

Losbylinja

On the other side of the river, you can see some remains of Losbylinja, the foundations after a bridge where the railroad crossed the river.

Losbylinja (The Losby Line), or Losbylinna, was a 6km long railroad track between Østmorksaga (the sawmill at Østmork where the waterwheel still exists) and the Main railroad at Fjellhamar.

The track was constructed in 1861 in order to transport timber and lumber between the sawmill and the main railroad. Prior to the railroad, the timber was transported by horse and carriage, and partly by floating down the river. From 1861 to 1885 locomotives from the main railroad were used, but it became too expensive to maintain the required standard on the tracks for the locomotives, therefore horses were used to pull the carriages. Losbylinja was permitted to use the carriages from the main railroad until 1900.

In 1914 a truck powered by an engine was used. The truck had no breaks and accidents happened.

Losbylinja was discontinued in 1940/1941. The Germans removed the rails in 1944. Today very little of the railroad can be seen, apart from the pathway from Sørlihavna to Losby, and by the waterwheel it is possible to see some remains of rails if you look very closely.



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Losbylinja is shown between the two blue arrows on the picture. You are at the left arrow. The main road in the middle of the picture is Gamleveien passing Lørenskog kirke and old Hammer church.