



Torekällberget

Shops, stores and cafés:

1. Handicraft store
2. The Old Shop
3. Bakery
4. Lindbloms Café
5. Bellevue pastry shop
6. Pottery workshop

Kids' play area

Starting point for pony rides and guided tour to the animals

Car park

Toilet

Defibrillator



A trip back in time

Welcome to Torekällberget. There are around 50 relocated buildings surrounded by gardens and enclosures that contain old domestic breeds of animals that provide a picture of life in and around Södertälje in the 19th century.



Södertälje in the 1860s

A couple of thousand people lived and worked in Södertälje during the 1860s. They lived in small, low wooden houses. Between the houses there were lush gardens encased by low garden fences. The main square ("Stora torget") was alive with people and horse-drawn carriages on market days. In the backyards there were cowsheds and feeding barns. The townspeople had arable and grazing land on the outskirts of the town.

Many townspeople owned livestock and crops. They were also shopkeepers and artisans. Common professions included coppersmiths, cobblers, painters and tailors. In the town there were five tanneries and more than ten pretzel bakers. In the parishes outside the town, people lived mostly in crofts and on farms. The farmers grew crops and kept farm animals. The surplus was sold at the markets in Södertälje and Stockholm.

The Bathhouse ("Kallbadhuset") opened in 1849. Tourism was soon to play a growing role. Up until the 1870s, the Ekenberg horse-drawn carriage maker was the only factory in town. The canal was important both for tourism and commerce. When Södertälje received a railway line in 1860, it soon played a crucial role for the town.

Open 365 days a year

Free entrance, except for certain events.

COUNTRY LIFE AND ANIMALS
all year round 10 am–4 pm.

TOWN QUARTER WITH SHOPS, CAFÉS, MUSEUMS AND OLD SHOP
See website for opening hours.

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No vehicles allowed.
Grilling prohibited.
Dogs to be kept on a leash.



Buildings

On Torekällberget there are around 50 historical buildings. Many of the buildings contain historically furnished homes and workshops. You can enter some of the houses and experience the museum from the inside. Look for the green 'open' sign. Most of the courtyards have garden furniture so you might want to bring a packed lunch.



Exhibitions

Learn more about Södertälje in the 1800s at the Södertälje exhibition at Tenngjutartorget. In the exhibition "Bondens år" ("The farmer's years") you can find out more about life in the Sörmland countryside. There are also several small exhibitions in the same building as the Old Shop.



Gardens

The museum's gardens have been fashioned in the style of the 19th century gardens of Södertälje and Sörmland County. Some of the plants on Torekällberget are old varieties that have been collected from the whole area. Take a leisurely stroll around the gardens and parks or take a seat and enjoy the view.



Coffee and gifts

There are two cafés and a bakery in the town quarter. The bakery sells genuine local pretzels ("Södertäljekringlor"). In our Old Shop you can buy everything from sweets to toys, handicrafts and sheepskin rugs from the museum's own sheep. In the town quarter there is also a pottery workshop and a handicrafts store.



Animals

In Torekällberget's enclosures you may encounter a number of older domestic breeds of animals. They include sheep, cattle, poultry, pigs, ponies, rabbits and goats. These are the kinds of animals that once inhabited the area, both in the country and in town.



Fun for the kids

Lilltorpet: Play "let's pretend" games, jump on a bale of straw, listen to stories and pet the sheep in the petting pen. Open May–Sept.
Pony rides and guided tour of the animals: See noticeboards for times. *Lillboden:* Play "let's pretend" games in the kid's playroom and be creative in the arts and crafts room. Open when the Old Shop is open.