then we were all invited to hang our country flag, so in the end all of the flags were bound together. During the reception and dinner we met the local people, teachers, councilors, students and had the chance to discuss the common problems and issues of our municipalities and countries.



invitation dance



hanging up the flag



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concert

3rd day - Wednesday 25th of May

We spent The Wednesday afternoon with kids and teachers at Bergforsen elementary School. We actively participated the lesson 'Using nature as a classroom'. The most interesting experience was the liberal approach of the teachers to the pupils. They were literally doing what they wanted, with no fear from injuries or other tragedies. We all build one meter high tower from nature materials and played several games.

After the lunch, which we cooked on the open fire, we watched the school play drama in the forest amphitheater. The theme were endangered animals and was performed with perfect english and actors skills.

In the afternoon the partners from Parco Regionale Abbazia di Monteveglio introduced their program concerning the problem how to teach children about environmental issues. Later on we discussed the games and our impression about them and were comparing the different approach to education in different countries.

During the dinner at The Upon Secondary School, we again had the chance to talk to local people.



building tower



preparing lunch



theater

4th day - Thursday 26th of May

On Thursday we spent the full day in Longdo wilderness nad Mjalladelen with people from SCA Forest Products. SCA Forest Products is responsible for the forest management, wood procurement and for parts of the Group's transport and logistics. There are strong links between the different segments in a value chain based on optimal utilization of SCA's own forest land.

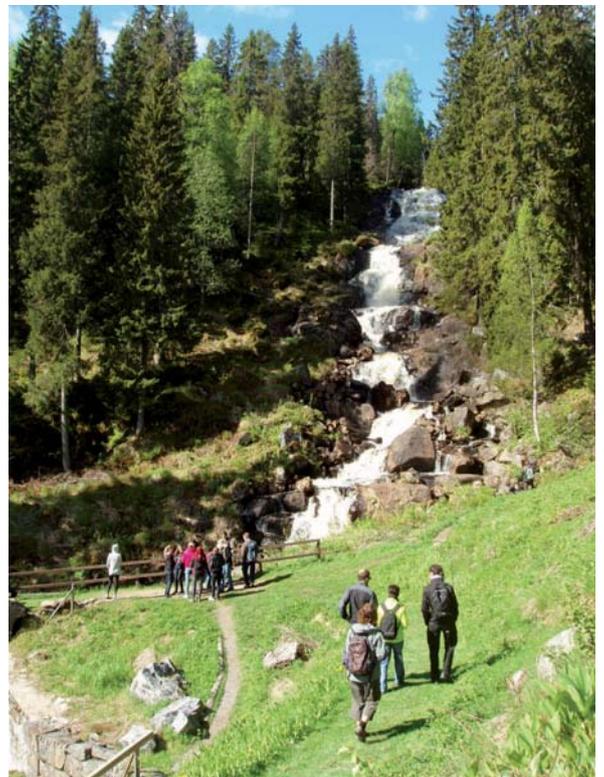
SCA is a global hygiene and paper company that develops and produces personal-care products, tissue, packaging solutions, publication papers and solid-wood products.

Sales are conducted in some 100 countries. SCA has many well-known brands, including the global brands Tena and Tork. Sales in 2010 amounted to SEK 109 billion (EUR 11.5 billion). SCA has about 45,000 employees.

In the evening there was a canoe trip into Ljustorpsan, bbq, singing and fishing.



explaining the forest ecosystem and circulation



short stroll to the waterfall



Logdo wilderness

4th day - Thursday 26th of May

wood harvesting - great experience, very strong, very visual...



4th day - Thursday 26th of May



Mjalladelen



one of the typical swedish landmarks



canoe trip



fishing



singing



5th day - Friday 27th of May

In the morning there was a lecture held by Bengt Gunnar Jansson, Professor Mid Sweden University in Sundsvall. The topic was conserving the nature areas and creating the large areas of untouched nature.

Later we visited the largest coastal delta of Northern Europe, which was a bit of disappointment. We were expecting the wooden paths and information panels, clean untouched and fresh nature. The overall impression was more wild and austere. There was interesting nature, but very unfriendly and sad. We had an interview with local newspaper and talked about the possibilities how to make the area more friendly for the visitors, school excursions and tourists.

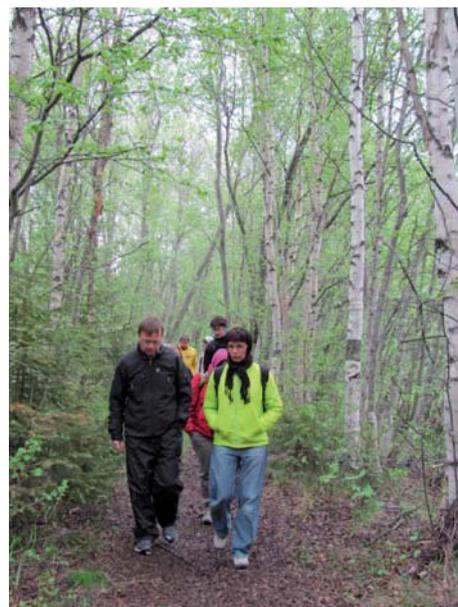
For the lunch we visited the Upon secondary school and were shown some of the classrooms and introduced to the system of education, which was very impressive. The interdisciplinary approach is really amazing comparing to our system, the are arts lesson combined with computer lesson, music and arts lessons, everything very graphic, cool and free.

The afternoon was reserved for the visit of the town Sundsvall, although the water was very adverse, we enjoys the trip very well and among others admired the old market building refurbished and restaured in modern style.

Our last dinner was very nice. the owner of the place, where we stayd joined us with his amazing wife, told us bits about the history of the enchanted place and there was even a competition in bazuka shooting.



the largest coastal delta of Northern Europe visit



6th day - Saturday - 28th of May

In the morning we all gathered for the last meeting. We were discussing the entire week, making conclusions and planning the future of PARPE.

RESUME

We spent six wonderful days in Sweden Tomra. Every single day was full of experiences, new ideas and emotions. The Swedish team did a great job, everything was planned into the last detail.

During our stay we got a comprehensive overview of life in this area, we experienced both - the social and the natural aspects of the area.

We actively enjoyed all - walking and talking in the nature areas, learning with kids in local schools, exchanging experiences with local people, tasting local food....

