

# Starting point



Join us on our journey from the closed artillery regiment to the inviting green public space

Östersund was once strongly marked by its four regiments. Since the beginning of the new millennium all regiments have been closed and the city is now constantly growing by taking these formerly closed wedges in use. Remonthagen was, as the name suggests, a place where the artillery regiment A4 kept their remonthorses. Today it is a green lung in the city. Östersund is positioned in central Sweden and it displays a large difference between seasons, long light summer nights and short winter days. There can be snow from november to april and it influences people how they perceive the light conditions outdoors. In winter, the presence of artificial light is a prerequisite for the use of public spaces. Remonthagen is a relatively well defined room, but since the loss of reference points in the dark has been difficult to read the room. After nightfall Remonthagen was experienced unsafe, unsecure and inaccessible since there was a lack of lighting and orientation aids.

*"Lack of hours of daylight  
and lack of lighting"*

*"Unsecure, inaccessible  
and unsafe"*