Welcome to Fljótshlóð
The municipality Fljótsdalshérað was created on November 1st 2004 when the municipalities Austur-Hérað, Fella-hreppur and Norður-Hérað merged. The urban districts Egilsstaðir and Fellabær support a strong rural community with thriving agricultural areas and the smaller communities Hallormsstaður, Íðvar and Brúárás. The municipality is broad and is now the most extensive in Iceland. It is 8,884 square kilometers, and on December 1st 2009 the residents were 3465.

The centrum of Fljótsdalshérað is Egilsstaðir and Fellabær. The centrum is at crossroads and has thriven because of smooth communications by air and land. This has made a variety of business and service, both private and public, to thrive. Egilsstaðir is at main crossroads with the most trafficked intersection roads in the area.

A majority of the residents of Fljótsdalshérað is occupied with service and public service and Egilsstaðir and Fellabær have developed as a service center for the whole Middle-East coast of Iceland in the areas of transportation, trade and service. The airport in Egilsstaðir is important for the tourism. There is a diverse variety of hotels, bed-and breakfasts and restaurants in the area. Sheep and dairy farms are roughly 100 and some 85 farms are participating in afforestation projects.

The offices of the municipality

Municipal offices are situated in Egilsstaðir and Fellabær. There all information about government, management and services of the community are available.
- About decisions made by the direction, town council or committees of the municipality
- The specific matters under consideration
- About issues concerning the rights of the inhabitants
- Help to forward messages to the direction, town council and committees

The office is open weekdays 9-15

Phone hours of office employees are as follows:
At the office on weekdays 10-12
It is also possible to ask for appointments at other times, or ask an employee to call you when they have the opportunity.

In the municipality there is a health-clinic, nursing home for elderly and hospital, dentists and an animal hospital.

The school has been an important part of the community through the years. The household and craft school at Hallormsstaður has been thriving for decades. Since 1979 there is a high school in Egilsstaðir, where there are now 500 students. The East Iceland, Knowledge Network offers a variety of courses as well as distant studies at university level. Five pre-schools operate in Fljótsdalshérað, as well as four elementary schools. Music lessons are available in all four schools, administrated by three music schools.

The municipality provides a library and museum, sports center with indoor facilities, athletics ground and football course, a swimming pool, activity centers, a community center and a service center.

Hitaveita Egilsstaða og Fella supplies the town with hot and cold water.
The website of Fljótsdalshérað is www.fljotsdalsherad.is
There you can find all information about the services provided by the municipality and its institutions.

The inhabitants’ page of Fljótsdalshérað is a personal internet service that is in many respects similar to the internet banking services. It gives the residents, and others, opportunity to apply for services, monitor the handling of their matters, view their payment status, send tips and much more. The page is available to all residents of Fljótsdalshérað, as well as to others applying for it who has reached 18 years of age. You apply for access at the website of Fljótsdalshérað.

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**Transportation**

There are several flights between Egilsstaðir and Reykjavík each day, seven days a week. Flight schedules are found at www.flugfelag.is Buses are operated in connection to flights between neighbor communities.

Public transportation is free of charge in and between Fellabær and Egilsstaðir. The schedule is found at the Fljótsdalshérað web site.

Daily bus tours between Reyðarfjörður and Egilsstaðir and Fellabær are undertaken for the employees of Alcoa-Fjarðarál in connection to the work shifts of the company.

**Distances to some places from Egilsstaðir**

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In Fljótsdalshérað there are 4 primary schools, Egilsstaðaskóli, Hallormsstaðaskóli, Fellaskóli and Brúarásskóli. The schools differ and inhabitants have free choice of school for their children. Children living in the school district of the school are given priority in the school in their area. More than 340 pupils study in Egilsstaðaskóli, in Fellaskóli there are some 100 pupils, about 50 at Hallormsstaðaskóli and 40 at Brúarásskóli. Egilsstaðaskóli and Fellaskóli are situated in the urban districts on opposite sides of the Lagarfljót lake, the other schools are at Hallormsstaður and Brúarás. All schools are non-boarding schools, where the pupils go home or are driven home by bus after the schooldays.

Brúarásskóli, Brúarás
Phone: 470 0625
Fax: 470 0799
Email: bruarasskoli@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: fljotsdalsherad.is/bruarasskoli

Fellaskóli
Einheypingi 1, Fellabær
Phone: 470-0640
Fax: 471-2168
Email: fellaskoli@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: fljotsdalsherad.is/fellaskoli

Egilsstaðaskóli
Tjarnarlönd 11, Egilsstaðir
Phone: 470-0605
Fax: 470-0741
Email: egilsstadaskoli@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: fljotsdalsherad.is/egilsstadaskoli

Hallormsstaðaskóli, Hallormsstaður
Phone: 470-0630
Fax: 471-2197
Email: hallormsstadaskoli@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: fljotsdalsherad.is/hallormsstadaskoli

Pre-schools
In Fljótsdalshérað there are 5 pre-schools. Hádegishöfði, Skógarland and Tjarnarlönd are in the urban areas on both sides of Lagarfljót, Skógarland and Brúarásskóli are at Hallormsstaður and Brúarás. The schools differ due to varying teaching philosophies and different surroundings. The pre-school is the first school level for children under school age, and is not compulsory.

Leikskólíinn Brúarásì
Phone: 470 0675, 470 0678
Email: bruarasskoli@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: www.leikskolinn.is/bruaras/

Leikskólíinn Hádegishöfði
Lagarfelli15, Fellabær
Phone: 470 0670
Email: vala@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: www.leikskolinn.is/hadegishofdi/

Leikskólíinn Skógarland
Skógarlöndum 5, Egilsstaðir
Phone: 470 0660
Email: hanna@egilsstadir.is
Website: www.leikskolinn.is/skogarland/

Leikskólíinn Skógarland Hallormsstaður
Phone: 470 0675
Email: hallormsstadaskoli@fljotsdalsherad.is
Website: www.leikskolinn.is/skogarland/

Leikskólíinn Tjarnarlöndum 10 – 12, Egilsstaðir
Phone: 470 0650
Email: adalbjorg@egilsstadir.is
Website: www.leikskolinn.is/tjarnarlöndum

Music schools
Music schools are operated in Egilsstaðir, Fellabær and Brúarásskóli, and at Hallormsstaður there is a music department. The schools have specialized in different areas so the range in music education is broad.

Tónlistarskólíinn á Egilsstaðum og á Hallormsstaður
Selási 20, Egilsstaðum and in Hallormsstaðaskóli
Phone: 470 0645
Email: tonlistarskoli@egilsstadir.is
Website: http://www.fljotsdalsherad.is/tonegilsstodum/

Tónlistarskólíinn í Fellabæ
Phone: 470 0646
Email: dhifas@egilsstadir.is
Website: http://www.fljotsdalsherad.is/tonfellabae/

Tónlistarskólíinn á Brúarásskóli
Phone: 470 0628
Email: joningi@egilsstadir.is
Website: http://www.fljotsdalsherad.is/tonbruaras/
Secondary schools, adult education and studies at university level

Menntaskólinn á Egilsstöðum
Tjarnarbraut 25, Egilsstaðir
Phone: 471 2500
Website: http://www.me.is
The college in Egilsstaðir was founded in 1979. Now about 300 students enroll day school, and dozens attend distant learning. In the school there are boarding facilities for some 120 students, as well as canteen, auditorium, library and studies.

Handverks- og hússtjórnarskólinn á Hallormsstað
Hallormsstað
Phone: 471 1761
Email: hushall@ismennt.is
Website: www.hushall.is
The building housing the crafts and household school at Hallormsstaður was built in 1930 and is therefore old style, in a special and beautiful way. The school offers boarding facilities and canteen for 20-24 students. The school is a secondary school with a course based credit system, offering courses in food processing and art crafts. The studies last one semester and provides up to 30 credits.

Þekkingarnet Austurlands
Tjarnarbraut 39e, Egilsstaðir
Phone: 471 2838
Website: http://tna.is
The East Iceland Knowledge Network mediates university level studies offered by the universities in Iceland and provides services for distant studies. It also provides a variety of courses as well as advice to companies and individuals. The knowledge network has a University filial in Egilsstaðir and contributes to learning centers in some other towns at the east coast in collaboration with secondary schools and municipalities.

Social services

The social services in Fljótsdalshérað provide social and child welfare services in Fljótsdalshérað, Fljótsdal, Borgarfjörður, Dýupavogur, Vopnafjörður and Seyðisfjörður. The main service aspects are social counseling on rights, support in setting goals to achieve, and working out of personal problems or discomfort. Financial support is also offered, both in form of grants and advice in financial issues. At the social services you apply for housing subsidies and special housing benefits as well as apartments provided by social services. The social services cooperates with the schools in preventive measures regarding child raising and offers parental classes and information for parents as well as for employees in schools and pre-schools, as well as PMT courses.

The social services provide day care for elderly and transportation and home care for those in need of it. In the social center Hlymsdalir there are art craft groups, workshops and courses, or you can come there to play cards or read the newspapers over a cup of coffee.

Everyone has an obligation towards every child to contact the child protection if you suspect that the child is neglected, it suffers from harassment or violence, or it endangers its own health and development. The employees of the social services answers notifications in phone 470 0705 during office hours, emergency number 112 around the clock. The public may be anonymous to others than the social services, according to the law of child welfare.

The social services are situated at Lyngás 12, Egilsstaðir, appointments and information in phone 470 0705.
**Health care**

There is a health clinic, hospital, dentists and animal hospital in Egilsstaðir.

**The phone to the health clinic is 470 3000**
**Open on weekdays 8.00-16.00**
**Physician on duty at other times 862 1010**
**Doctors’ phone hours 9.00-10.00 and 13.00-14.00**

**Dentist**

Tannlæknastofan Egilsstöðum
Dentists
Miðgarður 13, Egilsstaðir
Phone: 471 1430

**Cultural & leisure activities**

In Fljótsdalshérað the town as well as other associations and individuals arrange a variety of cultural and other leisure activities.

**Fljótsdalshérað culture center**

The cultural center of Fljótsdalshérað plays an important role in the culture. Its role is to arrange and contribute to the promotion of art and culture in Fljótsdalshérað, particularly in performing art. The office of the culture center is in Sláturhúsið at Kaupvangur in Egilsstaðir. The website of the cultural center is www.slaturhusid.is

**Sláturhúsið**

The culture center Sláturhúsið (slaughterhouse) is in Egilsstaðir. There a variety of cultural events take place. Local artists have their workshops there, as well as galleries. Exhibitions and meetings can be held at Sláturhúsið, phone to the manager is 894 7282.

**Drama**

Performing art groups has been active at Fljótsdalshérað for decades. The drama group Leiklistarfélag Fljótsdalshéraðs has been the most active; as well there is a student’s drama group at the secondary school.

**Museums**

In the museum at Laufskógar 1 in Egilsstaðir there are three collections, the public library, the museum of east Iceland Minjasafn Austurlands and the document archive Héraðsskjalasafn Austfirðinga. These collections have in addition to ordinary exhibitions regularly offered special exhibitions and a variety of presentations and entertainment, both individually in their respective area as well as combining their efforts to offer interesting programs. The library is open on weekdays from 14.00 - 19.00, there guests have access to a computer.
Minjasafn Austurlands
Laufskógum 1, Egilsstøðum
Phone: 471 1412
Website: www.minjasafn.is

Héraðsskjalasafn Austfirðinga
Laufskógum 1, Egilsstøðum
Phone: 471 1417
Website: www.heraust.is

Bókasafn Héraðsbúa
Laufskógum 1, Egilsstøðum
sími: 470 0745
bokasafn@austurland.is

Leisure centers

In Fljótsdalshérað there are two leisure centers for school children, Afrek in Fellabær and Ný-ung in Egilsstaðir. Opening hours are advertised each autumn at the website of Fljótsdalshérað.

vegaHÚSIÐ

VegaHÚSIÐ is a cultural and information center for young people aged 16-25. vegaHÚSIÐ is situated in Sílurhúsið in Egilsstaðir. There a variety of activities are offered, as well as facilities for events. You can also get assistance in developing various ideas, in close collaboration with the cultural center in the same building.

Community centers

The municipality owns and runs four community centers in the rural area. They are Arnhólsstaðir in Skriðdal, Ílavellir at Vullir, the former primary school at Eiðar, and Hjaltalundur in Hjaltastáðapingá. At the community centers there are events connected to the surrounding area.

Hlymsdalir

A center for elderly, daytime care for elderly and the social center of the social services at Fljótsdalshérað are situated at Miðvangur 6 in Egilsstaðir. The phone is 470 0798.

Scouting

The scouting organization Héraðsbúar has in a short time created a strong association. You can get information about the activities in phone 565 0887.

Other leisure activities

In Fljótsdalshérað a number of activities offered my several clubs and associations thrive. Participating in such activities is a great way to get to know people and the society. A list of all associations and clubs is found on the website of Fljótsdalshérað. You can also get information in phone 470 0700.

Annual cultural events:

- 13th day of Christmas in Tjarnargarður
- Video and movie festival 700.is- Hreindýraland, held in March each year, website: www.700.is
- Drama festival Pjóðleikur in April every second year
- National Day of Iceland on 17th of June
- Jazz festival in Egilsstaðir in June
- The Great Forrest Day „Skógardagurinn mikli“ in June
- The major cultural happening is the yearly Ormsteiti, a festival that lasts ten days in August
- The Darkness Days „Dagar myrkurs“ throughout the East coast
- The new year is celebrated with a great bonfire and fireworks
In Fljótshérað there are four gymnasiums, in Fellabær, Brúarás, Hallormsstaður and Egilsstaðir. There is also an athletics arena, golf course, a football, basketball, volleyball and a beach volley course, a swimming pool, and facilities for equine sports, as well as walking paths.

The multi-purpose building in Fellabær

The sports facilities are 323m² and are mainly used by the primary school and pre-school for sports lessons, but during afternoons and evenings it is rented out to individuals and sport clubs.

Gymnasium in Brúarás

The sport facilities are 400 m². It is mainly used by Brúarás-skóli for sports lessons but also for sport activities and leisure time by the students of the school. Gatherings are also kept in the facilities, for example the Porrablót.

Gymnasium at Hallormsstaður

It is owned by the school at Hallormsstaður, and is used as auditorium and classroom by the school. It is 200m², and is used to sports lessons and leisure activities and gatherings. There is also a small swimming pool.

The sports center in Egilsstaðir

The indoor facilities are 1200 m² and can be divided in three parts. The second floor accommodates the gym Héraðsþrek that holds good equipment and in the basement there is a smaller room for gymnastics.

Vilhjálmsvöllur

In Egilsstaðir there is a good athletics course. The running tracks are six with artificial materials, which is also used in jumping areas. Inside the tracks there is a grass football course, and at the end of the area there is a smaller course that has been used for football practices for juniors. Next to Vilhjálmsvöllur is the house „Hettan“ where equipment is stored, and there are also dressing rooms and shower. This house is also used by the scouts as clubhouse.

Fellavöllur

The football course in Fellabær was opened in December 2007. It is a full sized course approved by Fifa and meets all requirements of competition grounds expect from audience stands. The lighting is great; it has artificial grass and is heated, and there is changing facilities. Fellavöllur is the main practicing area for the football division of Höttur.

Practicing courses

There are three football practicing courses in Fljótshérað, which were built in collaboration with the Football Association of Iceland. They are situated next to the primary school in Egilsstaðir, Brúarás and Hallormsstaður.

The swimming pool in Egilsstaðir

At the sports center there is an 25 m outdoor swimming pool, two hot pots, a children’s’ pool and a slide. During summer the pool is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.00, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30. It closes at 21.30 in the evening. In weekends it is open from 9.30 to 19.00. Opening hours during winter are shorter.
**Swimming pool at Skjöldólfsstaðir**

The pool is open only during summer from 9.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 20.00. You can get further information in phone 471 2400.

**Swimming pool at Hallormsstaður**

The pool is open during summer from 10.00 to 12.00 and 14.00-19.00 Further information in phone 471 2400.

**Equine sports**

In the area there are two stable areas. The other one is Fossgerði that accommodates about 100 horses in nice stables. There is also a paddock and other outdoor riding facilities. Fossgerði is about 4 km north of Egilsstaðir. The horse association Freyfaxi has a competition area in Stekkhólma close to Íðavellir, south of Egilsstaðir on the way to Hallormsstaður. There is a newly built riding hall. The association has been active in giving riding lessons for children and youngsters.

**Golf**

On Fljótsdalshérað there is a golf club Gólfklubbur Fljótsdalshéraðs. The golf course, Ekkjufell Course, is located in Fell north of Lagarfljót, about 3 km from Egilsstaðir and about 1 km south of Fellabær. The course has 9 holes, is 2,400 meters and is pair 35. The course has wonderful views.

**Religious activities**

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**Waste collection**

On Fljótsdalshérað there is a three barrel waste system. It emphasizes on the classification of waste from households. The aim is that the waste from residents and businesses is reused and recycled with emphasis on reduction of the waste generated.

**Football, gymnastics, athletics, basketball**

The sports club Höttur is the largest in the area. On behalf of Höttur there are flourishing sports activities for children and youngsters. Sports schools operated by Höttur teach football, gymnastics, basketball, volley ball, handball, swimming and athletics. In addition, smaller sports clubs operate in the rural areas, such as Pristurinn, Ásinn and Fram.

**Skiing**

The skiing club in Stafdal is common of Fljótsdalshérað and Seyðisfjörður. Practicing grounds is in Stafdal in Seyðisfjörður. When circumstances permit, skiing lanes are made on Fjarðarheiði and in Selskógar by the club Snæhérar.

**Motor sports**

The driving club Start has been powerful in the region and stands for annual competitions in both snowmobile in winter and “torfaera” off road driving in the summer.

**Shooting sports**

The shooting club of East Iceland is active in the area and it’s training area is in Þuriðarstaðir which is not far from the road to Mjóifjörður.
Other services

**Police**  
Lyngás 15, Egilsstaðir  
Emergencies – Police:  
Phone: 112  
Information phone: 470 2140

**District magistrate**  
Lyngás 15, Egilsstaðir  
Phone: 470 2130

**Tax office**  
Skjólvangur 2, Egilsstaðir  
Phone: 470 1300

**Directorate of labor**  
Miðás 1, Egilsstaðir  
Phone: 512 8280

**Pharmacy Lyfja**  
Kaupvangur 6, Egilsstaðir  
Phone: 471 1273

**Animal hospital**  
Tjarnarás 8, Egilsstaðum  
Phone: 471 3121

**Veterinary Dýrunn**  
Riding hall at lóavegur  
Phone: 892 9696

**Egilsstaðir airport**  
Egilsstaðarflugvöllur  
Phone: 471 1210

**Information center of East Iceland**  
Miðvangur, Egilsstaðir  
Phone: 471 2320

**Red cross**  
Héraðs- og Borgarfjarðardeild  
Miðás 1-5, Egilsstaðir  
The Red cross offers assistance and advice to new inhabitants and immigrants. The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00-14.00, phone all weekdays: 863 3616  
johannamaria@redcross.is

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