

‘Laisvik Tracks’ Provides Test Tracks and a Moose

The importance of winter testing in Arjeplog and Arvidsjaur cannot be emphasized enough. The vehicle and component industry is providing job opportunities even in the smallest of villages.

In the little village of Laisvik some 40 km north of Arjeplog, Micke Wiklund and his sambo Tina Lundqvist have been providing test tracks on Lake Hornavan for events and test companies for some years.

Doctor Volker von Meissner from Germany has based his driving school in Laisvik for many years. He is very happy with the service they provide.

Not only do Tina and Micke make good ice tracks, but they also provide unusual services like a resident moose that you can meet.

“We feed the moose the whole winter, so that they will stay”, says Micke, whose real name is Mikael, though no one calls him that.

This year they have finished building a new garage for their customers. They can now provide full service for smaller groups of car testers and others who are looking for good tracks in a secluded area with beautiful surroundings.

Laisvik has no more than a handful of people and the name comes from the Lappish word for clay and the Swedish word for bay.

The ‘Bay of Clay’ was a brick-making centre in former days. In the 80’s there was an attempt to start a modern clay industry, but it failed and now there is an empty factory by the road to Laisvik.



Micke and Tina are walking their dog Sune on Lake Hornavan. In the background you can see most of the northern part of Laisvik.



Dr von Meissner enjoying driving on the ice tracks in Laisvik.

