

## **WELCOME TO NORBERG!**



**In the northern parts of Västmanland, close to the border of Dalarna, you'll find Norberg. It is central, with large places like Västerås, Falun, Gävle and Örebro close by. It takes about three hours by car to get to Stockholm and 90 minutes by train.**

In Norberg, you can learn about many exciting things, dating back hundreds of years. In 1434, for example, Engelbrekt, a freedom fighter, gathered the people and started an uprising.

The community itself dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and was Sweden's most important source of iron ore during the 14<sup>th</sup> century and ensuing centuries. The mines and foundries characterise the community, and there are many examples of products from the iron-producing era.

In the middle Ages, Norberg became a focal point of the Bergslagen area, and an important market town. Along the Norberg River there are wooden houses dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Today Norberg is a very friendly little town with many small companys and a lot of beautiful places to visit and experience. It is situated close to nature, and you can hike in the summer and ski in the winter: downhill or cross-country.

**Elsa Andersons Konditori** is a pastry-shop housed in a beautiful, well-preserved 18<sup>th</sup> century building, managed by the third generation! You have to try "Tangotårta", their famous specialty.

**Abrahamsgården** This is a well known centre of handicrafts, located in 18<sup>th</sup> century surroundings. Pottery, glass, wood, textiles and the blacksmith's works are shown.

**The Norberg Mining Museum** Also known as Risbergs artificial shaft, the museum is housed in an old cinder-stone. Here you can step into the world of 19th century miners! You will see an old lift operated by a cable hoist, a working mine forge, a rest room, and small mine office. There is also a mineral exhibition.



**The Polhem Wheel** This is the only remaining water wheel in the area. The 15-metre overshot wheel supplied power to the mines at **Svinryggen** via a system of wooden rods and levers several kilometres long.

**Klackberg** Another intriguing mining district in Norberg. Across the mining area there are footpaths for visitors and notice-boards providing information about the history. Production at Klackberg reached its peak at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when two tall, round slag towers were built and a transport tunnel blasted out of the rock. Today, you can ramble through Storgruvans huge open-cast mines via a bridge, and a walk-through that leads to a series of old ore pockets. In the machine-room at Gröndalslaven, the old steam-compressors and hoisting gear have been retained.

**Nya Lapphyttan** Here you can see a reconstruction of the oldest known blast-furnace in Europe. Excavations have shown that the blast-furnace technique of Europe may actually have originated here. The excavation-place is situated at the edge of a peat bog, just outside Olsbenning in the Norberg mining district. The reconstruction of the blast-furnace is built in another similar place near **Karlberg** - a homestead museum. At the reconstructed blast-furnace, there have been seven attempts to make iron in the medieval way.

**Karlberg Homestead Museum** Västmanland's second-largest homestead museum features a large number of buildings from different times, such as a miner's cottage, railway station, shop, veteran-cars, a workshop and more. You can also enjoy a nice cup of coffee with home-baked bread.

**Wernergårdens Mejeri** This lovely dairy farm is situated near the small village of Karbenning. They make exquisite cheese products, and you can follow the process from the beginning to the final product.

**ENJ** This is an old railway track. During the summer, it carries tourists in an old motor-coach that dates from 1957. The railway was originally used for transporting iron ore.

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