

Welcome to Gerlevparken

The state of affairs among the roses in Gerlevparken.

Dear Guests, when wandering among the roses please bear in mind that this is a garden under reconstruction. Due to lack of funding during the economic crisis from 2008, the maintenance of the garden was kept to a bare minimum for several years. As a result of this neglect nature took its course, weeds grew high and mighty, suckers and root shootings thrived, and many roses died or became sickly.

In 2013 a joint initiative between local rose enthusiasts, the owner of the park Fonden for Træer og Miljø, The Danish Rose Society and Løve Rose Nursery established the volunteer group "Friends of the park in Gerlev". All maintenance of the roses, hedges and grass is seen to by the friends, at present amounting to some 30 active local rose enthusiasts and garden lovers.

During five seasons of growth we have tended to the task of reconstructing and reestablishing the rosebeds in the collection of historic roses. Løve Rose Nursery has all along been our rose consultant and has helped us recatalogize and identify misplaced or missing roses and create individual care and maintenance plans for each group of roses. Some 400 new roses have been planted in the Valdemar Pedersen collection. Especially the remontant group had lost almost half of its roses, now most of them, but not all, have been replaced. In the middle axis two large beds of unique botanic roses had succumbed completely to suckers, a mighty sight indeed (!) albeit not the desired one. All the roses have been removed along with soil and replaced by new specimens. In 2016 a new pergola was created and climbers planted at the uprights. Also in the Poulsen collection almost 1400 new roses have replaced missing specimens and in both collections new plant labels have been put in.

However, many tasks still remain, and work is still in progress.

So, dear guest, we have done our very best to get the roses in shape for your visit. But as the garden is still "a work area," please turn a kind eye to its shortcomings and enjoy the beauty of the roses.