

# ROVERWAY 2009 NEWSFLASH

## Inside this issue

From the Editor

Víkings

Journeys

Accommodation

Sightseeing

Facebook

Skafafell

Dagmar



Mývatn, Northern Iceland

## From the editor!

### Contact us

Bandalag íslenskra skata  
Roverway 2009  
Hraunbae 123  
IS-110 Reykjavík  
Iceland

Tel: +354-550 9800  
Fax: +354-550 9801  
[www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)  
[roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is)

Here comes the third issue. We have been very busy since the last issue was sent to you and you can see the results on our homepage, The Journeys! When you receive the next issue the registration should have opened and you can start registering. We promised registration in October and we are still aiming for that but it will not be in the beginning of October.

We will let you know when it opens and then you can register your team. Have fun with this issue and remember that if you want to share something with us and everyone else interested in RoverWay you are welcome to. Just send us a line at [roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is) and we will publish it either here in the newsletter or on our homepage.



# Vikings

A Viking is one of the Norse (Scandinavian) explorers, warriors, merchants, and pirates who raided and colonized wide areas of Europe from the late eighth to the early eleventh century. These Norsemen used their famed longships to travel as far east as Constantinople and the Volga River in Russia, and as far west as Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland. This period of Viking expansion is known as the Viking Age, and forms a major part of the medieval history of Scandinavia, the British Isles and Europe in general.

While Vikings have traditionally been seen as no more than violent, acquisitive heathens, in more modern times they have sometimes been portrayed in a more heroic light. The consensus among modern historians is that they can be seen as aspirational, adventurous people, with ingenuity in ship and town construction, and a proficiency as seafarers and traders to match.

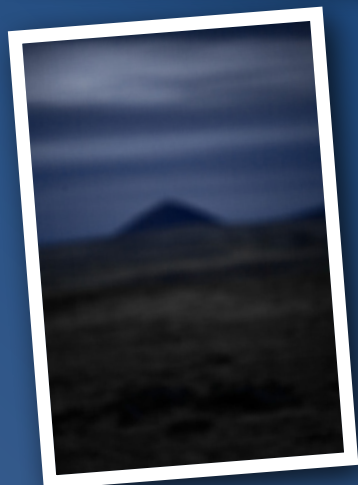
In Old Norse, the word is spelled víkingr, "a man from the vik". Viken was the old name of the region bordering on the Skagerrak, from where the first Norse merchant-warriors originated. The Swedish county bordering on the Skagerrak, which is now called Bohuslän, was, prior to the construction of the Bohus fortress, also called Vikland. Vikland was once a part of the Norse district of Viken. Later on, the term, Viking, became synonymous with "naval expedition" or "naval raid", and a víkingr was a member of such expeditions.

The word Viking appears on several rune stones found in Scandinavia. In the Icelanders' sagas, víking refers to an overseas expedition (Old Norse fara í víking "to go on an expedition"), and víkingr, to a sea-man or warrior taking part in such an expedition.

Norse mythology, sagas and literature tell of Scandinavian culture and religion through tales of heroic and mythological heroes. However, early transmission of this information was primarily oral, and later texts were reliant upon the writings and transcriptions of Christian scholars, including the Icelanders Snorri Sturluson and Sæmundur fróði. Many of these sagas were written in Iceland, and most of them, even if they had no Icelandic provenance, were preserved there after the Middle Ages due to the Icelanders' continued interest in Norse literature and law codes.



(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viking>)



## Contact us

Bandalag íslenskra skata  
Roverway 2009  
Hraunbae 123  
IS-110 Reykjavík  
Iceland

Tel: +354-550 9800  
Fax: +354-550 9801  
[www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)  
[roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is)





# Journeys are online

Journeys are online now. Please brows through them on our homepage and find the one you would like to do. Please note that you have to choose 3 Journeys and put them into an order of preference.

We will soon add maps and pictures to the Journey description so that you can get a better picture of it : )



## Contact us

Bandalag islenskra skata  
Roverway 2009  
Hraunbae 123  
IS-110 Reykjavik  
Iceland

Tel: +354-550 9800  
Fax: +354-550 9801  
[www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)  
[roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is)

## Accommodation before and after RoverWay

We will offer Accommodation for three days before and three days after RoverWay in Schools in the capital area. The accommodation will cost 20 Euros per person per night. If you want to camp at Ulfljotsvatn scout centre after Roverway you can do so for free for 3 days after Roverway finishes. We will offer some sightseeing from Ulfl-

jotsvatn for these days but it will be limited, one tour per day.

As the Opening ceremony is in the morning of the 20th we expect everyone to be in Iceland on the evening of the 19th. The accommodation for the night before, 19th of July, is included in the fee.

## Roverway is on Facebook

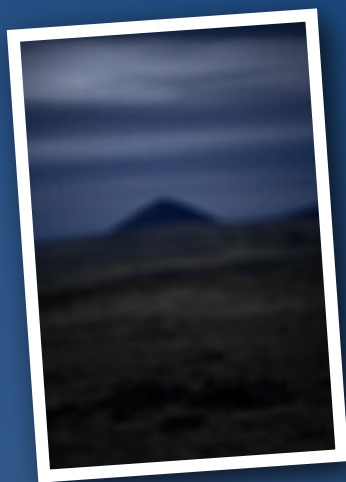
As some of you might have noticed Roverway is one of the events promoted through Facebook. Scouts that are Facebook users can tell other scouts if they plan to attend Roverway or not. If you are a Facebook user you should go and see if you know anyone who is going and if you plan to come, let everyone else know. You can also invite your friends to take part.

Many contingents have also made groups on Facebook. Check out if your country has a Roverway2009 Group on Facebook. You can join in and start to mingle with your fellow participants.

## Sightseeing tours before and after

We are working on a deal with a sightseeing company at the moment. The tours with prices will be on our homepage in October.





# SKAFTAFELL

Skaftafell is one of the places that will be visited during the Journeys. Here you can find some information about the national park.

Skaftafell National Park is situated between Kirkjubæjarklaustur, typically referred to as Klaustur, and Höfn in the south of Iceland.

It was founded on September 15, 1967, and enlarged twice afterwards. Today the park measures about 4.807 km<sup>2</sup> (2884 mi<sup>2</sup>), making it Iceland's second largest national park. There you can find for example the valley Morsárdalur, the mountain Kristínartindar and the glacier Skaftafellsjökull (a spur of the Vatnajökull ice cap).

The landscape is very similar to some of the Alps, but it has been formed in thousands of years by different influences of fire (volcanic eruptions of Öræfajökull) and water (the glaciers Skeiðarájökull and Skaftafellsjökull), the rivers Skeiðará, Morsá und Skaftafellsá. Volcanic eruptions under the ice-cap can give rise to glacier runs (Icelandic: jökulhlaup) which swell the Skeiðará river massively. The sandy wasteland between the glacier and the sea caused by jökulhlaups is called the Sandur. The last jökulhlaup occurred in 1996.

Skaftafell is renowned in Iceland for its agreeable climate and the sunny days in summer, uncommon in the south of Iceland. There is a natural birch wood, Bæjarstaðarskógur, as well as many species of birds and arctic foxes.

The waterfall Svartifoss (Black Fall) flows over a step of about 12m. Its name comes from the black basalt columns behind it.

In the Middle Ages there were some large farms in this area, but they were abandoned after two volcanic eruptions and the ensuing glacier runs. The two surviving farms now mostly make a living from tourism. The park has also an information centre and a campground. There are many hiking trails crossing the area.

Here is a link to the Official park website:  
<http://english.ust.is/Skaftafellnationalpark/>

## Contact us

Bandalag íslenskra skata  
Roverway 2009  
Hraunbae 123  
IS-110 Reykjavík  
Iceland

Tel: +354-550 9800  
Fax: +354-550 9801  
[www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)  
[roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is)





# DAGMAR ÝR ÓLAFSDÓTTIR

**Name:** Dagmar Yr Olafsdottir – Programme team, Althingi.

Dagmar started scouting in 1983 and has done a lot since then. She has finished Troop leader seminars from the Icelandic Scout Association and also from DDS scout association in Denmark as she was active in scouting in Denmark while studying there. In Iceland she has also finished Instructors' seminar. She received the President's award in 1996 and finished Gilwell/Wood badge in 1993.

Dagmar has participated in many international events throughout her scouting career. She took part in Nordjamb here in Iceland in 2000 and 2006, she went to a World moot in 1996, Blaa Sommer in 2004 and Grön Lejr in 1992 as well as attending many smaller events.

**Motto in life:** Happy!

**Food she would never eat:** Insects

**Favourite place in Iceland and why is it your favourite:**  
Hornstrandir, remote, full of life and almost no people.



## Contact us

Bandalag islenskra skata  
Roverway 2009  
Hraunbae 123  
IS-110 Reykjavik  
Iceland

Tel: +354-550 9800  
Fax: +354-550 9801  
[www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)  
[roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is)

