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The Swedish Archives

2. Arninge Microfiche Center

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The Arninge Microfiche Research Center is a branch of the Swedish National Archives, and is situated in Täby, just north of Stockholm.

The huge building is also a repository for several paper archives from defunct governmental agencies, but also the consular archives from the Foreign Office (*Utrikesdepartementet*), and many other interesting documents.

However, for the genealogist it is the microfiche room that is of interest. Here there are copies of all church records for the whole country available up to ca. 1895. There are also documents relating to emigration, like the lists from the Central Bureau of Statistics. Also computers with genealogical CDs are available.

The microfiche reading room has 60 machines, and the entrance is free. However, there is a great interest in using this facility, so readers may sometimes only have the use of a machine for 3½ hours, if others are waiting.

The microfiche are placed in envelopes in huge cabinets, and you are only allowed to look at one envelope at a time. When the staff directs you to a free reader, you will also get a disc with the machine's number. When you take out an envelope, you put your numbered disc in the place of the envelope, which makes it easier to put it back correctly. There are good catalogs to help you find the right fiche. The LDS film numbers are not used in Sweden, so you need to know the time periods you are looking for. There are outlets so you can use your laptop.

There are vending machines for coffee and snacks in the building, and restaurants within walking distance.

The staff is friendly and helpful, and understands English.



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Opening hours: Mon 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday 9 p.m.- 1 a.m. ***In the summer*** (June 1 – August 31) the reading rooms close at 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, and remain closed all day Saturdays.

Means of transportation: Bus 629 from underground station Danderyds sjukhus or Mörby Centrum to bus stop Måttbandsvägen in Arninge. Time tables and maps are available through the local public transport company, <http://www.sl.se/english/>

