

### Additional information

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#### Ecosystem services of the site

##### *Social and cultural values*

The areas around Fiskumvannet Lake are lush, have a long growth season, and were probably one of the first sites in the country that were settled and cultivated. The area has been utilized and affected by humans in more than a thousand years, and several names on farms and places indicate origin from the Viking age or before.

The Fiskum old church was built around 1250. The church is situated on a small hill 15 meter above Fiskumvannet Lake and 150 meter outside the boundary of the protected area. The church is protected according to the Law Concerning the Cultural Heritage. The landscape around the church is actively managed and the church is important for the identity of the villagers of Fiskum and Darbu. The church is used for events and concerts, and as a destination for the local population and tourists. The lake has been an important transport route for people traveling to the church. The former main road between Kongsberg city and Drammen city passed by Fiskum old church. Some hundred meters away from the church, a brick-work factory was located. Today, piles of bricks are the only remains of the factory.

Fisheries have been important for the land owners around the lake throughout time, which the name gives an indication of. The last decenniums, fishing have lost its value as food source for the farmers. The landscape around Fiskumvannet Lake has been characterized by agricultural production throughout history. Within the reserve the land has mainly been used for grazing and mowing.

##### *Recreation and tourism*

There is some boat traffic on Fiskumvannet Lake, and the quantity has increased the last decenniums. Most of the traffic occurs east of the protected area between Vestfossen waterfall, Eikeren Lake and Sundhaugen. The Sundhaugen area is developed for recreation with parking lot, site for swimming and café. Public access to the bird tower is facilitated. The bird tower is mainly used by the local population and bird watchers during migration in spring and autumn, and throughout the summer. A path is established along Fiskumelva River between Darbu village and Fiskum old church and further to the outlet of Fiskumelva River. The villagers of Darbu request improved access to the lake below the church. The protected area runs close to the waterfront, and the County Governor has opened for a simple facilitation in order to improve access to the water.