

# Stenshuvud National Park

**Stenshuvud** is a hill in the southeastern corner of  Sweden, in the province of  Scania, close to  Kivik in  Simrishamn Municipality. Since 1986, it is one of the  National parks of Sweden. The park covers an area of about 3.9 km<sup>2</sup> (1.5 sq mi).

The hill is 97 m (318 ft) high and faces the  Baltic Sea. Since the surrounding landscape is relatively flat, it can be seen from a great distance and has traditionally been used as a landmark for seafarers. Many visitors trek up the hill to enjoy the view which is very good in clear weather.

Most of the area is covered with broadleaf forest, especially  European hornbeam. The park also contains heaths, meadows and swamps. Because of the mild climate and varied habitats, many different animal and plant species can be encountered in the park. The park contains unusual Swedish wildlife such as the  hazel dormouse,  Eurasian golden oriole,  European tree frog and  agile frog. There are about 600  vascular plant species, including several types of  orchids and the very rare  barren strawberry.

Below the hill there is a popular beach for swimming. Close to the top are the remains of a ruin of a 5th- or 6th-century fortress.

According to local  folklore, the hill got its name ("Sten's head") from  giant living in the cave Giddastuan.

At the north of the hill is the  Hällevik arboretum.

## References

- ↑ "Stenshuvud National ParkStenshuvud National Park(https://web.archive.org/web/20090404120141/http://www.naturvardsverket.se/en/In-English/Menu/Enjoying-nature/National-parks-and-other-places-worth-visiting/National-Parks-in-Sweden/Stenshuvud-National-Park/)  Naturvårdsverket Archived from the original (http://www.naturvardsverket.se/en/In-English/Menu/Enjoying-nature/National-parks-and-other-places-worth-visiting/National-Parks-in-Sweden/Stenshuvud-National-Park/) on 2009-04-04. Retrieved 2009-02-26.

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### Stenshuvud National Park

IUCN category II (national park)



<b>Location</b>	Skåne County, Sweden
<b>Coordinates</b>	<span><span><span><span><span>55°40′N</span> <span>14°16′E</span></span></span></span></span>
<b>Area</b>	<span>3.9</span> <span> </span> <span>km</span> <sup>2</sup> ( <span>1.5</span> <span> </span> <span>sq</span> <span> </span> <span>mi</span> ) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Established</b>	1986 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Governing<span> </span>body</b>	Naturvårdsverket



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