

VATNSDALSA

FLY FISHING MAP

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VATNSDALSÁ

Vatnsdalsá is a salmon and trout river flowing through a varied landscape. Its catchment area covers approximately 450 square kilometres. From the heaths of Grímsstunguheiði and Haukagilsheiði, numerous tributaries, smaller rivers and streams join the river before it flows into Lake Húnavatn and onward to the sea. Vatnsdalsá is estimated to be about 74 kilometres long, while the fishable stretch from the estuary to Dalsfoss waterfall in Forsæludalur is approximately 45 kilometres in length.

The river is divided into two sections: a salmon beat and a trout beat. Fishing lodges operate on both sections. The division between the beats is clearly shown on the map, and anglers are asked to familiarise themselves thoroughly with these boundaries.

On the salmon beat of Vatnsdalsá, only fly fishing is permitted and all salmon must be released. On the trout beat, anglers are also encouraged to release salmon, particularly in Brúarhylur pool. The Directorate of Fisheries further requests that all salmon measuring 69 cm or longer be released.

From 7 July until the end of August, only fly fishing is permitted in the river above Lake Húnavatn. In Brúarhylur pool on the trout beat, only fly fishing is permitted from 22 June to 1 September. No more than two rods may be in use in this pool at the same time.

In Lake Húnavatn and below, fishing with fly, worm and spinner is permitted. On the trout beat, fly, worm and spinner are permitted from the start of the fishing season until 7 July, with the exception of Brúarhylur as noted above. These baits are again permitted on the trout beat from 1 September until the end of that month.

During the sea trout season in October, only fly fishing is permitted. All other bait, or fishing outside the permitted periods, is prohibited.

Fishing time is, as stipulated by national law, 12 hours per day. Fishing is generally organised into two six hour shifts. In consultation with the lodge manager at Flóðvangur, daily fishing times may be adjusted within the limits of national law. Similarly, the warden on the trout beat may allow alternative arrangements. No more than 10 rods may be fishing at the same time on the trout beat.

Anglers are asked to treat the river and its surroundings with care. Do not leave litter in or near the river. Off road driving and driving over cultivated land are prohibited. Any gates opened must be closed again. Fords are not always passable and conditions should be checked carefully. All catches must be recorded in the fishing logbook.

Enjoy your stay at Vatnsdalsá and help ensure that those who follow can enjoy its unspoiled nature.



HÚNAFLÓI

Húnaós

Húnaós

Strönd

Hjaltebakkahólmur

Geirastaðahólmur

Hjaltebakkahólmur

RESTRICTED AREA

Akurshólmur

Húnavatn

Flatir

Litla Brandanes

Flatahylur

Geirastaðabunga

Stóra Brandanes

Brandanes Vestara

Litlaeyri

Akurshólar

Laxalögn

Vaðtangi

Vaðeyri

Ferjutangi

AKUR

Akurshorn

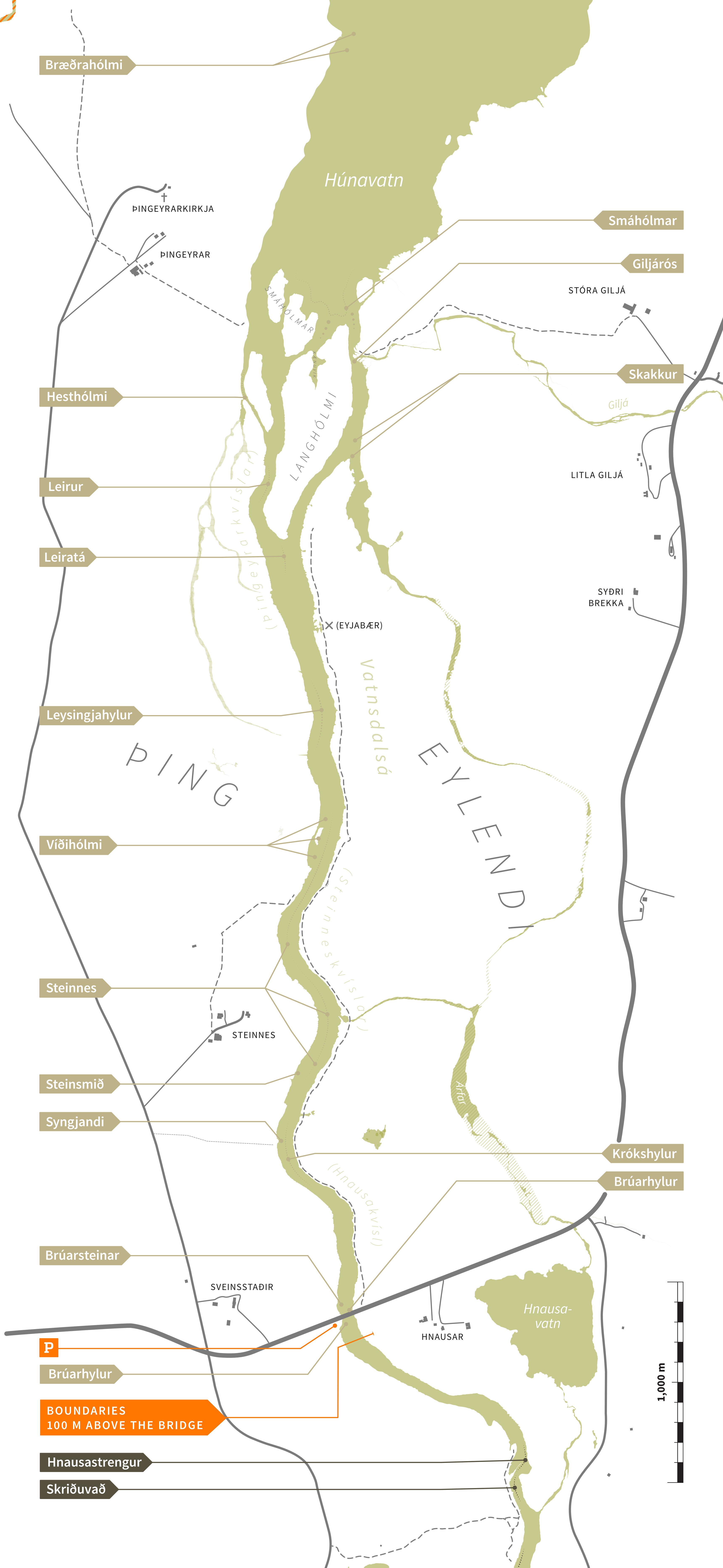
Húnavatn

Bræðrahólmur

Þingeyrarbunga

1,000 m

ÞINGEYRARKIRKJA



Bræðrahólmur

PÍNGEYRARKIRKJA

PÍNGEYRAR

SMÁHÓLMUR

Húnavatn

Smáhólmur

Giljárós

STÓRA GILJÁ

Skakkur

Giljá

LITLA GILJÁ

SYÐRI
BREKKA

X (EYJABÆR)

Vatnsdalsá

PÍNG

EYLENDI

(Steinneskvíslar)

Arfot

(Hnausarkvíslar)

Hnausa-
vatn

HNAUSAR

SVEINSTAÐIR

P

Brúarhylur

BOUNDARIES
100 M ABOVE THE BRIDGE

Hnausastrengur

Skriðuvað

1,000 m

