

= Bjorli Station =

Bjorli Station ( Norwegian : Bjorli stasjon ) is a railway station on the Rauma Line located at Bjorli in Lesja , Norway . The station opened on 19 November 1921 and was the line 's terminus until 1923 . In addition to a station building , Bjorli had a water tower , roundhouse , turntable and a restaurant seating 700 people , the latter which was bombed to pieces in 1940 . The station is served by Norwegian State Railways ( NSB ) trains four times per day per direction . In the summer , the station is the terminus of a tourist services from Åndalsnes .

= = History = =

Construction of the station started in 1918 and was finished in 1921 . The station , excluding its water tower and restaurant , cost 117 @, @ 062 Norwegian krone ( NOK ) to build and took 26 @, @ 883 man @-@ hours . The station and axillary buildings were designed by Gudmund Hoel of NSB Arkitektkontor . The station opened with the first part of the Rauma Line on 19 November 1921 . It remained the terminus until 25 November 1923 , when the next section , to Verma Station , opened .

The station is located in a wide , flat terrain , so getting sufficient pressure to supply water for the steam locomotives would be very expensive . Instead , a water tower was built at the station , with water pumped from the river Rauma . The pump is located 140 meters ( 460 ft ) from the tower , with the water intake being another 50 meters ( 160 ft ) from the pump . The water tower was built in natural stone brick and is square . After the steam locomotive services ended , was used as a storage facility . The tower cost NOK 103 @, @ 795 to build . The station also received a turntable , which cost NOK 101 @, @ 236 , which had a 20 @-@ meter ( 66 ft ) diameter . Although it was planned completed on 1 August 1921 , construction was delayed and it was taken into use one month after the station opened . Bjorli had a temporary roundhouse while the station was the terminus . Built out of wood , the building cost NOK 30 @, @ 373 .

On 1 July 1927 , a separate restaurant building with place for 700 diners opened . Open only during summer until September , it was aimed at cruise ship tourists who took the line from Åndalsnes to Bjorli . Operated by Norsk Spisevognselskap , it was highly profitable . However , during the German occupation of Norway in 1940 , the building was bombed and burnt down , and was never rebuilt .

= = Facilities = =

The station building is owned by Rom Eiendom , a subsidiary of NSB , while the tracks and infrastructure are owned and operated by the Norwegian National Rail Administration . The station building is unstaffed , but the waiting room is open from 07 : 00 to 22 : 00 . The line lacks centralized traffic control , so the station must be manned for trains to pass . The station has three tracks : two which are used for trains to pass and one which is designed for loading , and has an effective length of 75 meters ( 246 ft ) . The station has ten parking spaces but lacks ticket vending machines . The station is 575 meters ( 1 @, @ 886 ft ) above mean sea level and located 57 kilometers ( 35 mi ) from both Dombås and Åndalsnes , and 400 kilometers ( 250 mi ) from Oslo . It is located in the village of Bjorli in Lesja , that serves as an Alpine skiing center .

= = Service = =

The Norwegian State Railways operates passenger train services on the line . Using Class 93 trains , they operate four services in each direction per day . During the summer , from June through August , NSB operates the trains as tourist trains , limiting the service from Åndalsnes to Bjorli .