The path of the iron

For hundreds of years Sweden was one of the world’s leading producers of iron. Exports of bar iron had great significance for the country’s development.

Here you can follow the path of the iron from the mines at Vintjärn either to the south, to the smelting house at Äg and on to the hammer forge at Korsån, or from Vintjärn northwards, to the smelting house and hammer forge at Svartnäs.

Opening times

All the sites can be visited all year round. At Korsån there is a small exhibition about the forge, which is open in the summer.

How to get there

The distance from Svartnäs to Korsån is about 45 km. The roads are mostly dirt roads winding through the forest. Between Vintjärn and Korsån much of the road follows the course of the former railway.

Guided tours

There are some guided tours in the summer. Contact Falun Mine for up-to-date information, telephone: 023-78 20 30 on Falun tourist office, telephone: 023-830 50.

See also the websites: www.falugruva.se
www.visitfalun.se

Miscellaneous

Svartnäs has restaurants, a food store, post office, pharmacy, and filling station. These can also be found in Holms.

For more information about accommodation, food, hiking trails, bathing places, canoe rental, fishing opportunities, etc. contact Falun tourist office, telephone: 023-830 50.

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Svartnäs Ironworks
The ironworks was built up during the 1840s to process the pig iron from Åg into forgeable bar iron and finery iron. The iron was then exported to the rest of the world. The big water wheel and hammer of the forge are preserved, as is a great deal of the ironworks community.

The Vintjärn mining field
Iron ore was mined here for 250 years, from 1725 to 1978. Ore and slick were transported to Svartnäs and Åg. At Vintjärn you can see the timber shaft head from 1941 and the well-preserved miners’ home, Solgruvstugan.

Åg Ironworks
The Åg smelting house was opened in 1828 and operated successfully for 99 years. Ore and slick were processed into pig iron which was then transported to Korsån. The well-preserved smelting house is in a beautiful setting where many buildings from the ironworks era can still be seen.

Korsån Ironworks
The ironworks was founded in 1735 and operated until 1889. There was a smelting house, hammer forge, and factory. The ore from the Vintjärn mining field was processed into pig iron, bar iron, and other iron products for sale.