

Programme

Norway's National Day, 17 May, is celebrated at Sundsby, largely because Sundsby has close connections to Norway. Margareta's name-day, 20 July, is also celebrated every year. In addition to these two fixed events, several other events are arranged at Sundsby each year.

Guiding at Sundsby

Sundsby Säteri can be experienced in several ways. You can hire a digital guide and wander round at your leisure while being informed about the developments over the years. Anecdotes, music and the facts given make digital guiding a fun, interesting way of learning about the ins and outs of Sundsby. Digital guides are available from the shop. If you would prefer a traditional guided tour; these can be arranged for private groups.

Café, bakery and shops

- The café offers both hot and cold meals, refreshments and home made cakes. All the bread is made in the bakery at Sundsby and is on sale in the shop.
- Ekahagens byggnadsvårdsbutik has everything for lovers of old houses.
- The society "Bohuslän Erbjuder" is a network of local gardeners who sell their produce at Sundsby.

Meeting place

There are several meeting rooms on the property available for hire for smaller groups.



Sundsby opening times

The park and wandering trails are open all year round. For information on opening times, see the Tjörn municipal website: www.tjorn.se/sundsbyateri

Entry is free, apart from for special events.

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The Sundsby manor



There are many things, both natural and cultural, to stimulate the curious mind at Sundsby Säteri. It has a long and interesting history and is set in a beautiful natural park with several wandering trails.

Sundsby säteri

Sundsby säteri is situated on the island of Mjörn in the municipality of Tjörn in Bohuslän. The garden and surrounding park lie in a hilly, wooded landscape edged by bays. The road passing through the park still follows its medieval route. The old carp pond is 1000 'alnar' long (590 metres) and lies protected beneath a high cliff.

Sundsby Säteri has been in private hands for more than 320 years, during which time very few people have had the opportunity to visit it. In 2003 Tjörn municipality bought Sundsby from the Kungliga- och Hvitfeldtska stipendiestiftelsen and has made it available to the general public.



Painting by G. Brusewitz 1858. Margareta Huitfeldt dictates her will at Sundsby on 22 January 1664.

History

The earliest known documentation of Sundsby stems from 1388. The Green family, who were lawyers and judges, owned the property until 1625 when Margareta Huitfeldt inherited it from her grandmother on her mother's side, Gurun Green. Margareta married the royal court official, Thomas Dyre, and moved to Sundsby in 1635. They had three children, all of which died at a young age.

Margareta became a widow in 1651. She bequeathed her estate, which then consisted of Sundsby Säteri and Åby Säteri in northern Bohuslän, to a scholarship foundation which assisted young men from Bohuslän to be educated as priests. The schooling took place at the cathedral in Göteborg. This is the second largest do-

nation of land that has ever been made in Sweden. On Margareta's demise in 1683, Sundsby was leased out and for the next 320 years, until 2003, one lease superseded another.

The buildings

There have been a wide variety of buildings at Sundsby over the centuries. The main house that is described in the inventory on the death of Thomas Dyre in 1651 was destroyed by a fire in 1720. The cellars under the present house are all that remains of the original structure. A new central house was ready for occupation in 1726. This, however, was not approved of and was later demolished. New wings were built in 1773, and the building that we see today was completed in 1787.

A variety of estate offices and agricultural buildings have superseded each other over the years. In addition to the main building and the two wings, there is a magazine, toilet building, källarvinden (cellar-loft), stone magazine and gardener's accommodation.

Next to the gardener's accommodation, there is a greenhouse from 1870 housing grape vines that are over a 100 years old. A grant has been provided by the county administration board for the renovation of the greenhouse.



The exhibitions.



The park.

Archaeological research

In five years there has been ongoing archaeological excavations in the basement and around the main building. The surveys have been funded by the Royal and Hvitfeldtska Foundation. Excavations have shown that the present building stands on the remains of earlier medieval buildings. Twice the house burnt to the ground. Some of the finds are on display in the East Wing.

Sundsby trails

There are several wandering trails of varying difficulty surrounding Sundsby Säteri. The longest is 4.2 km. They lead off from the parking place at the south end of the carp pond.

All the trails pass through beautiful, varying countryside offering wonderful views along the way. There are several 'caves' formed by huge blocks of dislodged rock, and Stigfiorden national park can be seen from the top of Solklinten. Several of the trails have rest and BBQ sites.

Exhibitions

The East wing contains a cultural history exhibition on Margareta Huitfeldt and Sundsby Säteri. Pictures displayed on the computer take you through the centuries showing the changes the garden has gone through.