

Kirkerudkollen

Straight ahead on the other side of Losby River you see the hill Kirkerudkollen.

In a gorge in the hill, with steep mountain sides on both sides, a very special ski jump was built in 1934-1935, with an escape with a slope of 43%.

It was Fjellhamar I.L who built the hill on a voluntary basis, and if it had been fully developed it would have been a bit of a big hill by the standards of the time.

Before the war, Kirkerudkollen was still the largest hill on Romerike with the longest jump of 64.5 meters. There were annual competitions there until 1951. In this competition, the best jumper was a junior, who received the ladies' prize. He was from Eidsvold and his name was Tormod Knutsen. In 1964 he became Olympic champion in combined. The ground was then closed.

The ball and the upper part of the ground are built of stone and are well preserved. Huge masses of rock have been moved here. The scaffolding that was built was low and gave low speed to the jump. The speed could not be great either, because the ball was short and with a free fall down the steep slope, the speed increased so that some had problems stopping before the Losby River.

Not far from the intersection of Kirkerudveien there is a path that leads to the top of the hill. If you take a trip up there, you better understand what someone who lived near the hill said when he saw what the Fjellhamar boys were doing with "Now they are making a burial ground in Blåveislia"



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