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Den utålmodige venten på, at det bliver forår, begynder at vise sig som en uro i kroppen. Vi skal ud i naturen!

Men denne januar måned har to ansigter. I starten af måneden var det varmegrader og regn, men i de seneste par uger har dagene været præget af frost og snebyger.

Sne og is umuliggør mine cykelture, så dagens tur foregår i bil til en lille ådal tæt på byen Støvring i Himmerland. Igennem dalen løber Mastrup Bæk. Fra landevejen fører en sti tæt på bækken.

Det er snevejr og alt er hvidt. Men selve bækken fremstår grøn og frodig. Vandet i bækken er grundvand og er flere grader varmt. Det nyder dyrelivet i skoven og nede i det varme vand: Bjergvipstjerten vimser om, en flok gråænder har fødderne nede i det varme vand, og måske var det en vand-

stær, der fløj forbi nede ved træbroen. Spor i sneen viser, at rådyrene kommer ned til bækken for at drikke af det rene vand.

I paradis er der altid en slange. På vores vej igennem den lille dal kan vi identificere slangen som et ungt par, der lader deres hund løbe løst rundt. Den skræmmer alt vildt op. Hvordan kan mennesker være så tomhjernede? Ved starten på stien ligger den store landevej, der bringer støj ind over vores paradis, og oppe på bakken har planlæggerne prioriteret boliger til nogle få mennesker, så de kan få udsigt til ådalen. Dette gør de rædselsfulde bygninger synlige, når vi står hernede ved bækken.

Den lille ådal med den grønne bæk er alligevel et dejligt åndehul. Den skal helt sikkert besøges igen, når foråret bryder frem.

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The impatient wait for springtime begins to appear as a feeling of restless. We have got to go to enjoy the countryside!

But this January month has two faces. At the beginning of the month, there were temperatures above freezing and rain, but in the past few weeks the days have been marked by frost and snow showers.

The snow and the ice make my bike trips impossible, so the trip of today takes place by car to a small stream valley close to the town of Støvring in Himmerland. Mastrup Brook flows through the valley. From the road a path leads close to the stream.

It is snowy and everything is white. But the brook itself appears green and vigorous. The water of the brook is ground water. It is several degrees above freezing. The wild-life in the woods and down in the warm water benefits of the relatively warm water: The grey wagtail is busy, a flock of mallards

have their feet down in the hot water, and perhaps it was a water ouzel flying by the wooden bridge. The traces in the snow show, that the roe deer come down to the brook to drink from the clean water.

In paradise there is always a snake. On our way through the small valley we can identify the snake as a young couple, who let their dog run around freely. It scares the wild-life. How can people be so empty-headed? At the start of the path lies the large road that brings noise over our paradise, and up on the hill, the planners have prioritized housing for a few people so that they can get a view to the stream valley. This makes the horrible buildings visible, when we are walking along the brook.

Nevertheless, the small stream valley with the green brook is a lovely breathing hole. Absolutely, it must be visited again, when spring the breaks out.



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