



Summary report: Prosjekt Forlandet



Photo: Esther Horvath

In August 2024, Aktiv i Friluft (part of Svalbard Turn) carried out a beach cleaning project on Prins Karls Forland, an island west of Spitsbergen, Svalbard. The aim was to clear as much rubbish as we could over 2 weeks.

Prosjekt Forlandet was first organized in 2022 and was the starting point for an extensive clean-up of the coastline on the west side of Prince Karl's Forland.

Forlandet was mapped in the early 90s according to marine litter and already then registered as a critical area with high accumulation.

Aktiv i Friluft started planning in 2019, but the project was not carried out until 2022, due to the pandemic.

This year's project started on 15 August and lasted for 2 weeks. The 2 weeks were divided into 3 groups, or "tokt" as we call them.

Each trip consisted of 1 coordinator, 2 polar bear guards and 6-8 participants/beach-cleaners. Everyone who contributed to this project was local from Longyearbyen.



TOKT	DAYS	AREA	DISTANCE	WEIGHT
Tokt 1	5 days	Forlandet, Farmhamna, Kaffiøyra	Ca. 17,9 km	1510 kg
Tokt 2	4 days	Dynekilen, Forlandet, Nordøya	Ca. 10,8 km	4600 kg
Tokt 3	3 days	Forlandet, Price pynten	Ca. 11,6 km	1900 kg



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Our base was the ship MS Polar Xplorer. All the groups lived on board the ship, and our transport to and from was carried out by Svalbard Adventures. Prins Karls Forland is too far away from Longyearbyen to go there on day trips.

The reason why it has taken so long to get a cleanup project done in this area is because it is very exposed to the weather. There were several days when we did not get to clean as much as we would like because the weather was too bad.

Prosjekt Forlandet has in any case been an important and useful project and we are proud of our results.



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The project has given both us and the participants new experiences and thoughts. The areas we cleared are now empty of rubbish, but we see that a lot still needs to be done. We hope that Prins Karls Forland will be prioritized during future projects as well.

It is impressive to see how much rubbish follows the current up North. The rubbish we picked was marine waste from fishing boats, as well as rubbish from Norway, Russia and Europe.

Results from Prosjekt Forlandet 2024:

21 beach cleaners	12 days	40,3 KM	8010 KG
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