



## Fartein Valen's landscape

The composer Fartein Valen (1887 – 1952) lived in Valevåg for large parts of his life. He was very attached to his home and the landscape surrounding it and it made a big impact on his compositions. In “Fartein Valen’s Landscape” you can walk in his footsteps and get to know the landscape in which he lived and created.

### Valenheimen (1)

Fartein Valen’s parents, Arne and Dorthea, built the house in Valevåg in 1903. Fartein Valen lived there for two periods of his life. 1915-23 and 1938-52. Today the house has a museum and a living area. It is used for presentations and concerts. Tour by appointment, call 53 74 80 00. More information: [www.farteinvalen.no](http://www.farteinvalen.no)

### Einstadbøvoll farm (2)

Distinctive farmstead with 17 houses, all with flagstone roof. The buildings were listed in 1923. It is privately owned and a guided tour can be arranged by appointment. 53 74 22 34

### Valen Chapel (3)

There has most likely been a church in Valen since before the Black Death. The current chapel from 1707 replaced an old stave church that stood there previously. Fartein Valen is buried in the north-west corner of the burial ground by the chapel, with his parents. A memorial has been raised for him by The Norwegian Composer Society and the stone was crafted by artist Ottar Espeland.



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## Leirvåg (4)

Leirvåg has an old cholera churchyard (see 7). It is possible to go swimming here and restroom facilities are available. You can arrive by boat or on foot. The path starts by "Nappebrua bridge and the walk is about 20 minutes long.

## "The Churchyard by the Sea" (4)

The cholera churchyard in Leirvåg is known as the "the Churchyard by the Sea" due to it being the inspiration for one of Fartein Valen's most famous compositions.

It was built due to the cholera epidemic in the nineteenth century, when the deceased had to be buried away from the rest of population to contain the disease. These days cholera burial sites can be found almost exclusively in Sunnhordland and Sveio has two. The cholera burial site in Leirvåg is one of them and it was restored in 2014.

## Valestrand Culture Church (5)

The church is located in Ulveraker by E39. It was designed by architect O. Wangberg and is a traditional wooden church built in 1872. In 2004 the church was named a culture church. The church is venue for regular church service as well as cultural events such as concerts, talks, exhibitions and conferences. In July the church is open for visits Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 14 to 17. [www.kulturkyrkja.no](http://www.kulturkyrkja.no)

## "The King's Road" (6)

In 1936 the King Christian IV called for all the riding paths in Norway to be expanded. These roads were called King roads. In Valestrand the road went from Eidsvåg to Liereid and now you can walk on it from Valevåg Camping to Ulveråker. The road was used by the villagers, to get to church and for a while it was used to deliver mail until the road from Haugesund was finished in 1874.

# Hiking trails



## Trollavassnipen (7)

The highest peak in Sveio, 423 meters above sea level. Reaching the top takes 1 - 2 hours, and parts of the trail is steep. Amazing views in every direction. With clear skies you can see all the way to the areas surrounding Bergen and Stavanger. The trail starts a few hundred meters north of the school in Valestrand. It is also possible to start your hike in Holsvika or by the Haugsgjerd river.

## Målefjellet (8)

Round trip that takes approximately two hours from start to finish. The trail follows a dirt road up Kvednhuskleivo to Ulshaugene where a path will take you to the top of the Måle mountain. Make your descent on the other side, past the farm Tråvås. By the path beneath the peak there is a "lavvo" that hikers are welcome to use.

## Leirvåg (9)

Parking by Nappen Bridge. Marked path, approx. 20 minutes. Slightly hilly terrain.

## Valestrand "Communal Health Trail" (10)

2,7 km round trip that begins by the sports field in Valestrand and continues by the King's road. Marked every half kilometer. Parts of this route is well suited for both wheel chairs and prams. Some wet/muddy spots.

## Accommodation and dining

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