

= Sandefjord Airport Station =

Sandefjord Airport Station (Norwegian : Sandefjord lufthavn stasjon) , also known as Torp Station (Torp stasjon) , is on the Vestfold Line in Sandefjord , Norway . It is served with regional trains operated by the Norwegian State Railways (NSB) . Located close to Sandefjord Airport , Torp , the station is served by a free four @-@ minute shuttle bus service from the station to the airport . The trains operate northwards via towns in Vestfold to Drammen and Oslo and onwards via Oslo Airport , Gardermoen to towns in Hedmark and Oppland . Southwards , the trains serve Sandefjord , Larvik and Grenland .

The station opened as Raastad , later Råstad , in 1881 . It had a single building , designed by Balthazar Lange . It was upgraded with a passing loop in 1910 , but this was removed in 1971 , and the station was closed in 1978 . In 2008 , the station reopened to serve the airport . The station is owned by the Norwegian National Rail Administration .

= = Service = =

Torp Station 's primary function is to serve as an airport rail link for Sandefjord Airport . The station is served by regional trains that operate northwards via towns such as Tønsberg , Holmestrand and Drammen to Oslo Central Station and onwards via Oslo Airport to Hamar and Lillehammer , calling at several other smaller stations . Southwards , the trains serve Sandefjord , Larvik , Porsgrunn and Skien . Travel time to Oslo is 1 hour and 48 minutes , and to Oslo Airport it is 2 hours 23 minutes .

The station is equipped with a shed , but no other amenities , and also lacks a ticket machine . The platform (but not necessarily the train) is wheelchair accessible . There are about ten parking spaces at the station . A shuttle bus corresponds to all trains during the opening hours of the airport , and a bus trip takes four minutes to the airport terminal . The shuttle bus leaves the airport ten minutes before each train 's scheduled departure . The bus is operated by NSB , and is included in the price of the train ticket . There are 42 bus departures each day . The train supplements a coach service , Torp Expressen operated by UniBuss , to Oslo , and a local bus service to Sandefjord , operated by Vestviken Kollektivtrafikk .

= = History = =

The station was originally named Raastad , and opened as part of the Vestfold Line on 7 December 1881 . It was located in the former municipality of Sandar , that was also served by Jåstad Station . Raastad was equipped with a wooden station building designed by Balthazar Lange , and cargo expedition . There was initially only one track , but on 1 July 1910 , a passing loop was installed at the station , allowing trains to pass . The station was renamed Råstad in April 1921 . In 1969 ? 70 the passing loop was extended , but already on 15 September 1971 it was disabled , and subsequently removed , with the automation of the signaling . The station became unmanned on 1 October 1971 and was closed on 28 May 1978 . The following day , the new InterCity Express services started on the Vestfold Line .

Sandefjord Airport experienced a rapid growth as an airport for low @-@ cost carriers serving Eastern Norway since the late 1990s . Along with the success of the Airport Express Train that connects Oslo with Oslo Airport , Gardermoen , and the decision to provide a shuttle service to the competing Moss Airport , Rygge from Rygge Station , local politicians took initiative to open a dedicated stop for the airport . During the planning of high @-@ speed upgrade of the line , plans called to move the line to create a station integrated in the airport terminal , as had been done with Oslo Airport Station and Trondheim Airport Station . However , as the construction of a new Vestfold Line was put on hold , an intermediate solution was found to reopen Råstad Station , and offer a shuttle bus to the airport . On 16 May 2007 , Vestfold County Municipality announced that they would forward the investment costs of NOK 7 million for the new station , with a payback from the National Rail Administration by 2012 . The latter would build , own and operate the station . The station opened on 21 January 2008 , and the new platform is located on the east side of the tracks .

The old station building , location in the west side , has been converted into a museum . During the first year , 80 @,@ 000 passengers used the station , sufficient to make the NOK 4 @.@ 5 million used by NSB on the shuttle bus profitable .