

Dear residents of Skútustaðahreppur / Mývatn

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to our community. Skútustaðahreppur, a community of 470 residents, is known for its beautiful scenery and a quiet way of living. I hope you settle in well and encourage you to familiarize yourself with the community.

Moving to a new country can be confusing and complex. That is why we have prepared this brochure, providing you with practical information regarding settling into our society. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding e.g. schools, sports and leisure, permits, registration, social services provided by the municipality etc., please contact me through phone or email and we will schedule a meeting.



Included in this brochure is a free entry ticket to the Mývatn Nature Baths. They are located in Jarðbadsholar, about 4 km from the village of Reykjahlid.

Bathing in the nature is an old tradition in Mývatn, the water in the nature baths runs straight from the National Power Company's borehole in Bjarnarflag. The lagoon itself is a man-made construction but is filled up by a completely natural and unique water. It holds around 3.5 million liters (9.24 gallons) of water.

I hope you enjoy the baths, and just so you know, the lagoon is a perfect place to meet locals!

I sincerely hope you get the opportunity to see and experience all the good things Mývatn has to offer and it is our pleasure to help you discover it.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you,

Sigrún Björg Aðalgeirsdóttir

Multicultural representative

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464-6100

Municipality Office



The Municipality Office is located at Hlíðavegur 6.

Feel free to step by for general information and all other information regarding the Municipality services.

Opening hours: Mondays - Thursdays from 9:00 – 15:00 and Fridays 9:00 – 12:00

For more information:

Website: <http://www.skutustadahreppur.is>

Phone: 464-6660

Email: skutustadahreppur@skutustadahreppur.is

Workers Union

Framsýn is the local Workers Union in Mývatn. Framsýns Office is located in Húsavík, on Garðarsbraut 26.

Opening hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 16:00.

The Union provides help, advice and assistance with anything regarding workers rights. Framsýn members can get reduced price and/or proportional refunds on different services; everything from domestic flights and hotel rooms to Icelandic courses and psychological and optical services.

For more information:

Website: www.framsyn.is

Phone: 464- 6600

Email: kuti@framsyn.is

Learn Icelandic / Þekkingarnet Þingeyinga

Þekkingarnet Þingeyinga (HAC) is dedicated to promoting and facilitating lifelong learning, university studies and interdisciplinary research. The center is in the harbor area of Húsavík. HAC offers academic, vocational, and recreational courses and study programmes to people in the community in collaboration with universities and regional parties of interest, such as municipalities, labor organizations and the business community. HAC also provides study facilities for students who live in the region and attend university or other schools at upper educational levels.

HAC offers Icelandic courses and lessons for new residents and others interested, as well as offering counselling for individuals with little formal education, free of charge.

For Icelandic courses in Mývatn contact solveigi@gmail.com. Sólveig has many years of teaching experience for group courses and private lessons.

For more information visit www.hac.is

Banking and Electronic ID



The local bank in Mývatn is Sparisjóður Suður Þingeyinga, located in Helluhraun 3.

Tel: 464-6220.

It offers general bank services and ATM.

Electronic identification (also known as electronic certificates or electronic ID), is a type of ID designed for electronic communication and is issued in collaboration with Icelandic authorities. If you have a smartphone you can get your electronic ID activated at the banks.

District Commissioner and police station

The District Commissioner office and police station are located at Útgarður 1 in Húsavík.

Tel: 458 2600.

Húsavík is 40 minutes' drive from Mývatn. The District Commissioner issues various permits and certificates, including residence permits, passports, driver's licenses, permits for operations of restaurants, guesthouses, bars and more. For more information, see www.syslumenn.is.

The opening hours of the District Commissioner 's office is from 9am – 3pm

The police station is in the same building. To contact the police, call the emergency hotline 112. For more information see www.logregla.is

Schools and education



Leikskólinn Ylur

Kindergarten/Preschool

The Kindergarten Ylur offers service for children from 1 – 6 years of age. It is open weekdays from 8:15 – 16:30.

For more information and to apply visit:
www.ylur.leikskolinn.is/

Tel: 464-4149

Email: ingibjorg@skutustadahreppur.is

Reykjahlíðarskóli/ Elementary School

Reykjahlíðarskóli is an Elementary School serving students from 6 – 16 years of age.

Tel: 464-4375

Email: reykjahlidarskoli@reykjahlidarskoli.is

Webpage: www.skutustadahreppur.is/skolinn



An afterschool program called Frístund is offered for children in 1st grade through 6th grade. The afterschool program operates in Reykjahlíðarskóli and in the ÍMS.

Mondays – Fridays from when school ends until 15:15. Its free of charge!

A Youth Center is located in the basement in ÍMS for young students, aged 12 to 16 to gather for all kinds of activities.

Music School

Skútustaðahreppur operates a Music School for kids from 6-16 years old.

It offers a variety of instrumental and vocal education the teacher is Stefán Jakobsson, a famous musician in Iceland.



Sports



ÍMS is the Sport center in Mývatn. It offers different sports activities, look for ÍMS- íþróttamiðstöð Skútustaðahrepps on Facebook.

Opening hours:

Mondays - Thursdays: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturdays: 8:10 am to 3:00 pm

We are closed on Fridays and Sundays.

Please note that the entrance, reception and changing rooms close half an hour earlier.

*Entrance fee for gym and showers is 1.320,- kr

*Entrance fee for use of shower is 700,- kr

*All guests must leave the premises by 8:00 pm

Guests that have purchased key cards with their membership can access the gym everyday between 5:30 am and 11:00 pm and must leave the premises by midnight.

You can hire the sports hall to play table tennis and or badminton, 600 kr per person per hour.

We answer all inquiries at reception - phone 4644225

Sumarfrístund – Summer program for children

A summer program for children from 1st – 6th grade.

Runs for a few hours a day during the schools' summer break. The program is different between years.

Tel: 464-6660

Skutustadahreppur@skutustadahreppur.is

Myvetningur@gmail.com

Hospital and Pharmacy

Health care Service



Health care service in Mývatn is located in Hlíðavegur 8. During general opening hours the phone number is 464-0660 and daily telephone service hours with a nurse are:

Mondays and Thursdays: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Tuesdays 13:00-14:00

We are closed on Wednesdays and Fridays

A doctor can be reached after opening via phone number 1700. For more info, visit: <http://www.hsn.is/husavik>

In case of an emergency, call 112.

Dentical Service

You need to go to Húsavík or Akureyri for dental service.

General opening hours are between 8:00 and 16:00. For appointments call (Húsavík) 464-0990.

After hours call 1700. The dentists are in the hospital building in Húsavík.

Pharmacy

Open Monday through Friday from 10:00 – 12:00, and closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Lyfja Pharmacy is located in the Health care center in Hlíðarvegur 8.

Tel: 464-0660

Useful Webpages:

www.mcc.is – Multicultural Information Center

www.skutustadahreppur.is - Skútustaðahreppur Municipality's webpage

www.asi.is - The Icelandic Confederation of Labor

www.utl.is – The Directorate of Immigration

www.skra.is - Register Iceland

www.husbot.is – Housing benefits

www.heilsuvera.is/en - Healthcare

<http://www.humanrights.is/en> - Legal counselling for immigrants free of charge.

www.vedur.is/english - Weather forecast

www.road.is – Road conditions

www.ruv.is/english, www.grapevine.is – Icelandic news

Useful Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/779161735541692>- The local page on Facebook ! Use googletranslate and you will find what is going on in the area.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1067480516667347>- Til sölu eða gefins í Mývatnssveit- For free or for sale- local page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1937627156461560>- Samferða í Mývatnssveit- Do you need a lift ?

Rauði krossinn í Þingeyjarsýslu – The Red Cross in the area

Away from home – living in Iceland

Þekkingarnet Þingeyinga – for Icelandic lessons and other courses in the area