

## Losbyelva og Neskulpen

Between Sørlihavna and Losby, the Losby River flows through a cultural landscape bordering forest forests and ravine valleys.

Before the time of the golf course, the river went in a straight line until it left the fields at Losby and began to meander in the loose sand and clay masses towards Sørlihavna and beyond. Due to the loose soil, the river water will appear brown and cloudy during the flood periods because the water contains large amounts of clay and particles. The water is not necessarily polluted, but looks cloudy.

Benthic animals, insects, crayfish and fish can do well in such biotopes if the water is not polluted for other reasons. In the Losby River, however, finds have been made that indicate that the river water is being polluted, and efforts are being made to find causes.

Not so many years ago, there was a good population of crayfish in the Losby River, and those who were lucky enough to have property down to the river could catch crayfish in pots, and year after year in such large quantities that they sold crayfish to the restaurants in Oslo. Now the population of crayfish has decreased significantly. There were also large pike in the ponds, but there are many indications that these stocks have also declined drastically. In addition to possible pollution, an evenly lower water flow can also be one of the reasons for this.

The pools in Losby River were also popular bathing places in earlier times, and many children may have learned to swim right here in "Neskulpen". Now Neskulpen is almost gone due to the work on the hiking trail along "Losbylinna", but many children who grew up in Lørenskog in the 1950s and 1960s remember Neskulpen as a nice bathing place near the primary school in Hammer.

In and along the Losby River there is a bustling bird and animal life. Mallards and females are common, and especially in the spring, the females' mating game is fascinating. The beaver lives along the entire river course, and along the riverbanks, deer and moose graze.

