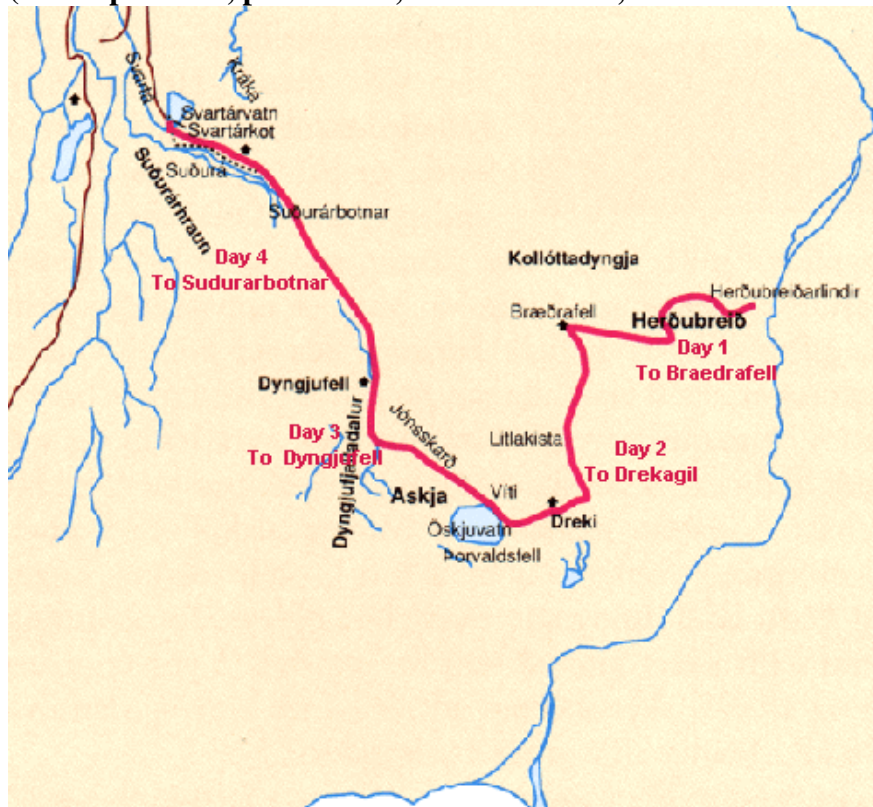


## Neděle 31. 7. Chata Botni - chata Dyngjufell, popř. až na chatu Dreki (4. den pochodu, plán 20 km, 124 km celkem; ke kráteru Viti a zpět dalších 28 km)



**Distance: 20-22 km**

**Walking time: 5-7 hrs**

**Ascent: 100 m**

Today we see the real desert leaving behind the fertile banks of the little stream that disappears into the sands in this immense lava field of Ódádahraun traverse both Pahoehoe and AA type lava. The name Ódádahraun derives from the old belief that this was the Outlaws' territory and here the common folk were not safe. We enjoy the views to the surrounding mountains; Herðubreið is to our east, up ahead the Dyngjufjöll mountains with the mysterious Askja, and in the distance the largest glacier of Europe, Vatnajökull. The whole area lies in the rain shadow of the glacier, the precipitation is minimal the whole year round. There is lack of surface water in the lava fields, bring along sufficient supplies. The vegetation becomes sparser with every foot step, soon we walk through sand and over sand polished lava fields. We reach the valley of Dyngjufjalladalur with its impressive rock formation. Here we find our hut. Drinking water can often be obtained from a small stream which flows N through the valley.

### Dyngjufjalladalur-Askja-Dreki-hut (asi nepújdeme)

**Distance: 19-20 km**

**Walking time: 8-10 hrs**

**Ascent/descent: ~500 m/ ~300 m**

We follow the moonlike Dyngjufjalladalur and climb up to Jónsskard (Jóns pass) - gateway into Askja. From the pass we get a stunning view over the vast area of the magical Askja which lies in front of us before descending into Askja proper where we follow the designated path to the Askja lake. In 1907 a couple of scientists were doing research here when they disappeared without a trace and despite a thorough search nothing was found apart from a single mitten. The common belief is that they perished on the lake. We hike to this 227 m deep lake that in fact is a separate caldera that came into being after the eruption in 1875. Just next to the lake is the explosion crater Víti (Hell) which is still filled with some warm, milky water. We walk to our mountain hut Dreki where we spend the night.