



The watercourse sections where timber chutes were constructed but where timber rafting concluded before the use of dynamite and excavation machinery, are usually quite pristine today as they are relatively unaffected.

## Timber chutes

### Timber chutes- older remains

Timber chutes were a way to efficiently navigate logs past sections of watercourses where it was challenging to float them. Usually, you find timber chutes at waterfalls, where the watercourse flows slowly and meanders, especially where there are large boulders, as is the case here.

Constructing timber chutes was time-consuming and expensive; moreover, they required significant maintenance. With the advent of new technologies such as dynamite and excavation machinery, it simply became cheaper to blast apart rocks and stones than to maintain the old timber chutes. For this reason, timber chutes are often considered an older part of the timber floating route.



Chute in the Agnelån river approximately 400 meters downstream from Gråssjön. The photo is taken in the early 1970's.



### Agnelåns timber chutes

When you lift your gaze from this sign, you can see the traces of one of Agnelån's timber chutes. A hundred years ago, these remnants were an imposingly timbered chute; today, the traces of it are almost entirely gone. Often, the remnants of the chutes can be seen in the form of corridors of "stave spruce," that is, small spruces growing on top of the remnants of the chute. Here, we have cleared a corridor around the old chute so that you can more easily see where the chute was located.