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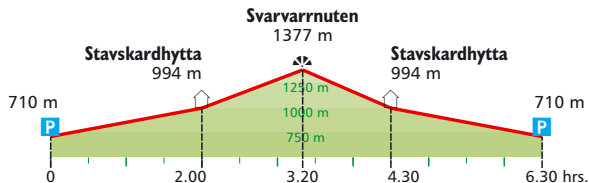
## From Setesdal onto Svarvarnuten, 1377m

6.30 hrs.



### Onto the highest mountain in the Setesdalsheiene

The Svarvarnuten is the panoramic mountain of the Setesdalsheiene. From the scenic sloping col above the Setesdal the walk goes through this beautifully unspoilt region past lakes, panoramic summits and valleys; the Stavskardhytta without food is available for overnight accommodation.



**Starting point:** parking bay (710m) near Berg opposite to Valle on the right-hand side of the valley at the end of the 'Hylesdalsvegen' toll road. Drive along the Setesdalsveien, Rv9, Kristiansand – Valle. Valle is a municipality in central Setesdal in Aust-Agder. The village with the church of the same name on the Otra is a centre for handicrafts (silver smiths) and is situated in a widening of the valley dominated by gneiss and

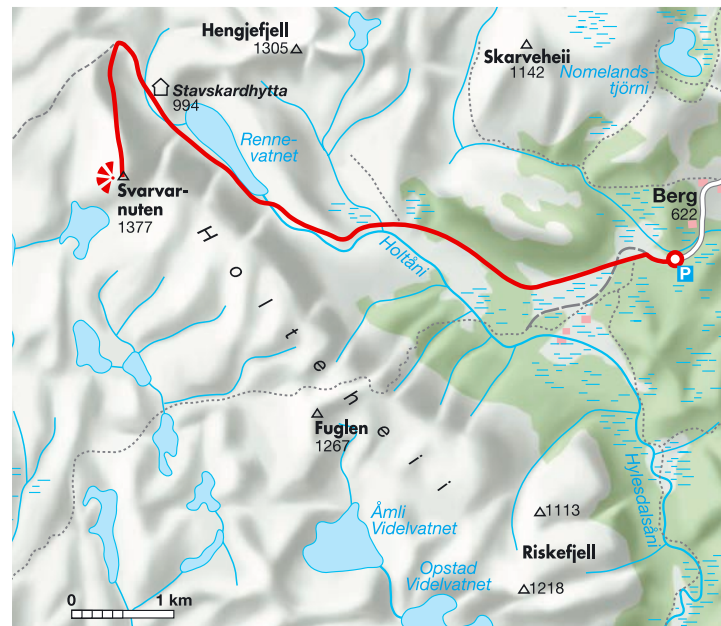
granite walls. It is one of the most popular climbing areas in Norway.

**Height difference:** 700m.

**Grade:** waymarked path which, in wet weather, could be flooded in places near the lakes. The ascent to Svarvarnuten is unmarked and therefore only recommended for experienced mountain hikers.

**Hut:** Stavskardhytta (DNT self-service hut without food).

**Map:** Turkart 1:50,000 Setesdalheiene.



From the starting point near **Berg** the red *T*-marked path in the direction of 'Boosbu' goes westwards at the edge of a marshy hollow with a spring with your destination almost always in sight: Svarvarnuten rises up ahead above the rock walls that line the valley on the left.

The lake is a beautiful resting place and you cross its outflow on stepping stones. A little later on you come to the Stavskardhytta and then the path reaches the 'stave' pass (Stavskard); the hut and the pass are named after a meadow boundary post on the pass. Now the *T*-marked path swings left and you leave it to ascend the unmarked path to **Svarvarnuten**; there are some faint tracks but your route-finding is also aided with cairns. The summit offers a delightful panorama of the lake landscape in the west as well as eastwards across the Setesdalsheiene and the Setesdal to the Austsheiene. The elongated Rennevatnet lake shimmers below.

*The view from Svarvarnuten, the highest mountain in the Setesdalsheiene, takes in the lakes in the west.*

