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# Kollfjarðardalur Leynar

Travel back millions of years in time on this route past tall cliffs and beautiful lakes

This route begins at Búnaðarstovan (the National Agricultural Centre) in Kollfjarðardalur. Three rivers run down to Kollfjarðadalur by Búnaðarstovan. The trip begins at the middle river, Brekká ❶, which flows north of Búnaðarstovan. Walk along the river and keep the cairn in sight as a landmark.

Turn northwards by the first cairn after crossing the old mountain road, Oyggjarvegurin ❷. At the next cairn, you arrive at Skælingsvatn ❸. The lake has had other names, one of which is Nykatjørn (Nix's pond). In earlier times, people noticed that something alive and abnormally large lived in the lake, and the general opinion was that it must be Nykur (Nix) (page 58). Nykur is a creature that lives in lakes and is said to resemble a horse. There are reports of people who went to catch it and caught a huge trout in their nets. In this way, they got rid of Nykur and the name Nykatjørn. The lake is also called Tjørnin á Brekkunum. At the lake, three outfields meet: Norðari Skælingshagi, Hagin Uttan Fyri Húsini in Leynar and Heygshagi in

Kollafjørður. Several paths also meet here. They are the old paths coming from the south: Oyggjargøtan, the path you are walking from Kollfjarðadalur to Leynar, and the path to Skælingur. Be careful that you don't take the wrong one.

Here, you should take a small detour off the path and walk a few hundred metres south to the rocky plateau, Stórareyn ❹, which has a great, geological scenery. Sit on the plateau and enjoy the view. Feel the silence, the heat from the rocks, and travel back millions of years to when this place was first created.

The mountain north of Skælingsvatn is called Sátan. Here, you can see the geological formation Streymoyarsyllin (The Streymoy Sill) and often Fulmars on the mountain cliffs.

South of you is Skælingsfjall. It was first thought that it was the highest mountain in the Faroes, but when the height was measured with modern gauge