

Excursion Vännfors - Brån 130611

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Two excursion “parts”: (1) Morning 130611 Vännfors; (2) Afternoon 130611 Brännland (lunch)-Brån. (1) First part visit to a forest tree breeding demonstration trial suitable for those interested in forest tree breeding and forest genetics and a place which should have been visited at least once for those who have a professional carrier connected to forest genetic. (2) The second part is more touristic and the “scientific” point is only for fundamentalistic seed orchard fans.

Description Vännfors: It is two fenced Scots pine plantation areas (planted 2001) with plots of different genetic materials. Most documentation is in Swedish. The plots have descriptions in the field. The demonstration area is managed by Skogforsk, the Skogforsk description of Vännfors is on http://www.skogforsk.se/PageFiles/57893/Vannfors_655.pdf. It is [one of several demonstration areas](#), one more – Flurkmark – is in the neighbourhood of Umeå. The idea is that the areas should be self-instructing, they can be visited without a guide. If someone wants a guided tour the contact person at Skogforsk is Bengt.Andersson@skogforsk.se. [Road description here!](#) 35 km from Umeå north of Vännfors not far from Vindelälven at the east side of the river. Driving towards Vindelån, it is on the right side where "Tavelsjöleden" meets the road (big sign and parking possibility). It is on Holmen ground. Skogforsk informs that in the late spring early summer three groups have been lectured at the site. It is visited regularly each year as a part of the education of forestry students. Autumn 2012 the responsible minister (Eskil Erlandsson) visited the site.

At the centre of the demonstration area is an area with benches (picnics possible) and suitable for discussions and descriptions, which is named “Dag Lindgren’s lecture hall”. This makes it attractive for Dag Lindgren to arrange excursions where with different visitors or family. Now I invite Forest Geneticists at the Universities to follow. I made a description close to the inauguration autumn 2010. http://www-genfys.slu.se/staff/dagl/DagMem/Lektionssal_DivInf.htm

The trial is localised at the point there a touristic hike-path “[Tavelsjöleden](#)” maintained by Umeå city crosses a road. A visit may be combined with a short walk up to a view point suitable for picnic (Torrberget). Other adjacent arranged hike paths are Vindelälvleden and Vännforsleden.

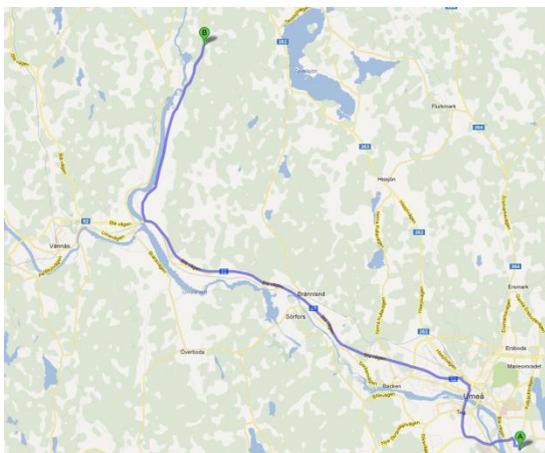


Figure 1 Road Umeå - Vännfors

Arrangements: I pick up Tomas and Irena at Ålidhem parking 130611 at 8.15, I when drive to parking outside KBC (black car TEF) and will not leave before 8.20, if anyone wants to follow. My residence is 193860 and mobile 070 3992481 (if someone wants to discuss participation, but registration is not needed and I can only take one more in my car). I promise to return latest 16, but for those following only to Vännfors, it will take much less.

The road Vännfors – E12 is along Vindelälven, a “wild untamed” river with white waters and rafting.



Figure 2. Excursion participants at “Dag Lindgrens Lektionssal” 130611. From left: Biyue Tan, Johanna Carlsson, Christoffer Johnsson, Dag Lindgren, Tomas Funda, Julia Haas, Alexis Sullivan, Irena Fundova

Program after Vännfors.

Lunch at [Brännland Vårdshus](#). “[Soldiers cottage](#)” (foundation for the Army some two hundred years ago) and formations (Giant kettles) at what remains of Ume älv.

Brån – ground for new seed orchard “[Dag Lindgren](#)” and a very mature. Note that the file gives some general information and links concerning Swedish Seed Orchards.

Time permitting stop at “[Slöjdarnas hus](#)” (handicraft). Back to Umeå.