

VATNSDALSA



FLY FISHING MAP

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THE RIVER THAT SETS THE SWING

Set in one of Iceland's most beautiful valleys, Vatnsdalsá is a river of contrasts, offering both tranquillity and thrilling action for anglers. Its crystal-clear waters provide ideal conditions for fly fishing, and its catch-and-release policy ensures a sustainable experience. Salmon are the main attraction, with an impressive average size, but the river also holds Arctic char, sea trout known for their explosive fights, and brown trout, adding to the river's diverse ecosystem.

The Fishing Experience

With well-managed fishing beats and experienced guides, Vatnsdalsá provides both challenge and reward. Anglers can explore its two fishing sections: one dedicated to salmon, including the tributary Álka, and another for trout and char. The Flóðvangur Lodge at Vatnsdalsá blends classic fishing lodge charm with modern comfort, a welcoming retreat where anglers unwind after a rewarding day on the river.

Shaped by Nature

Vatnsdalsá originates from the highlands of Auðkúluheiði and Grímstunguheiði, flowing 75 km down to the valley. Along its course, it carves through gorges before transforming into a meandering river with turf-cut banks and gravel bars. Two naturally embedded lakes, Flóðið and Húnavatn, add to its distinctive character. Flóðið, formed by a landslide in 1720, lies near the fishing lodge Flóðvangur, while Húnavatn marks the river's final stretch before it reaches the sea.

Follow the Guide

The guides at Vatnsdalsá share a deep passion for salmon fishing and the river itself. Over time, they've learned the pools, the shifting moods, where the fish hold, and how to choose the right fly as the water responds to changing conditions. They work with anglers of all skill levels, guiding beginners through their first casts and sharing insights with experienced anglers, including techniques that work especially well on this river. Some anglers prefer a guide by their side at all times, while others like to find their own rhythm. The guides are used to both and adjust accordingly. Each one drives a 4x4, moving between pools as needed, always keeping an eye on where the next opportunity might be.

Catch, Release, Sustain

Vatnsdalsá was the first salmon river in Iceland to fully implement catch and release, adopting the practice in 1997. This approach supports sustainable fisheries, maintaining healthy salmon populations and protecting genetic diversity. By handling fish with care, anglers help maintain the river's balance and keep the tradition of fly fishing alive.

Although natural fluctuations in salmon numbers will always occur, anglers can contribute to the river's balance by giving salmon the benefit of the doubt through catch and release. This practice offers an advantage, helping to support the ongoing cycles of wild salmon.

HÚNAFLÓI



Húnaós

Húnaós

Strönd

Trout & Char

Hjaltaðakkaólmi

Hjaltaðakkaólmi

Geirastaðahólmi

Reki

Húnavatn

RESTRICTED AREA

Akurshólmi

Flatir

Litla Brandanes

Flatahylur

Geirastaðabunga

Stóra Brandanes

Brandanes Vestara

Litlaeyri

Akurshólar

Laxalögn

Vaðtangi

Vaðeyri

Ferjutangi

AKUR

Akurshorn

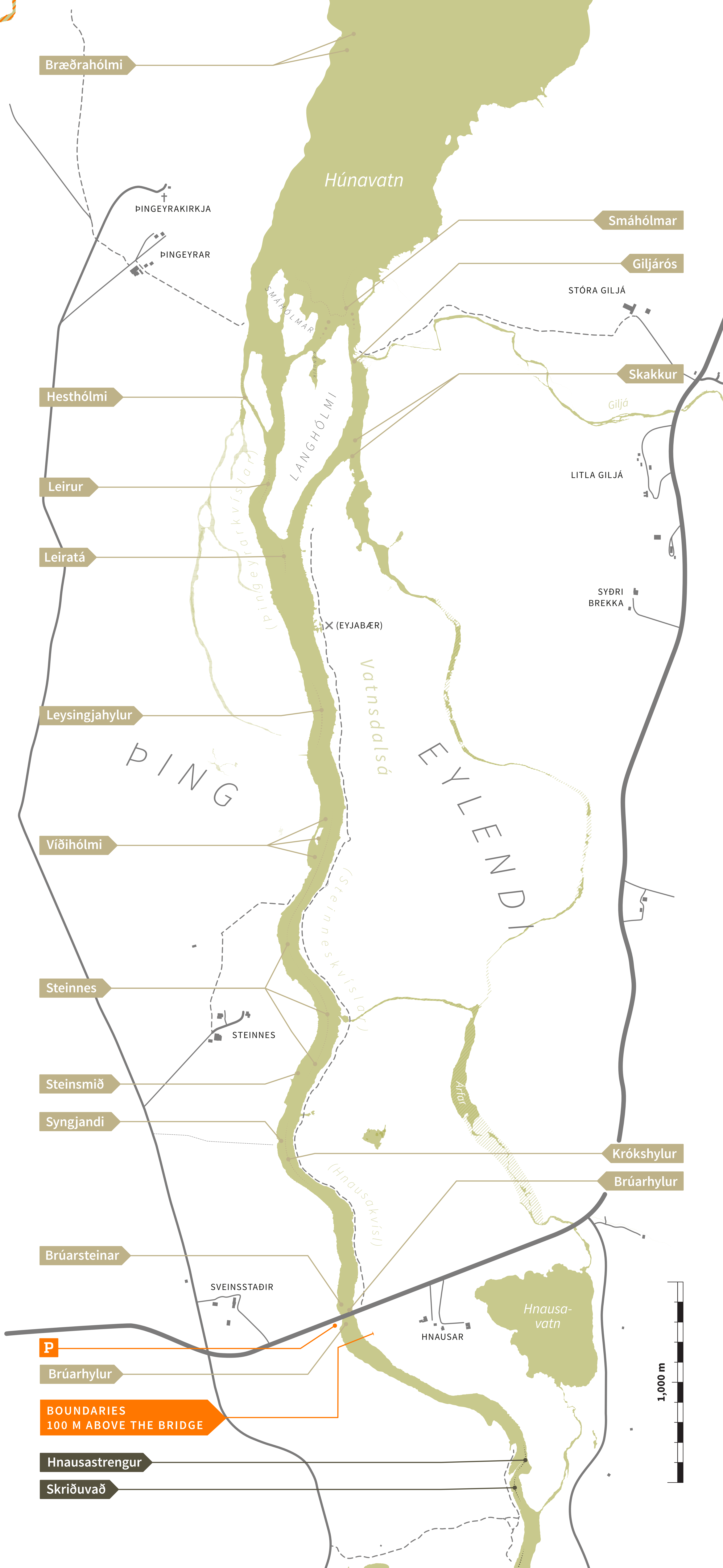
Húnavatn

Bræðrahólmi

Þingeyrabunga

1,000 m

ÞINGEYRAKIRKJA



Bræðrahólmur

Húnavatn

PINGEYRAKIRKJA

PINGEYRAR

Smáhólmur

Giljárós

STÓRA GILJÁ

Skakkur

Giljá

LITLA GILJÁ

SYÐRI BREKKA

Hesthólmur

LANGHÓLMUR

Leirur

(Þingeyrar kvíslar)

Leiratá

X (EYJABÆR)

Leysingjahylur

Vatnsdalsá

PING

EYLENDI

Víðihólmur

(Steinnes kvíslar)

Steinnes

STEINNES

Steinsmið

Arftur

Syngjandi

(Hnausakvísl)

Krókshylur

Brúarhylur

Brúarsteinar

SVEINSTAÐIR

P

Brúarhylur

HNAUSAR

Hnausavatn

BOUNDARIES 100 M ABOVE THE BRIDGE

Hnausastrengur

Skriðuvað



P

Brúarhylur

BOUNDARIES
100 M ABOVE THE BRIDGE

Hnausastrengur

Skríðuvað

Hólakvörn

SALMON / CHAR-TROUT
BOUNDARY UNTIL EARLY JUNE

Skríða

Hólar

FLÓÐVANGUR
(FISHING LODGE)

Skríða

Hólar

Bríkarhylur

Kúakvörn

Helgavatnsbreiða

Neshylur

Gosi

Jónasarhólmi

Stórhólmahylur

HNAUSAR

Hnausa-
vatn

Vatnsdals-
hólar

VATNSDALSHÓLAR

Bjarnastaðakvörn

BJARNASTAÐIR

Bjarnastaðatangi

STEINKOT
(FISHING LODGE)

MÁSTAÐIR

Másstaðir

MIDHÚS

Hnjúkur

HNJÚKUR

HJALLALAND

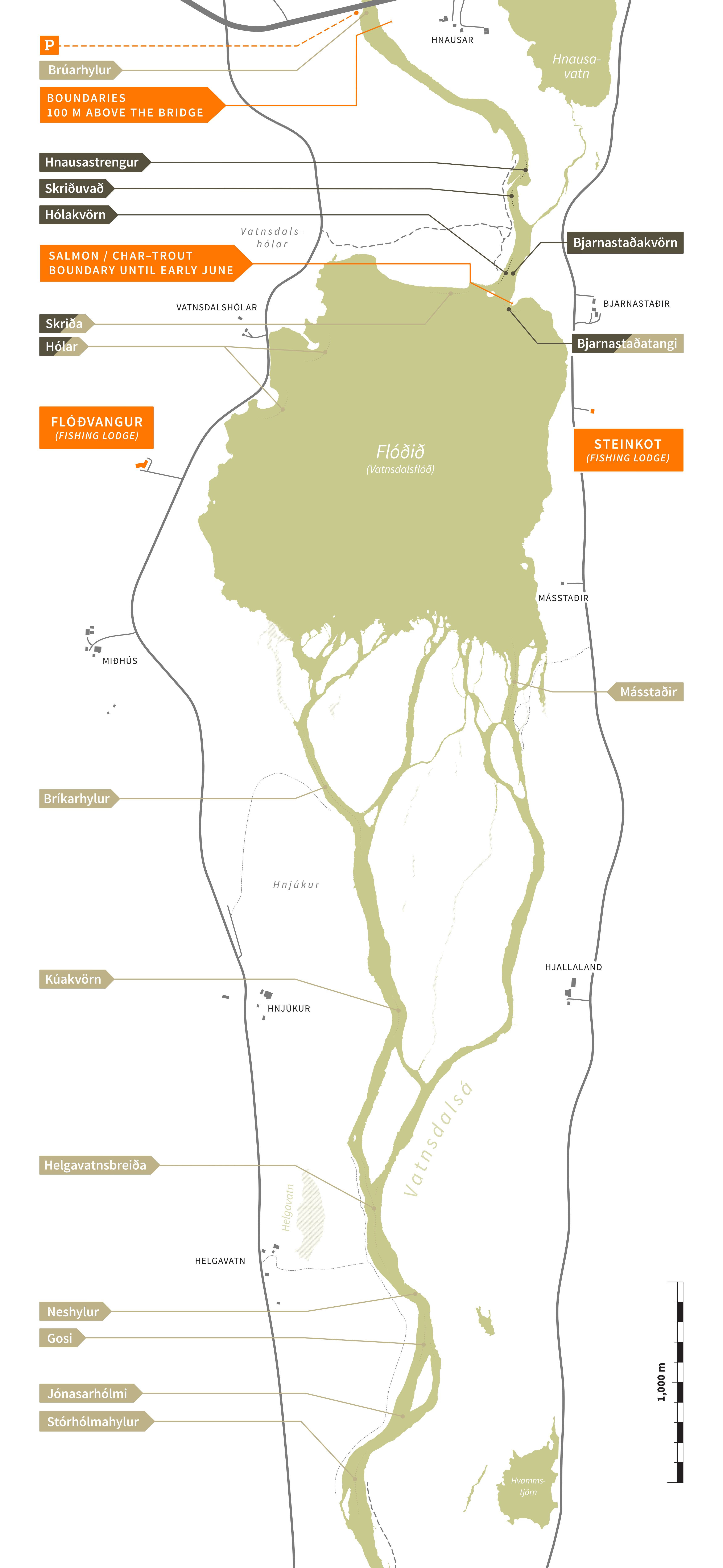
Helgavatn

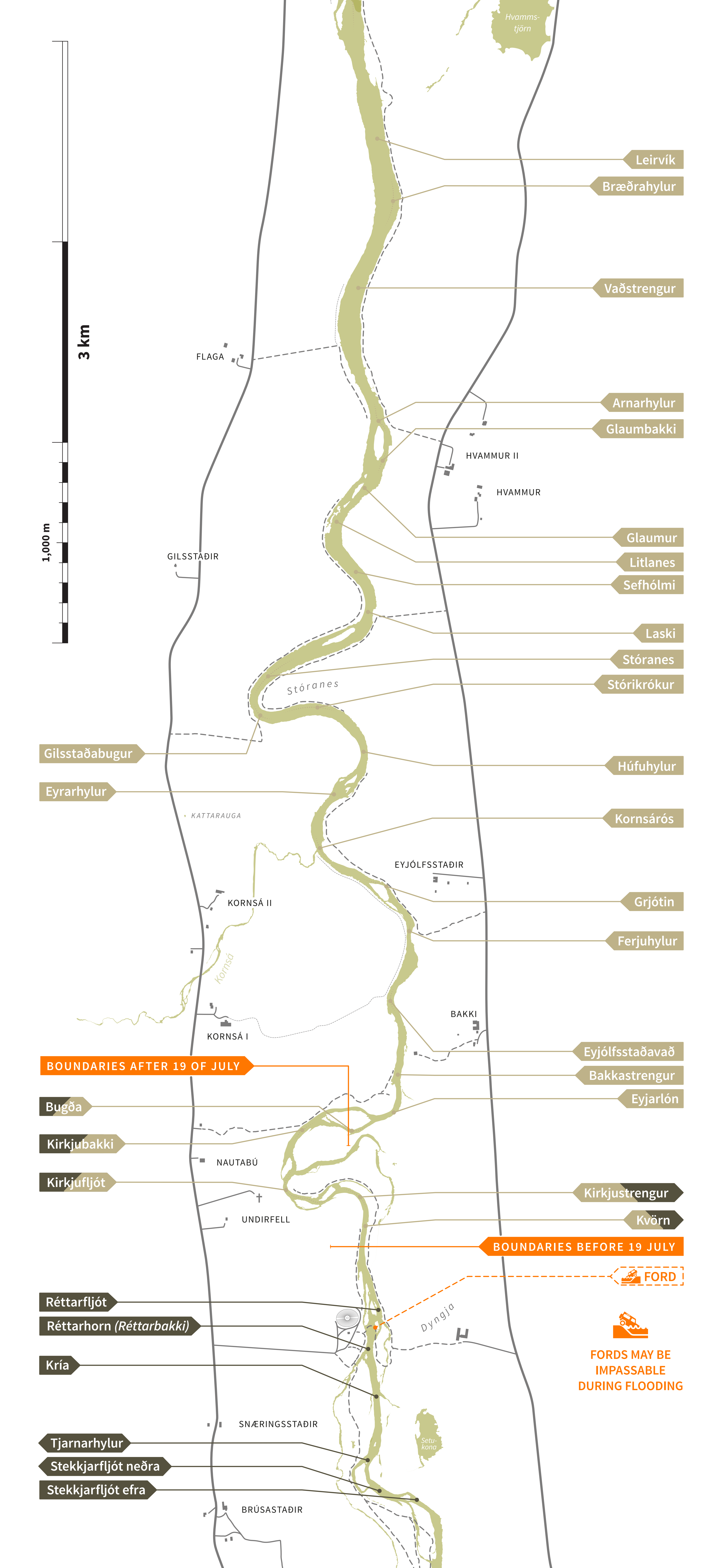
HELGAVATN

Vatnsdalsá

Hvamms-
tjörn

1,000 m





Hvamms-tjörn

Leirvík

Bræðrahylur

Vaðstrengur

3 km

FLAGA

Arnarhylur

Glaumbakki

HVAMMUR II

HVAMMUR

Glaumur

Litlanes

Sefhólmi

1,000 m

GILSSTAÐIR

Laski

Stóranes

Stórikrókur

Stóranes

Gilsstaðabugur

Húfuhylur

Eyrarhylur

Kornsarós

EYJÓLFSSSTAÐIR

Grjótin

KORNSÁ II

Ferjuhylur

KORNSÁ I

BAKKI

Eyjólfssstaðavað

Bakkastrengur

BOUNDARIES AFTER 19 OF JULY

Eyjarlón

Bugða

Kirkjubakki

Kirkjufljót

NAUSTABÚ

Kirkjustrengur

UNDIRFELL

Kvörn

BOUNDARIES BEFORE 19 JULY

Réttarfljót

Réttarhorn (Réttarbakki)

Kría

FORD

Dyngja

FORDS MAY BE IMPASSABLE DURING FLOODING

SNÆRINGSSTAÐIR

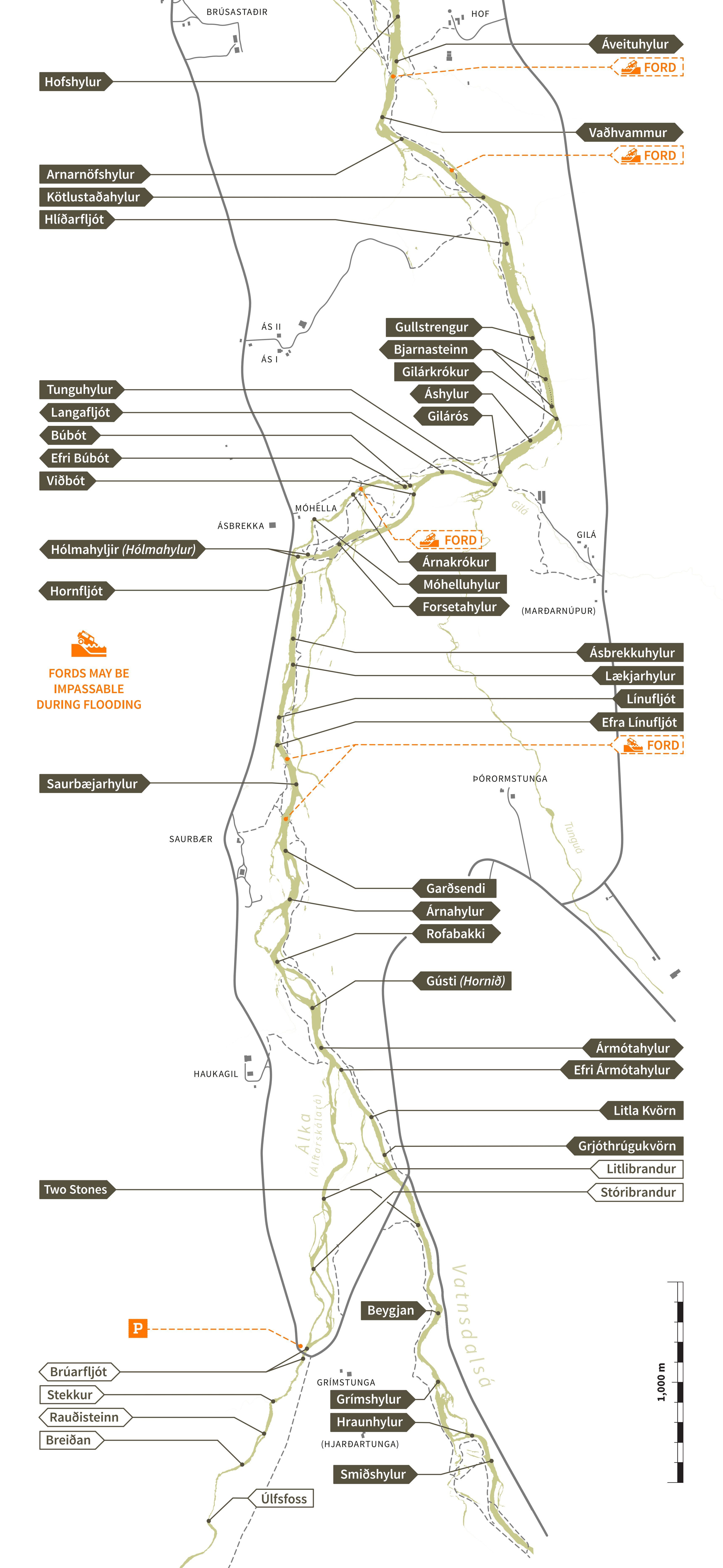
Tjarnarhylur

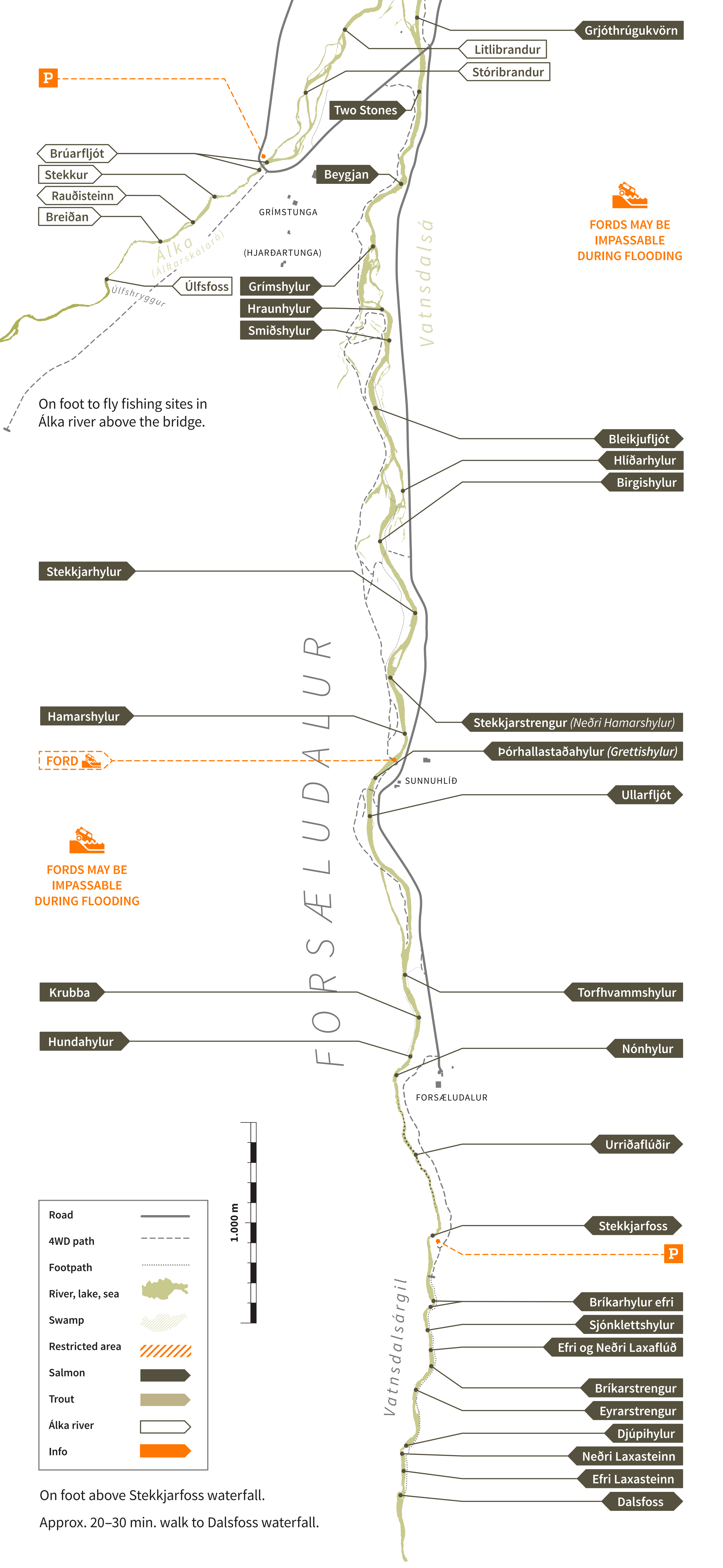
Stekkarfljót neðra

Stekkarfljót efra

BRÚSASTAÐIR

Setukona





Grjóthrúgukvörn

Litlibrandur

Stóribrandur

P

Two Stones

Brúarfljót

Stekkur

Rauðisteinn

Breiðan

Beygjan

GRÍMSTUNGA

(HJARDARTUNGA)

Álka
(Álfarskólaró)

Úlfsfoss

Grímshylur

Hraunhylur

Smiðshylur

Vatnsdalsá



FORDS MAY BE IMPASSABLE DURING FLOODING

On foot to fly fishing sites in Álka river above the bridge.

Bleikjufljót

Hlíðarhylur

Birgishylur

Stekkarhylur

FORSÆLUDALUR

Hamarshylur

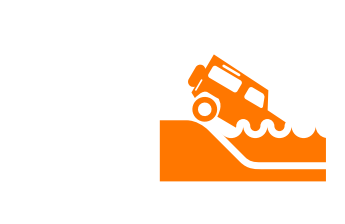
Stekkarstrengur (Neðri Hamarshylur)

Þórhallastaðahylur (Grettishylur)

FORD

SUNNUHLÍÐ

Ullarfljót



FORDS MAY BE IMPASSABLE DURING FLOODING

Krubba

Torfhvammshylur

Hundahylur

Nónhylur

FORSÆLUDALUR

Urriðaflúðir

Stekkarfoss

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Bríkarhylur efri

Sjónklettshylur

Efri og Neðri Laxaflúð

Bríkarstrengur

Eyjarstrengur

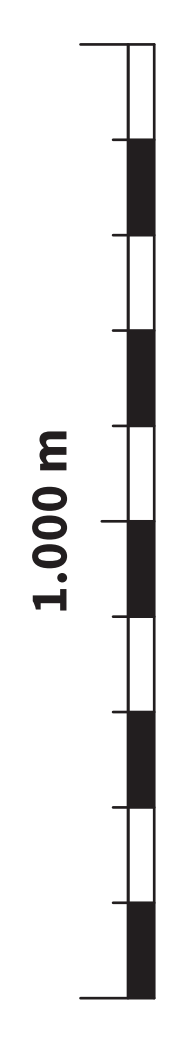
Djúpihylur

Neðri Laxasteinn

Efri Laxasteinn

Dalsfoss

Road	
4WD path	
Footpath	
River, lake, sea	
Swamp	
Restricted area	
Salmon	
Trout	
Álka river	
Info	



On foot above Stekkjarfoss waterfall.

Approx. 20–30 min. walk to Dalsfoss waterfall.