

Trondarnes Distriktmuseum (TD) is a regional museum for the municipalities Bjarkøy, Harstad, Kvæfjord and Skånland. TD is situated at Trondenes Historical Senter on the Trondenes peninsula near the town of Harstad. The Trondenes peninsula has been a historical center of north-norwegian culture since the Viking area.

The NORCE project however, will be concentrated to Hemmestad brygge in Kvæfjord. This is an old trading house, that was the trading center in Kvæfjord in the 19th century. The wharf area had numerous buildings by the sea: warhouses with store and postoffice, boathouses, blacksmith-house, house for drying fishing equipment, licuerceller.

The tradinghouse had good communication possibilities, first with their own ships like the Norwegian type of sailship "jekt" which sailed to Bergen and also northeast to Russia, and the



Hemmestad brygge in Kvæfjord



Nordlands-boats at Hemmestad Brygge

traditional fishingboats, "nordlandsbåt". In the second half of the 19th century, steamships started routes from south to northern Norway and made it easy to send, and order goods to and from southern Norway and Europe. Around 1900 the position as trading center declined and the activity fell down to running the store and shipsexpedition. This stopped around 1963.

Today Hemmestad brygge is a museum and a center for coastal culture. It is an arena for the museum, the local Coastlife organisation and also a schoolarena for culture, history and maritime training. It is also used for representation by the municipality.

With the NORCE project, Hemmestad brygge will get a further development as a coastal meetingplace and tourist attraction based on activity tourism by:

- better the landing conditions for use of traditional boats
- building of a traditional wooden boat
- present a guidebook for coastal heritage destinations
- present a cookbook based on local resources combined with North-Atlantics
- develop "food-hampers": a taste of the local area.



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