

# Make a visit underground!



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57.412871, 16.656899





# Welcome to the Äspö Hard Rock Laboratory !

One of the world's few underground hard rock laboratories is located on the island of Äspö, north of Oskarshamn. There you can see some world-leading research at close quarters and have a chance to experience the Swedish bedrock deep below the ground.



**SKB's assignment** is to ensure that all the radioactive waste from the Swedish nuclear power plants is managed, transported and disposed of safely. An important part of our mission also involves the future, how people and the environment can be provided with both short-term and long-term protection. To accomplish this, our largest and most important task in the future will be to build a final repository for the most radioactive waste – the spent nuclear fuel.

**At the Äspö Hard Rock Laboratory** we are conducting research and developing the technology to enable us to build and operate the future final repository. At a depth of around 500 metres underground we are

testing different technical solutions on a full scale and in a setting similar to the one that will exist in the final repository.

**The visitor's tours** begin at Urbergsentrén, the white building outside Clab, the Interim Storage Facility for Spent Nuclear Fuel. Our guides will meet you there and give you a brief presentation of SKB and the Äspö Hard Rock Laboratory. We will then travel by bus down to a depth of 420 metres in the bedrock. The tour will give you a chance to look at some of the experiments that our researchers are performing together with experts from several other countries. We will then take a lift up to ground level and the

Äspö Laboratory research village. Our tour ends with a cup of coffee in our exhibition.

**The visit is free** of charge and takes just over two hours. We recommend sturdy, comfortable shoes. For your own safety you have to be able to walk without support or assistance in the tunnel. The minimum age is 7. Please note that you have to register in advance with your personal details and that you will be asked to show an ID when you arrive.

*If you want more information or would like to book a tour, please visit [www.skb.se/upptack-underjorden](http://www.skb.se/upptack-underjorden) or call the tourist office in Oskarshamn 0491-770 72.*