

Fröå gruva – Fröå mine

In Fröå, copper was mined between the years 1744 and 1919. The smelteries, hammer mill, mint, reservoirs, canals and power plants that belonged to the mine were built in nearby villages. Fröå Mine was very labour-intensive and a lot of cottages were built with small plots of land on which the families grew crops and kept livestock. At one time, there were as many as 127 cottages in the Fröå and Huså mining community. There were 600 people living here in 1800. It was the largest community in the province of Jämtland!

Mining operations shut down in 1919 and people left Fröå Mine. The properties were sold or fell into disrepair and the land became a wilderness again. The last people moved out in 1971. Extensive renovation work has since taken place: The Fröå Mine Restoration Society was founded in 1984. It has renovated and reconstructed cottages and mining buildings.

In Fröå, the ground beneath your feet is riddled with a network of old mining tunnels and shafts. Paths and trails above ground lead to the cottages, pumphouse, windlass, smithy and other buildings from the time when Fröå mine was the center of copper mining in Jämtland.

You might be fascinated by the reconstructed water art, a giant waterwheel which operates a 190 meter long flatrod system connected to the pumps that keep mine shafts free of water.

There is no equivalent that operates throughout Northern Europe. This one in Fröå is in operation day and night two months each summer.



Welcome to

**FRÖÅ
GRUVA ♀**

Summer 2018

Fröå, an old mining village at the feet of Mt Åreskutan.
A wonderful place for the whole family.

A place where you can walk around on your own, enjoy delicious refreshments in Bergstugan and see the view. You can take a guided tour to see the big water wheel with the flatrod system and pumps in action.

Take E14 to Björnänge, 3 km east of Åre. Turn towards Fröå Gruva and Årebjörnen, and after 7 km you are here.

The Compound Fröå Mines will provide you a memorable stay.

In summer, 22/6 - 19/8 , open daily

Reception is open: 11:00 - 16:00, 0647-320 70

Guided tours daily at: 11:30 & 14:00

Order the guide at other times : 0647-323 98,

070-320 95 64, e-mail: info@froagruva.se

website: www.froagruva.se

Bergstugan serving is open daily: 11:00 - 16:00

And on order: 072-521 05 44

website : www.bergstuganfroa.se

Cash only at the reception, Cards can be used at Bergstugan

Summerprogram 2018

22/6: Midsummer's Eve at 12:00:

The dance around the pole is traditionally led by Acke Fahle'n

You can catch a ride with the tractors with decorated leafy carriages departing from ÅreBjörnen at 11:00.

Juice and buns are provided for the children.

Take part in the lottery and in the candy rain, sponsored by Per from Ica store in Björnänge. Music. Horse riding for the kids

Bergstugan welcomes you with food and refreshments.

9/7 - 15/7: Copper blacksmith Lennart Wadin welcomes you to the forge. He manufactures and sells unique objects, which can only be purchased at Fröå.

13/7-15/7: Local craftsmen will be at Fröå Mining Loft (Gruvvinden) and will exhibit their crafts and creations which will also be available for purchase. (Please bring some cash)

14/7 -15/7: Fröå Days, 11:00 - 16:00 Crofts and Cabins are open to the public. The Gustaf Mine, Pump House and Water Art is open and staffed. Music. Guided tours. Copper blacksmith's forge. Kolbullar and Flatbread will be baked and sold.

14/7 (about 12:00) Fröå associations chairman Anders Hedström, will hay in the old traditional way. A scythe and a rake will be used and the hay will be placed on the hay fence. Please come along and try yourself.

Flatbread is baked and sold every Saturday, 30/6-18/8, as well as Midsummer's Eve and during the Fröå Days.

(Events and times may change)

Culture & Entertainment

Three Thursday evenings in August
We welcome you to Fröå Mining Loft (Gruvvinden)
The events starts at 19:00
Lotteries and coffee with homemade bread for sale.

2 august: "Janne med kompisar"

9 august: "Rune Jonssons Trio"

16 august: "Eleanor & Vänner"

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