

## A Week at Solheimstulen March 2026

There were five of us (one club member) plus a Norwegian guide, Bjørn, who travelled to Solheimstulen DNT Turisthytte for a week's off-track skiing. Most of us had met at Møsstrand originally, and had gone back for a number of years but were keen to go somewhere new when Møsstrand changed hands and self-catering became a bit of a burden.

Although we didn't really know how comfortable the turisthytte was going to be we knew we weren't having to ski in, sleep in large dorms or self-cater. Solheimstulen lies at the road end in Uvdal at the eastern edge of Hardangervidda National Park. We took an eye wateringly expensive taxi from Kongsberg railway station to the door, taking about two hours. I was surprised to find there were only a few other people staying there and after a couple of days they left leaving us to be the only guests until towards the weekend. Although we had booked twin rooms we were given rooms to ourselves. And the food was good, especially after a week of powdery soup at Dalseter.

We were aiming for a week of day tours, not too challenging but hopefully with some tops. There were two main ski scooter routes up to the plateau. Once up the snow was generally firm enough to ski where we wanted. Lower down the snow hadn't consolidated making it hard going off established tracks, as was the case elsewhere in Norway this year. There were also cut tracks down the valley. Unfortunately the conditions were not always kind – it was in turn warm, windy and snowy. The wind stopped us skiing on the plateau for a couple of days and warmth led to rock hard icy tracks. But the new snow gave us a fantastic last day in the sunshine.

So we want to go back in 2027. We want to go earlier (week beginning 13 February if the Turisthytte opens then which is a little in the air) and we would welcome others. If you are interested in comfortable and relatively gentle off-track skiing and want to join us, please contact me, Sue Fuller [sue\\_fuller\\_edin@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_fuller_edin@hotmail.com)



