



## **Aabenraa Veteranbane**

### **History**

The club Aabenraa Veteranbane was formed in the town of Aabenraa on august 16. 1999, arising upon the remains of the club Tønder-Tinglev Veteranjernbane (TTVJ), which had been established in 1993.

In the early years of the club we owned the motor car M3, which was sold in 2005, as a greater and expensive overhaul had to be carried out in the near future.

At the same time, the use of veteran trains on the Aabenraabanen had been prohibited by the danish railway authorities due to the poor condition of the railroad track.

### **Intents**

Aabenraa Veteranbane is a railway club, and its intents are

- to spread out the knowledge of and the interest for railway operations and services
- preserve the Aabenraabanen, its buildings and surroundings

### **Vision**

Besides cycle trolley riding, our objective is the future revival of veteran train trips between Aabenraa and Rødekro.

Our plan is to make the veteran train a place of experience and joy for everybody throughout the year.

One thing we would like very much to revive is our traditional and very popular Christmas Train, especially if it could be pulled by a steam locomotive.

To make all this come true, a great deal of repair and maintenance of the railroad track must be carried out, such as replacement of quite a number of the sleepers.

### **Membership**

Should you want to support the club by becoming a member, you are very welcome.

The yearly dues are DKK 200,-. Senior citizens and young people only DKK 100,- pr. year. (A gift voucher for a 2 hour rental of a cycle trolley is included)

The dues can be paid to our bank account

KREDITBANKEN, Reg.nr. 7930, Konto nr. 1083725

Please visit our web site: [www.veteranbane.dk](http://www.veteranbane.dk)

### **The History of Aabenraabanen in brief**

Aabenraabanen was built by Schleswigsche Eisenbahn and it was opened on september 12. 1868 (about 2 years later than the easterly main railway section through Jutland).

On januar 1. 1883 the administration of Aabenra Railway was moved to Preussische Staatseisenbahn.

The services of Aabenraabanen as well as the other narrow-gauge railway sections in Sønderjylland were moved to DSB on june 17. 1920.



Aabenraabanen has a length of 6,7 kilometers, and besides the two end stations Aabenraa and Rødekro there was a halt at Rise.

The track was designed according to the German standards of the time, which used rails weighing 32,4 kilos pr. meter.

During the years there was a rather heavy traffic, both passenger traffic and goods traffic.

Aabenraabanen was among the DSB sections that kept steam locomotives running for the longest time.

Until the beginning of the sixties, steam locomotives of the type "Høje F", a variant of the "F" type equipped with a superheater, were stationed in Aabenraa.

In conjunction with the close down in 1971 of DSB's branch lines, Aabenraabanen lost its passenger traffic on May 23, 1971, and the passenger traffic was taken over by DSB's red buses.

During the last years of passenger traffic, maximum speed was limited to 75 km/h, and maximum axle load was 14 tons.

During the nineties, new railroad tracks were built, and the re-use ballast was cleaned in the harbour of Aabenraa.

The washed ballast was then brought to the place of use in open goods waggon pulled by two locomotives of type MY.

This great tractive power was necessary because the rise of Aabenraabanen is among the greatest in Denmark – only the rise in the tunnel under Storebælt is greater.

Christen Borregaard, April 2010.

## Practical Information

Booking of the cycle trolleys is done at this address:

### **BANEGÅRDEN KUNST & KULTUR**

Jernbanegade 2, 6200 Aabenraa

Cycle trolleys can be taken to **Rise Trinbræt**. This trip is approx. 5 kilometers each way.

The cycle trolley ride from Rise Trinbræt back to Aabenraa will take about 45 min.

You can park the cycle trolley at **Ulvekule**.

From there you can take a walk down to the lake **Vestersø** to enjoy the silence and the swans at the bank of the lake, or you can take a stroll around the woods of Rise-Søst.

On the map (pages 5 and 6) you will find two suggestions for nice walks.

The longer walk (**red**) will take about an hour, and the shorter (**yellow**) will take about half an hour. Both walks will lead you round the lake Vestersø, where you will find picnic tables with seats and a grill.

The cycle trolley ride from Ulvekule back to Aabenraa will take about 30 min.

### **Toilets:**

You will find a public toilet across the street about 150 meters from the gallery **BANEGÅRDEN KUNST & KULTUR** in Aabenraa.

The toilet is found to the left of the former post office.



On the map (page 5 and 6 of this document) the kiosk "Post-grillen" is shown; but the kiosk does not exist anymore.

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**Attention**

**No smoking or use of open fire on and along the track and in the woods.**  
**(Exception: The grill area at the lake Vestersø)**

**In the state forests the rules and guidelines from Naturstyrelsen (Danish Nature Agency) apply.**

**Please do not litter!**

**Do not leave any garbage (paper, cans, bottles...) in our beautiful nature!**  
**Carry it back with you, when you leave.**

**Thank you.**

**Rules for cycle trolley riding on Aabenraabanen**

**All kinds of cycle trolley riding take place at one's own risk.**

**To rent a cycle trolley you must be 18 years or older.**

**A cycle trolley may carry only 1 adult and 1 child at any time.**

The riding direction is reversed every hour (Important – must be obeyed!) On

odd hours (11-12, 13-14, 15-16 og 17-18)

the riding direction is from the east towards the west (away from Aabenraa)

On even hours (kl. 12-13, 14-15 og 16-17) the riding direction is from the west towards the east (back to Aabenraa)

1. Please check that both locking catches on the cycle trolley are engaged correctly.
2. There may be a risk of derailment when the cycle trolley is crossing points or places where some foreign body such as a stone or branch is lying on the rail.  
Please drive carefully (= slowly) over points, and remove anything lying on the rail.
3. The cycle trolley MUST be pushed across the road Toften.  
On crossing a public road the cycle trolley has the duty to give way to approaching traffic.

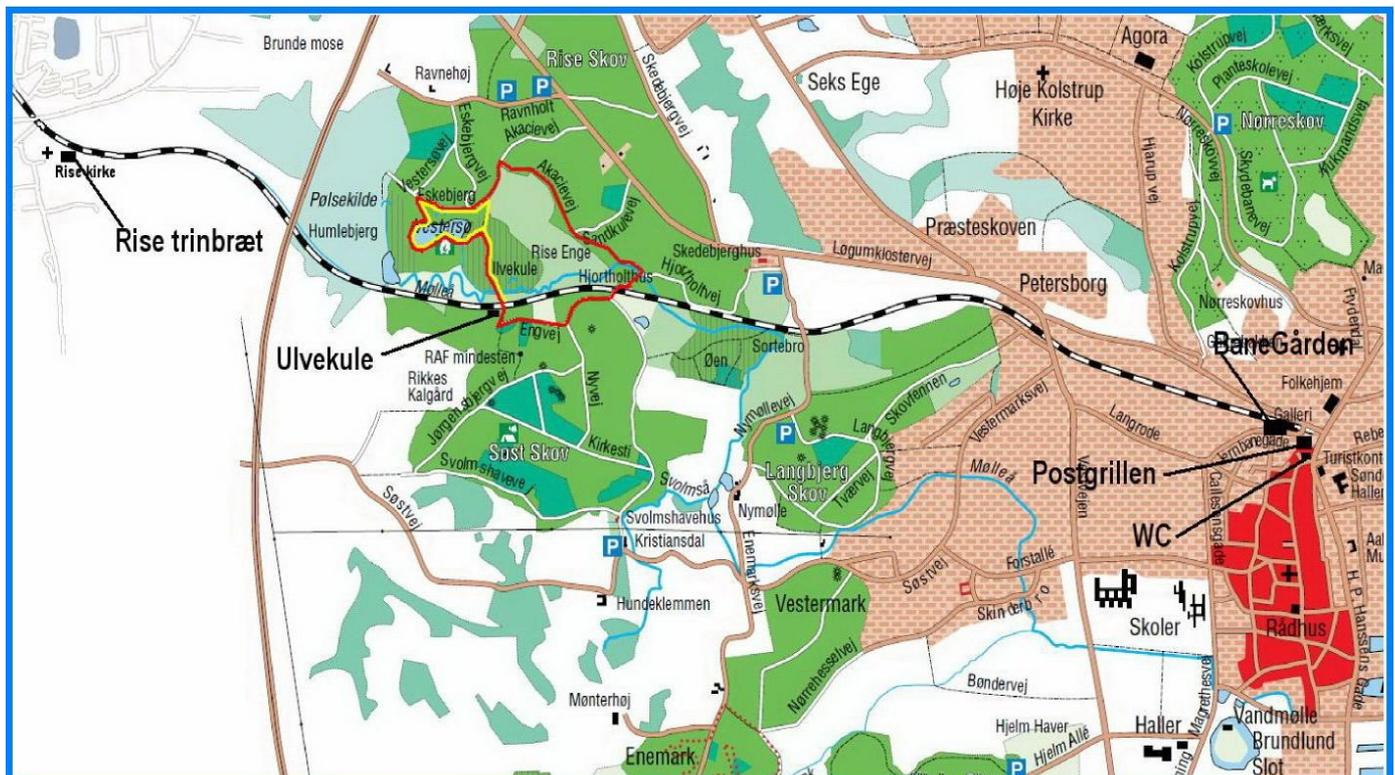


4. Please handle the barriers across the track with care, when you open and close them (they are there for your safety). Push the cycle trolley by.
5. A cycle trolley has a very poor brake!  
Please keep a distance of at least 25 meters between the cycle trolleys and give a signal (put up your hand), if you want to apply the brake.  
On approaching a barrier across the track, apply the brake in due time.
6. The sleepers may be VERY SLIPPERY! It's safer to step on the ballast between the sleepers.
7. If you make a stop for more than a few minutes, please remove the cycle trolley from the track.
8. You may use the cycle trolley parking lots at Ulvekule and Rise Trinbræt.  
Please lock up the cycle trolley if you leave it.
9. The cycle trolley has to be handed back 5 minutes before the end of the rental period. Please turn the cycle trolley around on the track so that its driving direction is towards the west (towards the road "Toften").

Please lock up the cycle trolley and hand over the keys to **BANEGÅRDEN KUNST & KULTUR**

**HAVE A NICE TRIP!**

## Map of Aabenraabanen and surroundings





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**Map in bigger format on page 6  
(better for printing)**

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