

Hike No 13 Berdalsnosi

Short hike through open mountain terrain to lovely viewpoint.

Parking: N 61°28' 20" E 07°43' 36"

Drive Tindevegen (mountain road between Turtagrø and Årdal). Park by the side of the road at the information board. You find the board at the highest point on the first mountain you cross when coming from the Luster side. Approx. 7 km from Turtagrø

Time	1 hour total walking time
Altitude	1290 - 1340 m
Distance	1,5 km round trip
Maps	Breheimen 1:100000
Post	At the cairn
Marking:	O-marked path



Lusterfjorden is the inner part of Norway's longest fjord: *Sognefjorden*. What we see from the viewpoint is the very end of Lusterfjorden: *Haugsbukta* (The Hauge Bay). The village between the fjord and the lake is *Skjolden*. Skjolden has about 300 inhabitants. There is a hotel, a café, an inn and three camping sites in or around the village. Two valleys and their rivers meet here: *Mørkrisdalen* and *Fortunsdalen*. The water from the Fortun River is exploited in three hydroelectric Power Stations. The main one is situated at Skagen 6 kilometers from Skjolden. In the summer trout and salmon go upstream from the fjord to spawn in the rivers. Although the Fortun River is stocked with fry every year, very few return to the river. *Eidsvatnet* is a part of the Fortun River. In 1914 the world-famous Austrian philosopher Ludwig *Wittgenstein* built a hut at the upper end of the lake. In 1957 the hut was moved to the village. Only the foundations are left at the site.

In the steep mountainside opposite us we see the abandoned mountain farm *Gjerseggi*. The farm is situated 350 meters above sea level, and was abandoned in 1968 because a large stone slide had damaged part of the cropland on the farm and threatened the farmhouses. To the left we see the mountain farm of *Furåsen*. The farm is situated at 380 meters above sea, and was abandoned in the early 1990s.

To the east the *Hurrungane* massif contains some of the highest peaks in the whole of Jotunheimen. Skagastølstindane, Ringstindane and Austabotntindane are visible from our viewpoint.



We wish you a pleasant and interesting hike!
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