THE PATH OF MEMORIES







Industrialization during the 19th century drives a longing for outdoor life among city dwellers. This will be the start of land areas with sports cabins during the first half of the 20th century. The vision is that even people with low incomes will have the opportunity to acquire a cabin for relaxation in nature. A sports cabin is intended to be used as a temporary home during leisure time. The word sports cabin begins to disappear during the 1940s and is replaced by holiday home or summer cottage. In our villages there are several plot areas; Sandvik, Hammarskogen and Norrby Udde.

Norrby Udde at the northern part of Väddöviken is one of the first land plots in the area. The land originally belonged to the farms in Norrby but was later bought up by the Agricultural Board and sold in 1964 to a small construction company.

The area, which comprised 31 hectares of land and 7 hectares of water, is being developed and expanded in stages. Today, the area contains 81 plots. Norrby Udde was intended for summer residences. However, the plots were relatively large, 2,000–2,500 square meters, and the building rights were limited to 80 plus 40 square meters. With a cash deposit of 25%, you could borrow up to 15,000 SEK for the house from Länssparbanken!

A typical sports cabin was a simple, prefabricated or self-built cabin, with facades in rustic red or dark brown wood.

It had horizontal panels or log panels and was placed on plinths. Norrby Udde has several typical sports cabins, although many are now rebuilt and modernized.

Typical of holiday home areas such as Norrby Udde and Hammarskogen are shared facilities such as a marina, swimming area, ball field and party area. The social life and togetherness are extensive and contribute to the popularity of the areas.

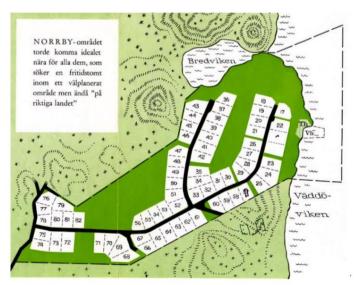


Image from a 1964 brochure. Note that Bredviken was an open bay at this time.