



## Malmö model railway club - 4: Wilseleda

*Ola Ahlström* guides us around the next section of this extensive Swedish HO layout.

Wilseleda is the interchange between the Malmhamn - Mällösa Jernvägs (MMJ), an independent standard gauge cross-country light railway, and the Wilseleda - Bäara Jernväg (WBJ), a narrow gauge (891mm, three Swedish feet) feeder line.

**Above:** at the platform is a three-car train consisting of two YCo6 class railcars with a trailer in between. The models were made from kits by Entec and Rimbo Grande. Two transporter wagons await loading.

**Right:** the small local hotel and restaurant behind the station was built from the old Heljan 'Mariefred' station kit. In the foreground are two of the very common four-wheel NN3 class flat wagons with side stakes. This vehicle has been available both as a brass kit and as a plastic kit.

**Above right:** the W2 class loco assembling a mixed train was made from a kit by Perl; the standard gauge stock is mostly from kits by Perl, UGJ, and SMJ. The class Z3 diesel shunter in the foreground is another Perl kit.

**Far right:** looking along the station, with the transfer facilities on the right.







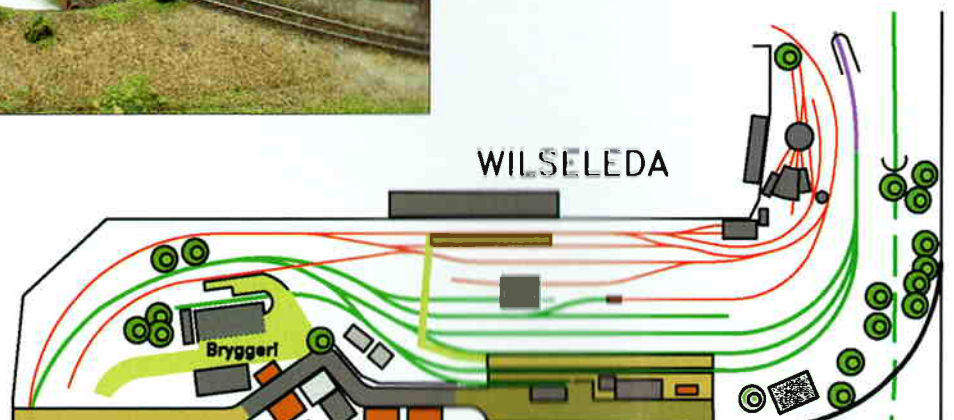
*Above right: Wilseleda station with the narrow gauge tracks and platform on the left and the standard gauge station on the right. In between is the shed where freight is transferred between the wagons of different gauges.*

*Right: a closer view of the narrow gauge part of Wilseleda station. The narrow gauge stock is mainly from kits by Rimbo Grande. The standard gauge YCo4 class railcar in centre was also built from a kit by Rimbo Grande.*



*Top: the narrow gauge loco depot at Wilseleda. The roundhouse was scratchbuilt. This part of the layout was recently rebuilt as it previously only had a simple wooden barn. The steam engine on the turntable is a kit from Jeco/Rimbo Grande.*

*Above: to be able to construct a turntable in the rather limited area available, the solution chosen was to build one of the type used at Västervik - note how one of the access tracks actually goes across the pit.*







*Above: the farmers' warehouse at Wilseleda, a Pliko kit modified into a Swedish version. Also seen are some of the handbuilt crossings of the standard and narrow gauges. The steam loco is the Lillput Swiss 'Tigerli' 0-6-0T as a Swedish class K24 'look-alike' here carrying the markings of No.5 from the fictional Malmhamn - Mållösa Järnväg. The wagons are kits from VVA, unfortunately no longer in production. The line on the right is the narrow gauge 'main line' going on to Törkemalå.*



*Left: part of the town of Wilseleda. The buildings are either scratchbuilt or made from kits of German origin that have some resemblance to houses in southern Sweden which we have been able to use as a basis.*

Right: a class YCo1p railcar and trailer on the narrow gauge line from Wilsaleda to Törkemalå. This type of railcar was more commonly known as the 'Hilding Carlsson' class after the designer and the company that constructed them. The models are from Rimbo Grande.

Below: the railcar and trailer pause at a way-side halt, typical of those serving small rural communities along the line. This is another section of the layout where we have tried to let the landscape dominate the railways. Behind the village church a tree-lined avenue leads to the windmill.

Below right: the long building next to the standard gauge line is a shed used to store steam or diesel engines belonging to the military strategic reserve. Right up until the mid-1990s there were more than a hundred standard gauge steam engines hidden in store like this but now most are gone. Note that the point for the siding has been removed.

Bottom right: the hydro-electric plant next to the standard gauge line, which goes on to skirt the reservoir.

