







## Reusing Ice Boxes as Nature Hides



The Ice Box Challenge highlights the importance of energy-efficient design-but what happens to the boxes afterward? Instead of discarding them, we propose a purposeful and sustainable reuse. Given the breathtaking landscapes and exceptional nature that make Dalarna and the Borlänge region unique, we saw an opportunity to enhance the local outdoor experience.

Our vision is to transform the ice boxes into **Nature Hides**-shelters for nature lovers,

wildlife observers, researchers, and photographers. Thanks to their excellent insulation, these hides offer comfort not only during warm summer days but also in the heart of winter. They provide a space for quiet observation, equipped with relevant information about the area's rich flora and fauna. Beyond wildlife observation, these shelters can serve as peaceful lunch spots for hikers and ideal locations to take in spectacular sunrises and sunsets. The design of the boxes followed the function of their repurpose. Therfore blending seamlessly with the natural surroundings, the repurposed ice boxes ensure that their afterlife continues to align with the principles of sustainability, functionality, and respect for nature.





