



# Kit guide 2019

## Sommermarkt Haithabu

Dear all,  
people come from far to experience our magical atmosphere at Haithabu. We love the fact that everybody feels good at the market and wants to improve the event. A main aspect, of course, is the level of authenticity. Year after year we try to improve our kit guide and thus the overall level of authenticity. As we are guests at the Viking museum of Haithabu we want to take the responsibility, of showing the audience our best interpretation of Early Medieval life in Europe, seriously. Therefore we would like you to go through our kit guide and follow a few basic rules for the market.

### General vision:

Your focus should be the **Viking time** period from around 800-1066! You don't need to reenact a Viking itself. Haithabu was a well known trading place, people from the all over the known world gathered there.

The Early Medieval world was, as far as we know, a **hierarchical** one. An individual's clothing and personal items reflected that individual's **status** and class. We therefore ask our participants to keep their appearance coherent with the intended status. In other words, no peasants with swords and no richly dressed persons without shoes.

### Clothing:

Please do use authentic Viking age clothes and shoes based on archaeological/historical sources at all times! If you are not sure about your clothing please ask us before registration! We will help you!

1. **Shoes:** strange but true, shoes have a very big impact on a person's appearance! Being in the Viking age we prefer turn shoes without thick rubber soles and/or an outside seam at the sole! Wooden shoes are only allowed to be worn at really, really bad weather.



2. Be aware, **linen**, being a plant-fibred cloth, tended to be **very difficult to dye**. Therefore we kindly encourage you to use natural linen or fine wool in hot days and avoid chemically dyed linen. Regarding your evolution we advise you the next time when choosing a fabric to keep this in mind for we will **ban chemically dyed linen from the year 2020 on** for we try to improve the market and thus the experience for the people.
3. By 2020 we would also like to **avoid all visible machine stitched seams** on clothing. Just take a needle and some nice wool or linen thread and use an afternoon to level-up!
4. Dear all, try **not wearing super visible modern underwear**. It tent to shine true your garments. Think of the bra closure on you back or in case of boxer shorts the edge shows over the edge of your trousers. How would they have solved it back then? Going commando or wear loincloths. Ladies, think about nude coloured underwear.
5. Continuing on underwear: please don't wear modern clothes like **T-shirts** and **knitted socks** underneath your clothing. This is always visible!

6. Dear Ladies, in case the temperature is rising, please don't just wear just an apron. It really looks silly and also you can do better than that! Just wear a **sleeveless dress**, then you can get rid of the bra! A sleeveless dress is even perfect to wear underneath when it gets colder again in the evening hours.
7. Dear men, please try to wear a tunic, even if it is warm, and **do not go bear chested**. If you are having tattoos, they might not be very authentic.



8. Avoid Pink, green, etc. **hair colours**. **Varnished fingernails, modern jewellery, piercings and tattoos**. If you do have an obvious-not-natural-hair-colour, please wear a headscarf.
9. **Modern Hair ties** are an absolute no-go! Every visible modern hair tie will be punished. We'll come up with something and please do not take that as a challenge ;)



10. **Spectacles** are allowed if necessary. Photochromic glasses are not allowed. We ask our participants to use contact lenses whenever possible. If contact lenses are not an option try to avoid the use of spectacles during opening hours or use modest frame. Medical equipment (such as hearing aids and insulin pumps) should be covered to greatest possible extent.
11. No **visible protection for the fighters**, same with modern gloves.
12. No **modern arrows or bows and no crossbows** – even not as selling goods.
13. Due to the era we portray and the nasty way our culture has been abused in the past we are in the focus of media and haters. Therefore it has been **forbidden to wear any fascistic and/or right winged symbols** on the market (E.G. swastika, Irminsul, sun wheel, certain runes,...) on any type of clothing, gear, jewellery, shields, goods,... Yes, even if it was found that way.

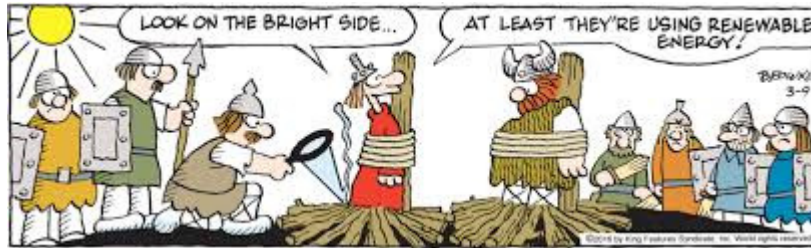


*We do reserve the right to ask to remove any clothing or gear which is not conform our kit guide or our vision. Don't worry, we are firm but fair ;)*

#### Gear:

14. It should go without saying that **no modern things** or materials should be visible at the market. Keep this kind of stuff in a closed tent. Yes, this includes your plastic water bottle and your cigarettes. Enamel pots, gas stoves, modern coffee pots, modern blankets or sleeping bag and similar things do not have a place here.
15. The shape of the **tent** has to fit in the Viking age. So please do not register any modern tents, medieval tents, pathfinder tents, tipis!

16. We don't want modern camping chairs, garden chairs, other kind of chairs, benches or tables. Even covered with a fur or blanket, it is a "not Viking" furniture... Try to avoid modern glued together boards and plywood for furniture.
17. All **daily things** like ceramic, jewellery, etc. should fit the Viking age too. Gear that doesn't fit in the Viking age context like hoods with long tails, machine-made braid or machine-made embroidery are not to be used or worn on the market.
18. Always **fill up jugs, cans etc. in advance**. There should be no modern cans or bottles in sight. You can hide the bottles in your tent. It really looks better! Please even hide bottles and cans even in the evening!
19. Please do not use **modern tools**. No scissor or nippers with a plastic handle, no modern measuring tape, pins with plastic heads, etc.



20. **Lamps and Lights:** Viking age oil lamps or tallow lamps are very welcome. Also the Oseberg bowl lamp. If possible, please try to avoid using Rawhide lamps, but please do not use lamps with glass or any kind of modern lamps.
21. Please dry your **modern towels** out of sight. Even a sand colour terrycloth behind the tent is still a modern terrycloth. Towels made of nature coloured linen are a great alternative!
22. Children wagon and **modern means of transportation** for kids are not allowed. Wheelbarrows, sack barrows and other modern means of transportation are only allowed for set up and departure.
23. Please do not use **modern leads or collars** for the dogs. Leather is fine.
24. Please do all your **shopping** outside opening hours, if possible. The supermarket close by is open from 7am to 10pm. If you HAVE to go during the opening hours, please prepare a basket or pannier to bring in your shopping goods.
25. **Photos** are always another point of discussion. We know, that very often you do see something and like to take a picture of it now. Try to stay out of sight as much as possible of much better, throw over a modern shirt and take your time to stroll around for a while, taking pictures.
26. The museums ground (also the field) is a **non-smoking** area, smoking is allowed only behind the modern building (next to the coffee machine).

### Traders

27. Everything that is for sale must be **based on historical sources** and made of materials available to the Viking age. This includes toys for kids: no double-headed axes, Late Medieval shields...
28. *We reserve the right to remove some of the goods from the assortment if they are already on the market too often and the registered stand is not operated by the manufacturer of these goods. Craft before trade.*

We are very much looking forward for an amazing event with you!

If you have any questions regarding this list, do feel free to contact us at [orga@sommermarkt-haithabu.de](mailto:orga@sommermarkt-haithabu.de) or phone 0049-175-8410689.



# FAQ / Hávamál of the market 2019

Here you'll find some information ahead, which will hopefully answer your questions. Information for everyone who is on the market for the first time: The summer market is divided into two areas. The historical houses and the meadow next to the houses. The meadow is going to be open for visitors only during the market. Just in case you get confused by the set up procedure :)

## 1. The Market

The Summer market 2019 takes place from **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> of July to Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2019**. The opening hours are the same as the museum, daily from 9am to 5pm.

### 1.2 Arrival and Departure

This year again we would like to give you the possibility to spend some more days in advance in Hedeby. Perhaps you want to visit some places or other museums nearby. You will not have the time during the market days and so you can explore the area a bit before.

Setting up starts on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> of July**, from around noon on at the field and after the closing time at 5pm at the housing area. **The last day for set up will be on Wednesday.**

**The houses** are open for visitors from 9 am to 5pm. During this time, it is not allowed to set up in this area!

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of July, is going to be the main set up day. Set up will be possible from 10 am on the meadow and from 5 pm on at the houses, both up to 11pm. Then the cars should be on the parking area.

Departure is Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of July, from 5pm on or Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> of July before 9am at the houses and until noon at the field.

### 1.2. Am I allowed to set up earlier or later then Wednesday?

**Setting up Thursday, Friday or Saturday is not possible!** Also not in the houses!

If you want to stay in the houses after the market, please organize this directly with the museum, because they are scheduling the houses during the year.

### 1.3. Arrangements

All arrangements which concern the participation in the market, please, are to be confirmed in writing. Either directly per mail to [orga@sommermarkt-haithabu.de](mailto:orga@sommermarkt-haithabu.de) or via the contact form at the website [www.sommermarkt-haithabu.de](http://www.sommermarkt-haithabu.de). Any agreements with anyone except the organizers doesn't count!

## 2. All about Cars

### 2.1. Can I bring my car to my tent?

The market area is parted into two sections, the field and the housing area. All participants who set up at the field, on request, can bring their cars right to their tents.

The participants setting up at the housing area can only drive to a certain point and have to carry their goods from there on. Of course we will let you know, where we want you to set up, so you can prepare your packing.

### 2.2. Car park / Sleeping in the car

The participants car park is about 5 min's walk away. We provide a locked field. You are welcome to sleep in your car. For your information, there is no water or toilet at the car park. Please do not use the field or bushes as a toilet. We will get in trouble.

## 3. Travel expenses / Fee

Unfortunately, the museum is not in the position to pay travel expenses or any kind of fee, but there is, however, no stall fee to pay.

## 4. Participants performance

The performance of the participants, also the trade and goods, have to be conform to the Viking age – **8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> century**. You'll find more information in the kit guide.

## 5. Sanitary / Water

There is a toilet wagon and shower for the participants. There is also a water supply at the entrance area.

## 6. Dogs

In general, dogs are not allowed on the whole event area.

The dogs of the participants can be brought in, but they have to stay on the lead the whole time during the market and please keep them a bit out of sight. The visitors are not allowed to bring in their dogs and therefore some are a bit

grumpy when they see other dogs in the area. Please leave the dogs on the lead in the evening too, the free running chickens and cows will be grateful :-)

### **7. Smoking**

In general, smoking is prohibited for everybody on the whole museum ground!

We will set up a smokers' corner for all participants. Same applies for e-smokers. Please do not smoke in your tent or hidden under the table during the opening hours, it will catch the eye or the nose of the visitors.

Take a short break at the smokers' corner, the coffee machine is over there too :-)

### **8. Fire pit / Wood**

**It is not possible to dig a fire pit!!!**

Please bring a fire bowl. If you do need fire for your craft, please make sure it is off the ground. Prepare this before, we are not able to serve you with sand or stones.

There are fire places and baking ovens to use for everybody who want to at the housing area.

We do provide wood, but maybe you'll have to chop it. Please bring an axe! And please stop hoarding wood, there is going to be enough for everybody. Really ;-)

### **9. Trash**

We do have a trash container but you should separate glass please. Please bring trash bags.

### **10. Shopping**

There is a supermarket not far away, it is possible to walk there (a bit further than the car park). There are also more supermarkets and DIY-markets around the area which are easily accessible by car. Please do not bring your shopping goods in modern plastic bags or modern packaging like beer chests. You are not allowed to drive on the field to unload your goods after Wednesday. You need to carry your shopping. Please be prepared!

### **11. Food and Drinks at the market**

Again there will be a tavern. And as in the previous years there will be the tasty self-brewed beer in the tavern for us in the evening. And there will be fresh fish on Thursday and Saturday, delivered to the harbour!

### **12. Can I sleep in a house?**

There are some Viking houses where people can stay. But we are not able to make a confirmation before we have collected all registrations. We have to take care of all shops and craftspeople and little children first.

So if you want to stay in a house, please make a comment on your registration but also note your size of the tent. And please keep in mind, the houses are open for visitors during the opening hours and are made for up to 12 people to stay in.

### **13. Is there a battle or a fighter practice?**

There will be no battle! We will have a choreographed fighting show during the opening hours. If you want to have a fighter practice in the evening, please help yourself.

Whether codex belli, international rules or whatever, this is your decision.

If one of you wants to set up a fighters workshop, please get in touch with us. We will let the participants know.

### **14. Lectures and discussion board for participants**

This year we want to hold lectures in the evening after the closing time again – From Participants for Participants. We thought about 1 lecture on Thursday and an open discussion forum on Friday where we would like to discuss some ideas and thoughts about modern re-enactment and fashion trends in the hobby and also the development of our market. Please feel free to join us! The more input we'll have the better!

If you want to hold a lecture, please let us know with your registration. We are looking forward to it!!!

### **15. Your visitors**

If you are expecting visitors, please let them know before that they have to leave at the closing time, like everybody else. No need to discuss about it on spot ;-)

### **16. Workshops for visitors**

For 3 years, our participants have offered workshops for visitors during opening hours.

This has proven very successful and is appreciated.

So if you would like to offer a workshop, please note this in the registration form. Specifications: The visitor should be able to make something with early medieval technology, which he can take home. Duration approx. 1 hour, costs incl. Material if possible not more than 15 Euros.

For all further questions please get in contact over the contact form on the website <https://www.sommermarkt-haithabu.de> or directly by mail to [orga@sommermarkt-haithabu.de](mailto:orga@sommermarkt-haithabu.de)

We are looking forward to a wonderful market with you!