11. Rector's farmhouse
The official residence of the rector and his family, and later, of the church sexton. Today it is privately owned.

12. Vallin farmhouse
The house has been used as a residence for church staff but is today privately owned.

13. Paul Eriksson museum
The museum opened in 2013 and has works by local artist Paul Eriksson, who donated most of his 300 pieces to Söderbärke parish. About 80 of them, mainly wooden sculptures, are now displayed in the permanent exhibition.

14. Vicarage
Originally a farmhouse with adjoining outbuildings, the farm was built at the end of the 19th century with foundation stones from an old courtsite north of the church. An inn for some time, it became a vicarage in the 1950's. Today there is a weaving house in the west wing.

15. The old fire station
As of 1926, the building was used as a fire station. However, the hose tower has been demolished.

16. Hagudden point
Scenic area with facilities for swimming and open-air activities. The Söderbärke folklore society holds its traditional midsummer celebrations here.

17. Erikadalen valley
Sandy clay was transported from the valley to brick yards such as Kvarnsnäs. One of the village's shipyards that built canal boats was located here, and was in operation until the turn of the last century.

18. Houses
Söderbärke's post office between 1940 and 1960.

19. The church school
Söderbärke church school, which opened in 1939.

20. Jaktudden point
Location of one of the village's shipyards that built yachts for the Strömsholm canal. When not on the canal, the bargemen worked at the shipyard.



From the left: Old municipal hall, homestead, Vallin farmhouse, vicarage (partially obscured), bell-ringer's dwellings, parish house and church.

Söderbärke folklore society
Founded in 1925, the society works to preserve the region's cultural history. It owns Söderbärke homestead, also called the Baggström farm, and strives to increase cultural tourism, develop the local area and strengthen its community.

Would you like to join in?
Welcome to sponsor the society, or become an active member. Pay the annual fee of 100 SEK, either by bank transfer (bankgiro 815-0435) or Swish (123 62 763 98). Remember to include your name and email address!

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View from Söderbärke church tower. The rector's farmhouse is in the foreground, and the homestead and municipal hall are further to the left. The dairy is to the far right.

1. Kolhusudden point
Larsbo works' coal sheds, located on the point, were used to store coal from the charcoal stacks, awaiting transport to other works.

2. Old municipal hall
Söderbärke was its own municipality until 1973, and this was the municipal hall. The building has also housed homes, shop premises and a public library. Today it is a private residence.

3. Söderbärke homestead
The old mining farm was acquired in the 1950's by Söderbärke folklore society, which is responsible for its upkeep. The farmhouse was built in 1800. Of the outbuildings, the bakery/brewery from the 18th century remains, as well as a woodshed/granary and a shed with outside access to the loft. To the south of the farm (now a parking lot) there used to be a barn. The café in the bakery is open during summer, and local handicrafts are sold in the granary.

4. Dairy
The building from 1876 has housed a dairy, shop premises, agricultural bank, police station, custody suite, fire station, chimney sweep chamber and school kitchen. The cells of the custody suite remain. Part of the building is still used by the municipality and the rest is residential.

5. Church stable
The church stable would accommodate the churchgoers' horses. Today, the stable is used during the early service on snowy Christmas days.

6. Boat house
Söderbärke church-boat association has two newly built boats, used for activities such as rowing races on Lake Barken.

7. Bell-ringer's dwellings
Former residence for the parish bell ringer. Parish meetings were also held here. The old tables and chairs can be found at the homestead. Today, the building is privately owned.

8. Parish house
Söderbärke church school was located here until 1939 when the new school was built. Today, the parish house is used for various activities. The parish office is located in the new extension.

9. Ehrenheim cemetery chapel
The cemetery chapel is named after the Ehrenheim family, which owned Malingsbo works.

10. Söderbärke church
Söderbärke got its first church – a simple wooden chapel – in the 12th century. In the middle of the 14th century, the medieval stone church was built. In connection with the flourishing of the ironworks in the beginning of the 18th century, the church was extended and given its current appearance.

The construction of the church is well documented, the parishioners contributing to the work in different ways. Among the most generous contributors were the Ehrenheim and Tersmeden families, owners of Malingbo and Larsbo works respectively.