

SETSKOG AND AURSKOG ON 12. AUGUST 2026



We first drove to Setskog.
This is Setskog church.



This is the Setskog Landhandelmuseum. The Landhanderiet (country store) was in operation until 1976. Afterwards it was turned into a museum. The museum is currently run by an association of friends. It is open every Sunday in the summer.



The stone with a large paper clip on top.



The next stop was at Binderssteinen (Paper clip stone). The stone was erected in 1999 by the Aurskog history team, Lierfoss and surrounding areas association and the Aurskog-Høland municipality at Vaaler's family farm in Lierfoss.

Below the stone is this information board. It tells the story of Johan Vaaler who received a patent for a paper clip in Germany in 1899 and in the USA in 1901. Vaaler's version was not very functional and was never put into production. During the Second World War, paper clips were used on the lapel as a sign of solidarity against the Nazis. It was banned by the Nazis. The Posten issued a stamp with a paper clip in 1999, one hundred years after Vaaler's patent was granted.



This is the commander's building.

The next stop was at Urskog fort. It was built in the years 1901-1903 because of the tension between Norway and Sweden, that could easily lead to war

On 18 September 1905, 326 men were mobilized for service at the fort. Of the 15 cannon positions, eight were covered.

There was no war, and as part of the peace agreement at the dissolution of the Union in 1905, (Karlstad settlement), all weapons were removed in 1906 and the fort was demolished.

The plant is owned and operated today by Aurskog-Høland municipality. In 2006, an association of friends was established with the aim of developing the fort as an open-air museum and cultural monument.



Up in the hill is this information board.



Here we come up to the fort.



I stand and study more signs.



I read on this sign that it is the Aurskog-Høland Rotary Club, together with the municipality of Aurskog-Høland, which has been responsible for the excavation of the fort.

They worked on this from 1980 to 2010. They have excavated approximately half the fort and have uncovered cannon positions, machine gun positions with tunnels leading to them, trenches and the large ammunition store. The county's cultural authorities do not allow further excavation so that the demolished fortress can also show its part of history.



The barracks can be seen on the right.



Here we look down from the barracks towards the commandant's residence.



At the back of the barracks.



The door to the barracks was locked.



Window at the back of the barracks.



The barracks are quite long.



Here we have passed the barracks and are looking back.



This is where the ammunition storage has been.



Here we come to the southernmost wall.
We also see a trench.



Here there was a machine gun emplacement.



There is a good view here.

The cannons that were placed here had a range of 6 km and they could thus reach Bjørkelangen.



Then we go back to the car.



This is perhaps a machine gun position.



Here we have driven on to Aursmoen.
We see Aurskog church.



The last stop was at Aur prestegård (Aur rectory).
We have parked here and are walking towards the houses.



Several buildings seen from the parking lot.



Here we approach the yard.
We see the shed on the far left.

The church and rectory have historical roots dating back to the Middle Ages, but the current buildings date from 1703 onwards. The farm was a parsonage until 1992. The rectory today consists of a priest's residence, tenant's residence, shed, barn and pig house, and is managed by Stiftelsen Aur Prestegård (The Aur Parsonage Foundation). Three of the houses are protected by the National Antiquities.



The pigs house is from 1947.



The store house has three floors. It was used as a granary in the 18th century.



The tenant house on the left from 1703 was the priest's house until the new house was built.



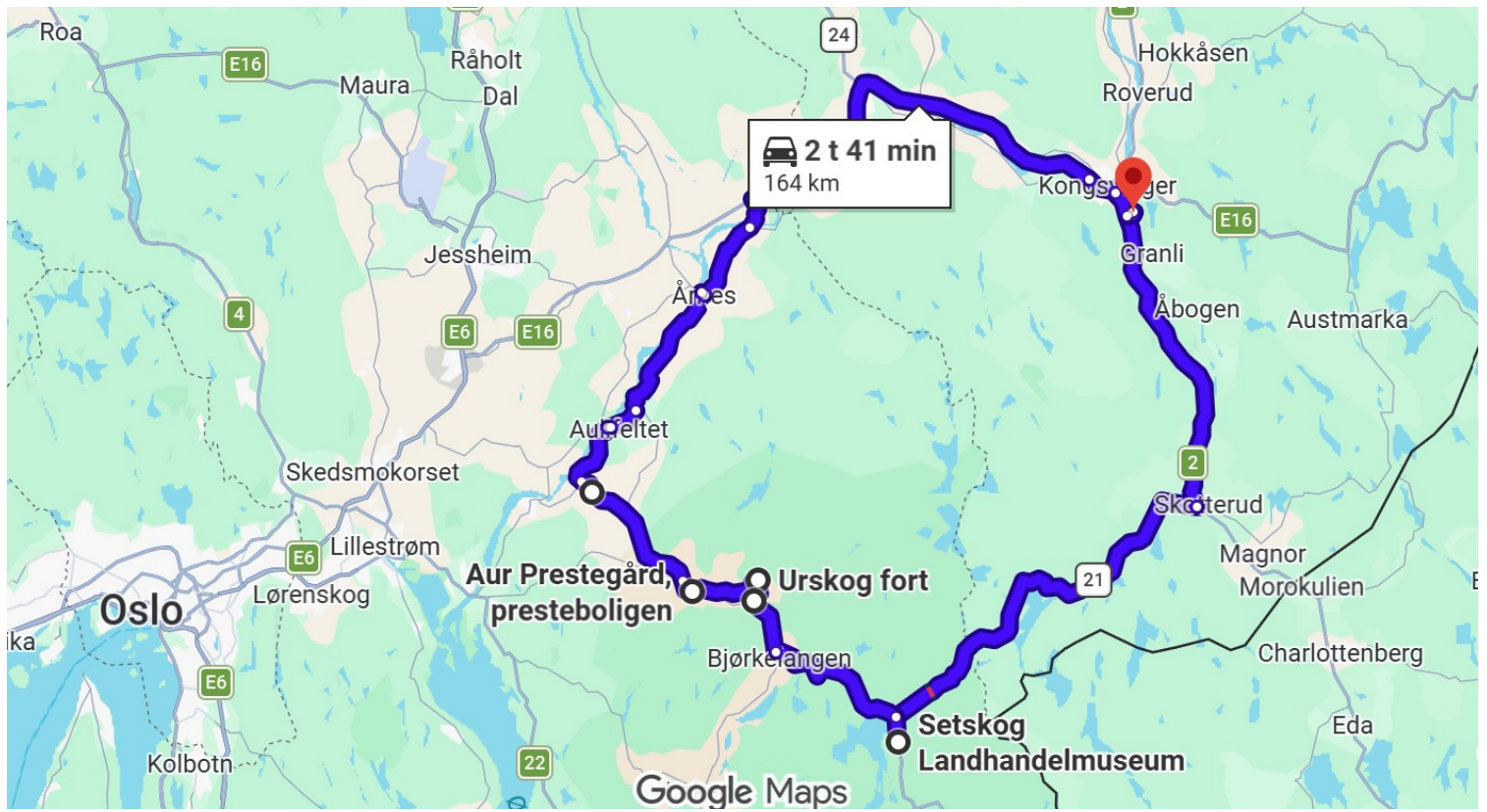
The new rectory dates from 1856.



The barn is from 1947.



Information board.



The driving route this day was like this.