

The autumn colours

This Saturday in September, we hiked from Nuuk to The Paradise Valley behind the mountain Quassussuaq. It is an easy hike on a track from the edge of town to the beautiful valley.

Paradise Valley is a wide valley, which is characterized by a few large rivers that create small waterfalls on their way down from the mountain Ukisissat. Down by the fiord the valley spreads out and the grassy banks of gravel along the riverbank are coveted pitches for families when they choose to take the children on a few nights in the mountains.

This weekend we choose to force the big river at the bottom of The Paradise Valley and continue up the mountain on the other side. We follow a track that shows us the path along a river. A few hundred meters up the track, the river forms a large waterfall.

It is difficult to free yourself from the sound and the view of melt water being thrown over the cliff edge and forming a waterfall of a height of ten to fifteen meters. But our goal is a mountain lake, which is located on a ledge on the hillside just north of the waterfall.

The mountain lake with a view to the characteristic Sermitsiaq Mountain and The Godthaabsfiord is one of my favourite places when I walk in the nature surrounding Nuuk. It is a small lake. The water is like in the other lakes around Nuuk completely clear and the rocks along the shore and under the water is rust-red.

The mountain lake is especially beautiful when the surroundings wear the autumn colours. The yellow-brown vegetation and the snowy, white peaks on the mountains are in a beautiful contrast to the blue fiord and the blue sky.



The mountain lake and the autumn colours, September 2001