

PENTECOST 2026

It was my birthday and Anne Berit found out that we were going to celebrate the day at Milepelen Hotel & Vertshus at Sand in Nord-Odal.



Here we see the hotel from the road. We see the river that flows from Lake Råsån down to Storsjøen. It is called Sollauståa.



Here is a picture from the entrance.



Tiffanie also had her birthday and we were invited to a party on May 23rd, the same day we had already booked at Milepelen. She had invited 40 people, so it was a full house. She had ordered a party tent.

We agreed that Anne Berit would bake two cakes, and that we would deliver them before we drove on to the hotel.

On the way to the hotel, a deer appeared and ran across the road right in front of the car. I didn't drive fast, but it wasn't possible to stop in time. It skidded into the front of the car and continued into a grove of trees. We had to call the Wildlife Board and report the collision. They were going to come and check if they saw anything of the deer, while we were allowed to drive on.



The front got a dent so it needs to be repaired, but I have insurance so it's fine.

We wondered for a long time why the hotel is called Milepelen (Milestone).

It comes from the fact that the author Sigurd Hoel was born and grew up in Sagstua in Nord-Odal.

One of his main works is called 'Meeting at the Milestone'.

Those who started the hotel in 1988 thought that this name must be a good fit for a meeting place for everyone in the village.

Milepelen has had several owners, but from 2001 the Nord-Odal Sanitetsforening (Sanitary association) has been the owner.



A picture from the room.

We were given a room downstairs and there was a sitting area outside with a table and chairs.



This is in the dining room.



We were kept so long at the deer collision that it was time to eat dinner when we arrived and had checked in.
I had a steak with pepper sauce, fries & fried vegetables.
Anne Berit had chicken fillet with pepper sauce, fries & sautéed vegetables.



After dinner we sat out on the terrace for a while.



In front of us we had a large lawn.



The following day we drove a little round in the neighbourhood. This is Sand Church, which is located directly south of the hotel.



On the other side of the road opposite the Church is this building. Such carvings are no longer common. It seems that it is Odal Rør who own the building now.



In the middle of a roundabout stood an alligator-like figure.



The house next door to the hotel is the old parsonage. It is Prestgarden Kulturfelleskap that owns, preserves, manages and develops the old property. Here there is a wide range of cultural activities.



View of Storsjøen.



Here we see the church from a distance.



This is the Sagstua School Museum. The school house was built in 1856. It became a museum in 1988. The writer Sigurd Hoel (1890-1960) grew up at Sagstua school.



Here we see the wind turbines at Odal Wind Power Plant. It consists of consists of 23 wind turbines on Songkjølen and 11 on Engerfjellet.

After the trip it was dinner again.
This day I had roast beef with béarnaise sauce, fries, salad & dressing.
Anne Berit had today's dinner which was beef stroganoff.
This evening there were many people eating here and the restaurant was almost full.



This is on the veranda outside the restaurant.



Here we look down towards the river and a footbridge that goes over it.



A few more photos from the area below the hotel.



Finally, a picture of the hotel from below.

After breakfast on Monday it was time to go home again,

By the way, the breakfast was quite good with a good selection on the first day when there were quite a few guests there.

On the last day, we were the only ones staying there, so it was understandable that the selection was a bit limited.
It didn't matter because we found what we needed.

The hotel was good with pleasant service and good food.
Can be recommended.