

Questions and answers about Taberg 343.

Why is it called Taberg 343?

We searched for a short, impactful name that people will remember. Taberg's eastern peak is exactly 343 meters above sea level. The working name Tabergsådalens vandringscenter felt long. Now only Taberg is included in the name, but it is important to know that the villages Månsarp, Norrahammar and Hovslätt are also included.

Who is behind Taberg 343?

The idea is given by Kjell Johansson, born on Åvägen in Taberg and now living in Växjö. He interested the municipality of Jönköping and Joel Säll, who works with district development, prepared an application for funds from Leader Väst. Joel and Kjell have been project managers since 2022. The Taberg Merchants' Association is the project's principal.

Tabergsgruvan, Tabergs Bergslags Hembygdsförening and volunteers have also contributed with labor and ideas.

How will Taberg 343 continue to live on?

Joel Säll leads development groups in the four vilages in our valley and there are thoughts that these could administer the continued work. Kjell and the others involved will continue the work.

What does Taberg 343 contain?

The project has worked to combine three components:

- Multiple hiking trails that start and end at the same place.
- Activities along the trails.
- Improved digital information.

A fourth important piece was to open up more of the previously closed mine tunnels inside the mountain.

What is the purpose of Taberg 343?

- To restore the Tabergsådalen to the very good tourist status the area had from the arrival of the railway in 1894 to the end of the 1960s. To increase the number of visitors from outside, including from abroad.
- To create conditions for everyone to spend more time outdoors.
- To improve information for those who wish to visit the area and for those who are already there. Have information in three languages.

How are the trails organized?

Loops differ from trails in that you start and end the hike at the same place. This solves the problem of arranging transportation back to the starting place.

The loops go in different directions and start from the station/hotel in Taberg. They have the English designations North/Norr (N), East/Öster (E), South/Söder (S) and West/Väster (W). The longer the loop in each direction, the higher the number. There are six loops to the north, with N1

being the shortest (rounding the old dam of the wool factory) and N6 being the longest (passing Dumme mosse). Initially, all six loops run along the same road, but over time they split up.

Can you walk them both clockwise and counterclockwise? Yes.

Can you start and finish at places other than Taberg? Yes.

What suitable alternative starting points with parking are there? Sjöholt, Månsarps Idrottsplats, Månsarps station, Månsarps church, Tabergs Idrottsplats (E1), Tahebadet (E2), Tabergs topp, Norrahammars bruk, Skogskyrkogården, Smedjehov, Åsabadet, Martinsgården, Hovslätts hembygdsgård, Sandseryds church, Jönköping Airport.

Can you walk part of a loop? Yes.

Are there maps? Yes, physical and digital. One is at the station in Taberg. The digital one is on this website.

Does this cost anything? No.

Do you need to book any activities along the loops? Nothing can or needs to be booked except these

- Guided tour in the mine
- Rent a canoe at Åsabadet
- Take a sauna at the Finnish Association at Mellansjön
- Rent a boat in Sjöhultasjön.

These four activities are not free.

Can you book a barbecue area? No. In the very friendly Taberg 343 we recommend that several parties can get together around a fire.

Can you book overnight stays? At Hotell Taberg and Spånhults herrgård, a reservation is required in advance. No wind shelters can currently be booked, but it is free to sleep there. If you would like to spend the night with a school class or another group, you can contact project manager Kjell. He may have other options.

Which trails are suitable for cyclists?

The Taberg River has carved out a long valley, so the area is very hilly. We have created the trails for hikers, but parts of the trails can be cycled on.

Are the trails accessible for strollers, wheelchairs and walkers? No. The area is too hilly for this. There are a total of six fully accessible trails on hard ground inside the communities. The one in Månsarp (C) and the two in Taberg (C1, C2) are opened. There will be two in Norrahammar (C1, C2) and one in Hovslätt (C). Along these there is information via QR codes just like along the loops in nature.

Do you have to hike a loop to be able to do the activity that is located on it? The idea is to hike and take a break for an activity, but you can go directly to the location of the activity and park your bike or car there.

Are there guides? Yes. Contact Kjell