

Take E39 south (towards Kristiansand).
You'll follow this road through ÅLGÅRD
(a small town of mini-roundabouts and petrol stations).

Keep going, past rivers and lakes
for another 10-15 minutes.

At the bottom of quite a long hill, there's
a village (Vikeså), with a Statoil petrol
station on the left. Turn left here, onto
road 503, past the Statoil station.

***Last services/petrol before half-hour drive to
Ørsdalen!***



Follow road 503 through village, past Joker shop on the right (it sells food, not itching powder), then
past school on left and running track on right.

Keep going, past rivers and lakes.

Ignore the turn-off to Ivesdal (see
picture, right): keep to the "main" road
towards Byrkjedal. The road narrows
after this point and there are a few blind
bends (with white sticks) and
overhanging cliffs.

Keep going, past rivers and lakes.



When the road crosses a bridge over the river at MALMEI, take the first turning on the right (signposted Stavtjørn and Ørsdalen).

*Keep going, past rivers and lakes.
Keep going, past more rivers and lakes.
Keep going, until you're fed up of rivers and lakes.*



There is a series of three short tunnels, then up a little hill and past the odd river and lake before you drive through a fourth tunnel, which is not quite as posh as the previous three.

When you emerge, take a moment to recover and enjoy the spectacular view across Ørsdalen.

Down the winding hill and to a road junction.
Turn left (signposted HOVLAND and BJORDAL).

Keep going, past a river. If you see a lake, you've gone wrong.

When you pass the churchyard (white fence) on left, you're half way. From the junction, that is, not from Sandnes.

On the right, you'll see a huge boulder, about the size of a house, which disconcertingly has rolled off the mountain at some point. **(Note that passing boulders have right of way over cars. And we mean "over".)**

Once you can see the boulder, turn left up the gravel track,
by the green post box in a white post-box stand.



*Keep going: no rivers or lakes unless it's raining hard.
We're at the top.*