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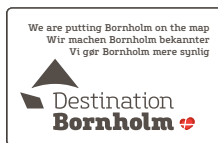
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# Bornholm has it all and much more...

Sunshine Island, Pearl of the Baltic, Denmark's Mallorca, the endearing names are many. But if you haven't experienced Bornholm on two wheels, you are really missing out! There is something to suit each individual temperament and taste. Whether you prefer long, flat stretches, steep ascents, muddy forest trails, Bornholm actually has it all.

I work as a bicycle mechanic, and I spend most of my time on my two-wheeler, since my form has to be in peak condition for cycling with Team Rynkeby to Paris this summer.

If you are looking for an experience in varied terrain, you can choose to cycle around the whole island. A gorgeous cycling path follows the coastline all around the island, and this is where you can sample a little of all the different elements Bornholm has to offer cycling enthusiasts. You get the long, straight stretches in Bornholm's southeast, with fields as far as your eye can see. On northern Bornholm, you will encounter manageable ascents amidst beautiful rock formations, close by the water. Enjoy your pitstops and breaks in the picturesque harbour towns and small fishing villages all around Bornholm, where you will also be able to enjoy your lunch.

If you prefer challenging ascents and hairpin curves that get your heart rate throbbing, you should swing by Vang. Take the trail to the bottom of the granite quarry, enjoy the view from the Vang pier while you catch your breath before taking the trail back up. Your legs are sure to feel the lactic acid and your heart will be pounding as long as your strength lasts. If you haven't had enough hills for one day, you can continue on the cycling path from Vang toward Allinge. This will lead you through two beautiful granite quarries. If your strength still holds up, you can finish with a trip up to Hammer Fyr, a lighthouse. This ascent is again likely to get your pulse up since that's the only direction, up, up and up. But then fortunately there is a descent after enjoying a stunning view of the Baltic Sea and the distant Swedish coastline.



Another experience that you shouldn't miss is a trip to the centre of the island, to Bornholm's quiet and serene natural beauty. Here I am particularly fond of a ride through Kleven, a flat route from Klemmenser to Rø, which the whole family can enjoy. It was originally an old railroad that was blasted through the rock, which explains the origin of the name Kleven, i.e., cleft. Here you will first past Spellinge moor, which is a beautiful wetland area. Then the forest closes in on itself, where high rocks greet you with the sound of purling brooks. All the bulging green patches and idyll make the area a little fairy-tale realm unto itself.

No matter which type of terrain you are looking to explore, Bornholm offers it all. You just have to jump on your bike and pedal. When I'm not in the mood for athletic challenges and high heart rates on my outings, I invite my family to a big ice cream in the nearest town.

See you on Bornholm.

Regards, Dennis, Aksel and Luca

# How to use this guide

Bornholm has more than 230 kilometres of signposted cycling routes winding their way across the length and breadth of the island – through woods, along coasts, down small country roads and, usually, far from motorised traffic.

All cycling routes on Bornholm are signposted with green signs and a number indicating the route you are biking on. If the sign has no arrows, it means you should bike straight ahead.

The routes are part of Denmark's cycling network and is also why the numbering of Born-

holm's routes starts with route 10, as this is part of the national cycling route. Routes 21–26 are regional routes, and in addition we have 8 recommended routes, 1 children's route, and 2 mountain bike routes. (The recommended route numbers are not displayed on the signs along the cycling tracks, as these sign numbers indicate the national and regional numbering systems.

The centre pages show a map of Bornholm with all routes drawn in.





## Route 10 - Round Bornholm

# Rønne - Allinge 1. Stage



24,8 km

11,6 km asphalt · 13,2 km gravel

The Round Bornholm route is 104.5 km long and can be completed in 4-5 hours nonstop by an experienced cyclist. Much of the route is on gravel or forest tracks, and for that reason it is advisable to ride a touring or mountain bike. To get the most out of the many attractions and wonderful scenery along the way, we suggest dividing the route into several one-day stages of between 20 and 30 km.

### Rønne - Hasle: 10,1 km

Antoinette Beach is just outside Rønne where cycle route 10 enters Blykobbe Plantage beside Haslevej. Very child friendly with fine sand as far as the eye can see, you can walk all the way along the beach to Hasle Smokery.

At Sorthat/Muleby you'll find two old clay pits and a former open cast coal mine, now flooded to make four beautiful lakes: Safirsøen, Smaragdsøen, Pyrritsøen and Rubinsøen. The open cast mine was in use during the First and Second World Wars. Follow the small wooden signs. A fishing licence for the three lakes can be purchased at Bornholms Velkomstcenter.

Grønbechs Gård is an exhibition and culture venue in the centre of Hasle with a total of 1,500 square metres of exhibition space. A former merchant's establishment, it has been sympathetically restored and is now a centre for the arts and crafts on Bornholm. There's plenty for the kids to do, and they are encouraged to produce their own works of art while the grown-ups enjoy the exhibition.

### Hasle - Vang: 8,9 km

From Hasle to Vang the route gives you a foretaste of the famous Bornholm hills. Be ready with the brakes, especially if you're pulling a trailer. The gradients are between 10% and 22%. Don't forget to enjoy the beautiful views, not least the sight of the rocky escarpment rising to be crowned by Hammershus in the distance.

Jons Kapel is named after the monk Jon, who, according to legend, preached the Christian message from here. Jons Kapel is a 40 metre high rock, which rises from the foot of a long, steep stairway. Follow the signs from the top of the hill.

### Vang - Allinge: 5,8 km

Take a detour after Slotslyngen to get to the ruins of Hammershus Castle. Follow the small, winding asphalt road to the left. Hammershus is the largest ruined castle in Northern Europe and Bornholm's most visited sight. Its construction was begun by the Archbishop of Lund at the beginning of the thirteenth century. Leonora Christine and Corfitz Ulfeldt were imprisoned here in 1660-61 for high treason. The cell in which they were kept has survived and can still be seen today. The ruin was made a listed monument in 1822.

Hammerhus visitor center lies hidden in the rocky side of the hill, but is not to be missed. The exhibition lets you experience history and get a fantastic view to the castle.

The picturesque old houses and streets of Allinge climb the rocky hillside from the harbour, which is crowded with yachts in the summer. You'll find many shops, cafes, and restaurants down by the harbour, as well as a smokery. Market days held throughout the summer add to the local colour.

From Allinge there is also access to a delightful coastal path that runs along the cliffs to Sandkås. Madsebakke, home to the island's largest collection of rockcarvings, is also in Allinge. From Madsebakke, you can cycle along the old railway to Sandvig.

*Hammershus castle ruin*





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# Allinge - Svaneke 2. Stage



29,9 km

29,4 km asphalt · 0,5 km gravel



Allinge

## Allinge - Gudhjem: 15,1 km

Over the years, Sandkås and Tejn have become joined, and the area is known for its good little bathing beaches and lively activity in the summer. The harbour is also the starting point for one of the year's biggest events, the televised trolling competition, in which several hundred boats from Northern Europe compete to catch the biggest salmon.

Døndalen is one of Bornholm's largest most impressive fissure valleys. Follow the valley one kilometre in from the car park. Here you will be met by Denmark's highest waterfall (a drop of 20 metres). However, it is at its best in autumn and winter, when there is a lot of rain and snow.

The Helligdomsklipperne rock formations are behind Bornholms Kunstmuseum. Walk around and see the Lyseklippen, Mågetårnet, Måneskinsklippeme and Kærlighedsbænken (Candle Rock, Gull Tower, Moonshine Rocks and Lovers' Bench) formations and the Sorte Gryde (the Black Cauldron) cave, habitat of the rare Bornholm cave spider. By virtue of its beautiful location and architecture, Bornholms Kunstmuseum is an attraction in its own right.

Gudhjem is a very beautiful, old fishing town with charming steep streets and red roofed houses. The Christiansø ferry and boat trips to see the Helligdomsklipperne rocks depart from the harbour. While in Gudhjem, give yourself time to

stroll round the streets and soak up the atmosphere from the small shops, cafes, and the smokery.

## Gudhjem - Ypnasted: 7,8 km

Kobbeå beach is one of the lesser-known beaches on Bornholm. Although the beach is mainly covered in pebbles and stones, there are several places where you can wade out with sand underfoot.

Randkløve Skår is a 50 metre long and 3 metre wide fissure located six kilometres south of Gudhjem, between Saltuna and Ypnasted.

Ypnasted Hill is known and feared by Bornholmers! Although not that steep it goes on, and on, and on... but you should be able to get to the top without having to get off and push.

## Ypnasted - Svaneke: 7 km

Svaneke is Denmark's most easterly town - and perhaps one of its loveliest. The small, half-timbered houses are built on rocky terrain, and as a result are disposed at different levels. Have a look around the town.

Døndalen







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## Svaneke - Dueodde 3. Stage



20,1 km

20,1 km asphalt · 0 km gravel



Near Vigehavn, Svaneke

### Svaneke - Nexø: 9,6 km

Just outside Svaneke on the Nexø road by a little natural dinghy harbour you'll find Svaneke lighthouse. On the other side of the lighthouse is Hullehavn, the locals' bathing beach, complete with springboard, bathing jetty, an area for small children and a little ice-cream kiosk called "Hullehavn Storcenter" (Hullehavn Shopping Centre).

Bornholm's second-largest town, Nexø boasts the island's largest fishing harbour, where fishing boats from all over Denmark bring their catch to supply the town's fish processing industry. A shipyard, a net maker's and other businesses around the harbour service the fishing boats and other vessels. Up in the town square, the atmosphere is much more relaxed. Along with market days, the town square is also the centre for the summer Baltic Jazz Festival and other entertainments.

### Nexø - Dueodde: 10,5 km

Balka Beach is a long and popular bathing beach sheltered from the prevailing westerly summer wind. Known for its warm, child friendly shallows, you have to wade out a long way if you want to swim in deep water. The beach begins at

Snogebæk with its many shops and restaurants, and ends at Balka where you'll find toilets, a kiosk, mini-golf and good parking. Lifeguards are on duty at the beach during high season, and you can hire water cycles, windsurfing equipment and deckchairs.

The sand at Dueodde is ultra-fine and inviting. The water is clear and clean and there are many sandbars, so there is both shallow and deep water close to the shore. The beach extends for several kilometres either side of the southern tip of the island. A more than 500-metre long ramp, running from the large main car park in the wood down between the dunes, means that you can take your bike with you onto the beautiful beach. A visit to the top of the lighthouse will take most people's breath away - both because of the number steps involved and because of the marvellous view that takes in the coast area and the whole of southern Bornholm.

### Dueodde



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Rappelling



Erlebe eine ehemalige Militäreinrichtung. Sehe die hochgesicherten Räume aus dem Kalten Krieg, von wo aus die alten Warschauer-Paktländer abgehört wurden. Ausstellungen des 2. Weltkrieges und des Kalten Krieges. Komme und sehe den ersten in Russland gebauten MIG15 Jagdflieger, der 1953 im Westen landete. Nehme den Aufzug oder die Treppe in den 70 Meter hohen Turm und genieße die fantastische Aussicht auf Dueodde und ganz Ostbornholm. Wir haben auch ein Spieleland mit einer Hüpfburg und einem 24-Loch-Minigolfplatz.



Explore a recently decommissioned military installation. See the high-security facilities from the Cold War, when the countries of the Warsaw Pact were under audio surveillance. Exhibitions on the Second World War and the Cold War. Come and see the first Russian-built MiG-15 to have landed in the West (1953). Take the elevator or the 405 steps up the 70m-tall listening tower to enjoy the fantastic view of Dueodde beach and all of eastern Bornholm. We also have a playland with a bouncy castle and a 24-hole minigolf course.

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## Dueodde - Rønne 4. Stage



29,7 km

29,7 km asphalt · 0 km gravel

### Dueodde - Pedersker: 9,5 km

Slusegård Watermill is thought to date from the beginning of the nineteenth century, and it was listed in 1956. It was a grain mill and a "trout-house" and had a hatchery building attached. When the trout were big enough, they were released but they would return to the hatchery to spawn, allowing the mill to establish regular trout production. The mill can only be viewed from the outside.

Kirkemøllen in Pedersker dates from 1861 and is the oldest of Bornholm's stone mills. It was a working grain mill right up until 1969. It is not open to the public, but you can view it from the outside.

Pedersker Church and Ringborgen are a short detour away in the direction of Poulsker. Pedersker Church dates from 1150, and has a sixteenth-century tower and a porch from 1864. The church is built in stone, and has a Gothlandic limestone font.

### Pedersker - Rønne: 20,2 km

Outside Pedersker, on the way to Rønne, you'll find a vineyard called Lille Gadegård. Take the guided tour, which starts among the vines, continues inside the production buildings, and ends of course with a tasting!

Boderne is a lovely sandy beach on the south coast. Here you can find your own little hollow amongst the dunes, and the large rocks in the water are excellent for jumping from and swimming around.

You can see the little limestone quarry at Skelbro from the main road. There are fossils to be found in the rock, if you look carefully. Used for building, the quarry stone was used in the construction of Hammershus.

If you park your bike at the quarry, you can follow the Risebæk stream all the way down to the shore. Near the end of the stream you'll find a little waterfall with a drop of 2.5 metres. In March,

you can see blue anemones in full bloom along the banks - a lovely sight.

Arnager has one of Bornholm's three island-harbours. The town has its own smokery, where you can buy Bornholm fish specialties.

Store Torv, Rønne's main square, comes alive every Wednesday and Saturday, when islanders come to sell their own produce, such as rapeseed oil, fish, cheese and honey. And in summer, you can enjoy all the sights and sounds from an outside table at one of the many cafes and restaurants in the square.

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## Route 21

# Rønne - Nexø

32 km

32 km asphalt · 0 km gravel



\* Nexø

Route 21 runs partly along a disused railway track, well away from other traffic. From Lobæk to Aakirkeby, you stay on a cycle track running along the main road. From Aakirkeby to Nexø the route runs along pleasant little minor roads. Relatively flat, the route can be completed in 1.5 hours by an experienced cyclist.

### Rønne - Aakirkeby: 15,7 km

Cycle route 21 leaves Rønne by Aakirkebyvej, passing through Rønne Plantage and Blemmelyng.

Blemmelyng is the name of the wood that the route passes through immediately after Bornholm Golf Club on the outskirts of Rønne. Blemmelyng borders on other wooded areas, including Onsbæk Plantage, Rønne Plantage and Knudsker Plantage. The area is ideal for mountain biking and rambling.

In Nylars the route passes one of the island's famous round churches. This one dates from the mid-twelfth century and bears signs of having been fortified. It is regarded as the best preserved of the round churches. The wall paintings around the centre pillar depict the creation of Adam and

Eve, the fall and expulsion from Paradise. Two of Bornholm's total of about 40 rune stones can be found here.

The history of Aakirkeby has a lot to do with culture, religion and power, as this is the location of the sizable Aa Kirke, thought to be the oldest church on the island. It was constructed as early as the twelfth century, and in the following centuries was the centre of the church's authority on Bornholm.

Designed by the world-famous architect Henning Larsen, whose other works include the Opera House in Copenhagen, the NaturBornholm centre tells the story of the unique natural history of Bornholm. Here you can see full-size models of a plesiosaur and the first Danish dinosaur, a dromaeosaur, which used to live on Bornholm. Live crocodiles and charming little turtles represent our own epoch's version of the life of past aeons. You can also leap back and forth 1,2 billion years in history, as the fault line that divides the island into the northern Bornholm granite stratum and the southern Bornholm sandstone stratum, which is 1,200 million years younger, comes to the surface right outside the centre.

### Aakirkeby - Nexø: 16,3 km

Egeby Post Mill is found east of Aakirkeby, where the cycle route passes Ølenevejen. For a close look you have to take a detour along Ølenevejen, and then turn right along Rønnevej. The mill dates from 1787, and was still milling grain in the 1920s. It was listed in 1964. There is public access to the site, but you can't go inside the mill.

Bornholm's second-largest town, Nexø boasts the island's largest fishing harbour, where fishing boats from all over Denmark bring their catch to supply the town's fish processing industry. A shipyard, a net maker's and other businesses around the harbour service the fishing boats and other vessels.

# Robbedale - Årsdale

33 km

16,3 km asphalt · 16,7 km gravel



*Rytterknægten*

Route 22 runs along a disused railway track, on small minor roads and good woodland tracks. Taking you through the Almindingen forest and the Paradisbakkerne hills, this beautiful route is almost entirely screened off from other traffic. It is a hilly route which can be completed in about 2 hours by an experienced cyclist.

### **Robbedale - Almindingen: 15,9 km**

You might like to go up over the rock wall by the way-marked walk (leave your bike at the foot of the rock wall). You can walk all the way to Rytterknægten, which is the highest point on Bornholm.

Almindingen is Denmark's fifth largest forest. It conceals a multitude of interesting experiences. For example, you can visit the old festival

site Christianshøj, the world's tiniest horse racing track, or the places of interest described below. You can obtain a leaflet about the forest from Bornholms Velkomstcenter, Ndr. Kystvej 3, Rønne, or another of the island's tourist offices.

### **What does the teacher drink? Ink!**

Ekkodalen (Ecco valley) answers the question many a child at summer-camp has asked. Ekkodalen is probably the best-known fissure valley on Bornholm. It is almost 10 kilometres long, and is especially worth visiting.

Rytterknægten, at 162 metres above sea level, is the highest point on Bornholm. The granite tower (Kongemindet) was built in 1856 to commemorate the visit of King Frederik VII and Countess Danner. If you stand at the top of the steel framework tower that has been added, you will be 184 metres above sea level - as high as the highest point in Denmark, Ejer Bavnehøj.

### **Almindingen - Årsdale: 17,1 km**

From Almindingen the route continues to the Paradisbakkerne hills. This area didn't get its name for nothing. It is a spectacular area of natural beauty covered with woods, numerous fissure valleys, and heathland with heather and blueberries. There are lovely views and unique rambles. There are three way-marked walks in the Paradisbakkerne hills, 3, 6 and 6,5 km in length. They start at Klintebygård, where you'll find good parking, toilets, tables and benches. It's a good idea to park the bike and explore the area on foot.

The Paradisbakkerne Rocking Stone is the best-known of those on the island. It weighs about 35 tonnes, and with a bit of good will certainly rocks a little, if you push hard.

Årsdale boasts smokeries and a fish restaurant, and also a well preserved mill dating from 1877.

## Route 23

# Rønne - Helligdommen

18,8 km

10,6 km asphalt · 8,2 km gravel



*Ny Kirke*

Route 23 runs on a part of the extensive cycle track system in Rønne. It continues to Nyker and then on again to Klemensker and Rø. The route runs along an old railway that was closed in 1968. Enjoy! Here, you're well away from the traffic and close to the wonderful Bornholm countryside. From Nyker to Klemensker follow the main road on a new cycle lane. Relatively flat, the route can be completed in about one hour by an experienced cyclist.

### **Rønne - Klemensker: 10,9 km**

Follow the cycle signs on Ndr. Kystvej opposite Bornholms Velkomstercenter in Rønne, and head northwards along the coast. Continue straight over at the crossroads with Haslevej (traffic lights) and turn onto the cycle route proper about 100 metres further on.

Nyker is home to Ny Kirke, one of Bornholm's famous round churches. It is the smallest of the four round churches, and also the one that bears the least signs of having been a defensive structure, it is thought to date from the end of the twelfth century. The massive pillar in the middle of the church is richly decorated with wall paintings from several periods. The church did not have a conical roof until the seventeenth century. A ma-

ior renovation was undertaken in 1960. The contents of the porch, which is of a later date than the church itself, include a rune stone and a tablet recording plague deaths.

### **Klemensker - Helligdommen: 7,9 km**

After Klemensker the route takes you back onto the old railway track and leads you through the dramatic Kleven, passing between steep rock walls and through Spellinge Mose, a lush marsh rich in bird life.

Named after the holy spring that used to be found here, the Helligdomsklipperne rock formations are located by Bornholms Kunstmuseum, where you can park your bike. Have a walk around and see the Lyseklippen, Mågetårnet, Måneskinsklipperne and Kærlighedsbænken formations (Candle Rock, Gull Tower, Moonshine Rocks and Lovers' Bench) as well as the Sorte Gryde (the Black Cauldron) cave, habitat of the rare Bornholm cave spider.

By virtue of its beautiful location and architecture, Bornholms Kunstmuseum is an attraction in its own right.

Døndalen is one of Bornholm's largest and most impressive fissure valleys. Follow the valley a kilometre in from the car-park and you will come upon Denmark's highest waterfall - with a drop of 20 metres (although it's at its best in the winter months, when there is a lot of rain!).

### *A typical road on Bornholm*



## Route 24

# Pedersker - Munkeleddet



2,6 km

2,6 km asphalt · 0 km gravel

Running along a minor road and only 2.6 km long, Route 24 is used as a link between cycle routes 10 and 21. Although there are no sights directly on route, there are several points of interest in and around Pedersker, where the route begins.

### **Pedersker - Munkeleddet: 2,6 km**

Pedersker Church dates from 1150. It has a sixteenth century tower and a porch dating from 1864. The church is built in stone and has a Gothic limestone font.

Ringborgen, located on Rispebjerg Hill, just east of Pedersker, is an Iron Age stronghold with an

earth rampart 115 metres long and 3 metres high.

Kirkemøllen Mill in Pedersker dates from 1861. It is the oldest of Bornholm's stone mills, and was a working grain mill right up until 1969. It is not possible to go inside, but you're welcome to walk around outside.

Outside Pedersker, on the way to Rønne, you'll find a vineyard called Lille Gadegård. Take the guided tour, which starts among the vines, continues inside the production buildings, and ends of course with a tasting! Your guide is the winegrower himself. Lille Gadegård produces wine in the traditional manner and is the largest vineyard in Denmark.

### *Rispebjerg*



## Route 25

# Melsted - Aakirkeby

18 km

8,6 km asphalt · 9,4 km gravel



From Melsted to Østerlars, cycle route 25 follows a good cycle track along the Kobbædalen valley, where the Stavehøl waterfall is found. It continues through Almindingen forest on a beautiful route far away from other traffic. Not all the points of interest in Almindingen are on the route, but they can be reached by short detours on foot or by bike. Relatively hilly, the route can be completed in about an hour by an experienced cyclist.

### Melsted - Østerlars: 5,3 km

Just south of Gudhjem there is a little sandy beach that stretches from Melsted Harbour to Melsted Badehotel. At one end of the beach a little stream flows into the sea, where children can play for hours building dams. At the other end of the beach there is a bathing jetty, so you won't need to walk on the pebbles on the seabed.

Stavehøl Waterfall is just a few metres off the cycle track. Stavehøl is eight metres deep and two metres wide. At three metres, it is not the highest waterfall on the island, but it is a lovely sight none the less.

There is a delightful walk from the waterfall along the Kobbæ stream to the sea. Kobbædalen is a fissure valley with steep and in some places almost vertical sides.

The round church at Østerlars is thought to date from the middle of the twelfth century. The largest round church in Denmark, and visited by over

130,000 visitors each year, the church features a number of fourteenth-century frescos, and a rune stone both inside and outside.

### Østerlars - Aakirkeby: 12,7 km

Almindingen is Denmark's fifth largest forest. It is divided into two halves by Ekko-dalen, an impressive 10 kilometre long fissure valley. There are hours of pleasure to be had in the forest, where you can also visit Gamleborg, Lilleborg, the Rocking Stone, Rytterknægten - and indeed, just go for various walks or rides along trails of varying lengths.

The history of Aakirkeby has a lot to do with culture, religion and power, as this is the location of the sizable Aa Kirke, thought to be the oldest church on the island, it was constructed as early as the twelfth century, and in the following centuries was the centre of the church's authority on Bornholm.

Socialising and commerce go hand-in-hand in Aakirkeby, especially in the area around the town square, where cafes and shops housed in the old buildings add to the atmosphere. Designed by the world-famous architect Henning Larsen, whose other works include the Opera House in Copenhagen, the NaturBornholm centre tells the story of the unique natural history of Bornholm. Here you can see full-size models of a plesiosaur and the first Danish dinosaur, a dromaeosaur, which used to live on Bornholm.

*Lilleborg*





## Route 26

# Slotslyngen - Almindingen



24,5 km

7,9 km asphalt · 16,6 km gravel

The scenic route 26 takes you along minor roads and through secluded forest from Slotslyngen and Ravnedal in the north, via Spellinge Mose, to the Almindingen forest in the middle of the island. The route is relatively hilly and can be completed in about 1.5 hours by an experienced cyclist.

### Slotslyngen - Rutsker Højlyng: 9,6 km

Stretching from Vang to Hammershus, Slotslyngen has a character all of its own and is ideal for rambling. Heather, rocks, woods and marshland are found side by side, and it's hard to believe this really is part of Denmark!

Surrounded by undulating hills, Ravnedal is a fissure valley with 15-20 metre high rock faces. Park your bike at the car park beside the main road and enjoy the valley on foot. The round trip including the valley is 1.5 km long and follows the cycle track some of the way.

Built around 1150, Ols Kirke (Olsker Round Church) has since been altered and reinforced several times during its lifetime. The most recent work was carried out in the mid-twentieth century, and included replacement of the altarpiece. At 26 metres it is the tallest round church on Bornholm, and also the one that looks most like a fort. There is a tablet in the porch recording the number of plague deaths in 1618. About 25,000 people visit the church every year.

Rutsker Højlyng has several rocking stones, the largest of which weighs 20 tonnes. Follow the sign from the cycle track to the large rocking stone.

### Rutsker Højlyng - Almindingen: 14,9 km

Spellinge Mose is a marsh rich in bird life, and species you may encounter include the cuckoo and the nightingale. If you would like to experience the area on foot, you can follow the way-marked path that leads round the marsh and

along the cycle route. It is 3 kilometres long and takes about an hour to complete.

Rø Plantation is a wonderful mix of trees, heather, rocks and beautiful fissure valleys. Do park your bike and take a walk around the artificial lake, where vertical rock walls rise out of the water.

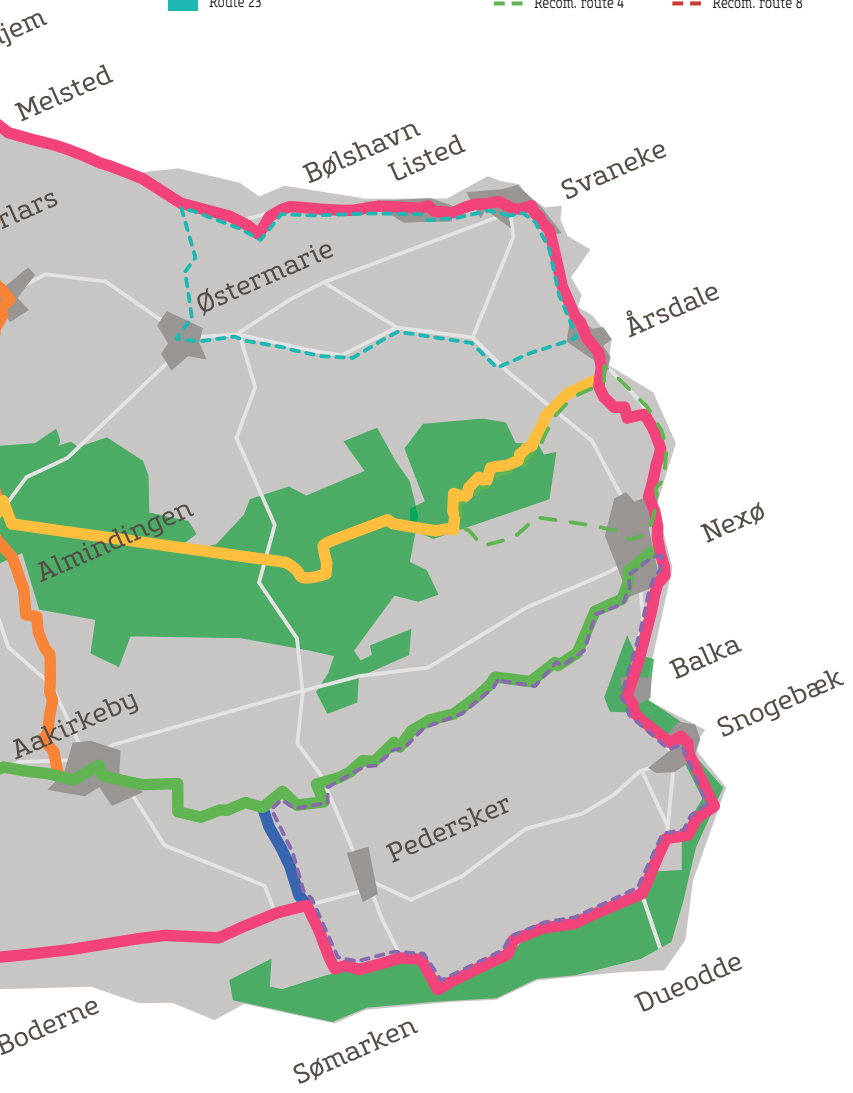
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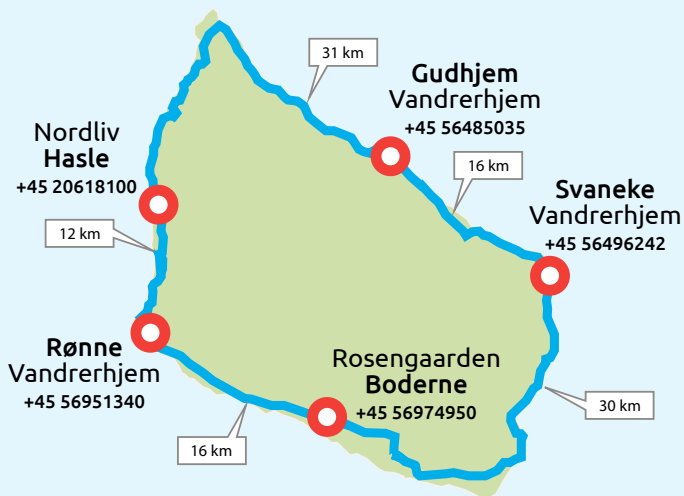
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## Recommended route 1 & 2

# Rønne - Hammershus/ Helligpeder - Rønne



48 km

28 km asphalt · 20 km gravel



*Hammershus\**

The Hammershus and Helligpeder routes have been contour mapped with start and finish at Blykobbe Plantage, where cycle route 10 leaves the road (Haslevej) and enters the forest. If you want to do the trip on a racing bike the stretch through Blykobbe and Hasle Lystskov can be bypassed using the main road. The Hammershus route can be completed in 2-2.5 hours by an experienced cyclist.

The Hammershus and Helligpeder routes are almost identical. The only difference is that the Helligpeder route goes only as far as Helligpeder, while the Hammershus route continues to Hammershus.

For both routes, follow cycle route 10 from Rønne towards Hasle. The first 10 km are on good forest tracks through Blykobbe Plantage and Hasle Lystskov. Antoinette Beach runs alongside Blykobbe Plantage. The beach continues all the way

along Hasle Lystskov (the name of both the forest and the beach) to Hasle.

In Hasle Lystskov you find the four lakes Smaragdsøen, Safirsøen, Pyritsøen and Rubinsøen. Four local beauty spots, where you can fish (remember your licence for Smaragdsøen, which you can buy at Bornholms Velkomstcenter) and enjoy your lunch.

The cycle track joins an idyllic little road running alongside the water that takes you into Helligpeder Harbour - a small fishing village with a newly-restored harbour building and cottages with their own individual smoking chimneys. A charming and evocative piece of Bornholm, Helligpeder Harbour has a lot to offer with regard to cultural history, environment and landscape.

From here, the Helligpeder route returns to Rønne. You have the choice of either returning the same way as you came, or continuing up to Helligpeder and taking the main road back. Although to get up to Helligpeder you have to tackle a really steep hill. However, the 70 metre climb is good training, and there is more than one way up the hill. You can go up either from Helligpeder Harbour, or from Teglkås Harbour, which is a little further down the road.

The Hammershus route continues either along the gravel track (cycle route 10) or along the main road (if you've been by Helligpeder hill, where the Helligpeder route turns back). Cycle route 10 continues up over the 22% rise to Jons Kapel. From here you can enjoy views all the way across to Sweden in fine weather.

The route returns directly to Hasle and then onwards back to Rønne by the main road. Or if you're up to tackling all those hills again, you can choose to take the same beautiful route home!



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## Recommended route 3

# Pedersker - Dueodde - Pedersker



31 km      31 km asphalt · 0 km gravel

The Dueodde route has been contour mapped with start and finish at Pedersker, but you can of course join it at any point. The route can be completed in 1.5 hours by an experienced cyclist.

Kirkemøllen, the beautiful old Dutch windmill at Pedersker, is not open to the public, but you can admire it from the road. You can also visit Pedersker Kirke, which is a fine old stone-built church dating from 1150, with a 16th-century tower and a porch built in 1854. There are several attractions in Pedersker that you can make a detour to. For example, there are the vineyard and the Iron Age fort Ringborgen, which you can read more about in the description of cycle route 10.

Back on your route, you now come to a crossing with Ølenevejen. If you follow that in the direction of Østermarie and turn right along Rønnevej, you can see Egeby Post Mill, which dates from 1787, and was still milling grain in the 1920s. There is public access, but you can't go inside.

Stop in Nexø to enjoy Bornholm's second-largest town. Read more about Nexø on the following page.

Before you reach Snogebæk, you will pass Hundsemyre on the right of the cycle track. This is a large peat bog used for breeding by a broad cross-section of the bird species that are resident on Bornholm. There are many ducks, geese, herons and cormorants. A short walking route leads round the bog, but it is closed from 15 March to 15 July.

The route continues along a pleasant cycle track through woodland and summer chalet areas to the pleasant little town of Snogebæk. A good opportunity to park the bike and jump into the waves on Balka Beach.

The route then continues to Dueodde, which is an amazing area with a kilometres-long sandy

beach, sand-dunes and woodland. There are some good walks, a fantastic view from the light-house, and another chance for a dip.

On the way back to Pedersker you pass Slusegård Water Mill. It dates from the early 19th century and was listed in 1956. It was a grain mill, and in addition had a "trout-house" listed (for catching sea-trout on their way upstream to spawn) and hatchery building attached. It can be viewed from the outside.

### *Dueodde Lighthouse*



Recom. route 4 - Paradisbakkerne

## Nexø - Paradisbakkerne - Nexø



16 km

15 km asphalt · 1 km gravel

This short trip to the Paradisbakkerne hills offers a lot of incredibly beautiful scenery in a short space of time! The route has been contoured mapped with start and finish at Nexø. It can be completed in 30-45 minutes by an experienced cyclist.

From Nexø, the route runs along Aarsdalevej coast road, and then turns inland. Oksemyrevej is uphill, yet there are good views from the top!

There are three way-marked walks in the Paradisbakkerne hills, of 3, 6 and 6.5 km. They start at Klintebygård, where you can leave your bike. Find the time to try one of these walks, as they offer a delightful combination of hills, heather, large and small fissure valleys, rock formations, little lakes, and views that would take anyone's breath away. And there's the rocking stone, Majdalen, Gamleborg and Gamledam to see as well.

This particular rocking stone is the best-known of those on the island. And although it weighs about 35 tonnes, you can actually rock it a little if you push hard enough.

Majdalen is a beautiful and relatively large fissure valley, which is full of mountain cranberries, blueberries and other delights in summer.

Gambleborg is an exceptionally good vantage point, offering wonderful views over forest and

countryside. In the Iron Age, it served as a stronghold where the population could take refuge with their animals in times of war.

Surrounded by cliffs and tall trees, Gamledam is a beautifully situated lake with sundew, yellow flag, marsh cinquefoil and cotton grass growing on its banks. From the Paradisbakkerne hills, the route returns to Nexø.

Bornholm's second-largest town, Nexø boasts the island's largest fishing harbour, where fishing boats from all over Denmark bring their catch to supply the town's fish processing industry. A shipyard, a net maker's and other businesses around the harbour service the fishing boats and other vessels.

Up in the town square, the atmosphere is much more relaxed. Along with market days, the town square is also the centre for the summer Baltic Jazz Festival and other entertainments. A large proportion of the houses in the town were destroyed in the Second World War. Sweden donated 75 new timber houses, which grace the town to this day, and add a nice touch of colour. The Butterfly Park in Nexø is worth a visit - especially for the younger members of the family.

*Rokkestenen - The Rocking Stone*



## Recommended route 5 - Østkyststuren

# Svaneke - Årsdale - Svaneke



22 km

22 km asphalt · 0 km gravel

The East Coast route has been contour mapped with start and finish at Svaneke, but you can of course join it at any point. The route can be completed in 1 hour by an experienced cyclist.

The small fishing village of Listed lies just outside Svaneke. A little west of the village you pass a cairn and a number of standing stones known as the Holy Woman and her Children. According to legend, the holy woman turned her children into stone to prevent them being killed.

The route continues through Bølshavn and Randkløve. You should turn inland just before you reach Randkløve Skår, which is a 50 metre long, 3 metre wide fissure. Take a detour into the fissure to access one of Bornholm's most spectacular views. You can walk through the fissure, even though there is not much space. From the top of the cliff edge there is a fantastic view out over the skerries. To get down to the fissure, you will need to park your cycle and go down using the rescue path a little north of Bølshavn. Follow the signs from the road.

The route then continues inland towards Østermarie. Østermarie Church was built in 1891, by the ruins of an old mediaeval church dating from the 13th century. When the old church was being demolished, a number of architectural features were found which were worth preserving, and as a result what was left of the building was listed and left standing. It's a lovely spot with lots to see, including four rune stones that were found during the demolition.

You can make a detour from the road (Lyrsbyvej) to see the standing stones at Louisenlund. There are about 50 of them - the second-largest group of standing stones on Bornholm. Louisenlund was bought by King Frederik VII when he visited Bornholm in 1851. It is named after the countess Louise Danner.

The route continues past Sankt Ibs Kirke. This stone church dates from 1200, and was enlarged

in 1867. There are three tablets listing past priests to be seen in the porch.

Årsdale boasts several smokeries, a fish restaurant and a well preserved mill, dating from 1877.

The route ends in Svaneke, where you pass Hulshavn beach as you enter the town.

Svaneke is Denmark's most easterly town - and perhaps one of its loveliest. The small, half-timbered houses are built on rocky terrain, and as a result are disposed at different levels. It is well worth taking a walk to see the rocky coast and skerries, as well as taking a look around the town. Go and see the church, the mill and the post mill. Soak up the atmosphere of the town square and the narrow streets, where fascinating small shops entice with wares ranging from glass and ceramics to clothes and antiques.

### *Svaneke Kirke\**





## Recom. route 6 - Nordlandet rundt Rø - Allinge - Olsker - Rø



26 km

23 km asphalt · 3 km gravel

The Northland Round Tour route has been contour mapped with start and finish at Rø, but you can of course join it at any point. The route can be completed in 1.5 hours by an experienced cyclist. This route follows parts of cycle route 10, but in the opposite direction.

The route makes first for Allinge, where it turns inland.

From Allinge, it goes right past Moseløkken Granite Quarry. This is one of the few granite quarries still in operation. From the forest track you can watch the work of blasting and splitting the granite blocks free. As you continue westwards, you cycle through the area around Ravnedal. You might like to take a detour to the beautiful scenic Slotslyngen area on the other side of the main road. Surrounded by undulating hills, Ravnedal is a fissure valley with 15-20 metre high rock faces. Park your bike at the car park beside the main road and enjoy the valley on foot. There is an information board showing where the footpath runs. The round trip including the valley is 1.5 ki-

lometres long - and follows the cycle track some of the way.

The route then continues to Olsker, home to the tallest and most elegant of the islands four round churches. Built around 1150, the 26 metre tall church has been altered and reinforced several times during its lifetime. The most recent work was carried out in the mid-twentieth century, and included replacement of the altarpiece. There are nine embrasures, and the upper part of the wall was clearly once part of the parapet that surrounded the original flat roof. About 25,000 people visit the church every year.

Before you get back to Rø, you will pass Spelling Mose, where the cycle track runs between steep rock walls on one side and the marsh on the other. The marsh is rich in bird life, and species you may encounter include the cuckoo and the nightingale. If you would like to experience the area on foot, you can follow the way-marked path that leads round the marsh and along the cycle route. It is 3 kilometres long, and takes about an hour.

*Sct Ols church*



## Recommended route 7 - Spellinge Mose

# Rønne - Spellinge Mose - Rønne



32 km

28 km asphalt · 4 km gravel

The Spellinge Mose route follows cycle route 23 all the way from Rønne. You have the choice of returning the same way, or making a little loop via Krashavevej, as shown on the map. The route has been contour mapped from Ndr. Jernbanesti near Gartnervangen. It can be completed in 1.5 hours by an experienced cyclist.

The route leaves Rønne by the cycle track system. The cycle track continues all the way to Nyker and resumes from Klemensker to Spellinge Mose. These cycle tracks run along the old railway that was closed in 1968. Enjoy! Here, you're well away from the traffic and close to the wonderful Bomholm countryside. From Nyker to Klemensker you follow the main road on a new cycle lane.

The first town you reach is Nyker. Here you will find Ny Kirke, one of Bornholm's famous round churches, and also the one that bears the least signs of having been a defensive structure. It is thought to date from the end of the twelfth century. The massive pillar in the middle of the church is richly decorated with wall paintings from several periods. The church did not have a conical roof until the seventeenth century. A major renovation was undertaken in 1960. The contents of the porch, which is of a later date than the church itself, include a rune stone and a tablet recording plague deaths.

The route continues on to Klemensker, where Bornholms Andelsmejeri is situated. This is a cooperative enterprise that produces milk and dairy products for the whole island. The factory where the well-known Copenhagen Christiania bicycles are made is located at the edge of the town. Klemens Kirke, built in 1882, is in the town centre. It replaced a previous church, from which the altar candlesticks, the chandelier and plague tablet originate. Two rune stones stand outside the church.

After Klemensker you are back on the old railway track, which leads you through the dramatic Kleven, passing between steep rock walls to take

you on to the lush Spellinge Mose, a marsh rich in bird life. Species you may encounter include the cuckoo and the nightingale. If you would like to experience the area on foot, you can follow the way-marked path that leads round the marsh and along the cycle route. It is 3 kilometres long and takes about an hour to complete.

From Spellinge Mose, follow cycle route 26 into and through Rutsker Plantage. Keep an eye out for the cycle sign on your left hand. When you reach Krashavevej, turn left towards Klemensker. On the way you will pass another little marsh, Krasmosen. From Klemensker, return to Rønne the same way you came, along cycle route 23.

### *Spellinge Mose*



## Recommended route 8 - Østerlars Kirke

# Gudhjem - Østerlars - Gudhjem



27 km

22 km asphalt · 5 km gravel

Over half of this route, which has been contour mapped with start and finish in Gudhjem, follows cycle tracks that are completely separated from other traffic. The rest of the route follows small minor roads. Start off along cycle route 10 from Gudhjem towards Melsted. The route can be completed in 1.5 hours by an experienced cyclist.

Just south of Gudhjem there is a little sandy beach that stretches from Melsted Harbour to Melsted Badehotel. At one end of the beach a little stream flows into the sea, where children can play for hours building dams. At the other end of the beach there is a bathing jetty, so you won't need to walk on the pebbles on the seabed. From the hotel terrace there is a marvellous view of the beach and the island of Christiansø in the distance.

From Melsted, follow cycle route 25 inland. Soon you come to the beautiful Stavehø Waterfall. Stavehø is eight metres deep and two metres wide. With a drop of three metres, it is not the highest waterfall on the island, but a lovely sight none the less. There is a delightful walk from the waterfall along the Kobbeå Stream to the sea. Kobbeådalen is a fissure valley with steep and in some places almost vertical sides.

At Østerlars you pass the islands - and Denmark's - largest round church.

You can make a detour starting from Østerlars Round Church to see the disused gneiss quarry, situated to the north. Follow the cycle route towards Gudhjem and turn left along Stangevej. Then follow the marked path. Today, the disused quarry is a little oasis with vertical rock walls. Gneiss is a striped, fine-grained rock consisting partly of quartz. Continue along cycle route 25 to the Almindingen forest, where you'll find enough to see and do for a whole day. Before you get very deep into the forest your route turns off along cycle route 26, but you can take a detour to visit Ekkodalen, Gamleborg, Lilleborg or Rytterknægten. You can get a leaflet with a map of Almindingen from Bomholms Velkomstcenter, Ndr. Kystvej 3, Rønne, or from any other of the tourist offices on the island.

When cycle route 26 reaches Sigtevej, follow this road back to Gudhjem. Sigtevej runs through Rø Plantation, where you'll see trees, heather, rocks and beautiful fissure valleys. Do park your bike and take a walk around the artificial lake, where vertical rock walls rise out of the water.

And then it's back to Gudhjem, one of the island's most attractive towns.

*Gudhjem\**



# Bed+bike



The bicycle labelling system "Bed+Bike" helps you get the best possible cycling holiday on Bornholm. Bed+Bike directs you to cycle-friendly accommodations, and if you choose an accommodation with the blue Bed+Bike sign, your bicycle is guaranteed a spot in a locked shed. You will also be

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# TrailCenter Bornholm

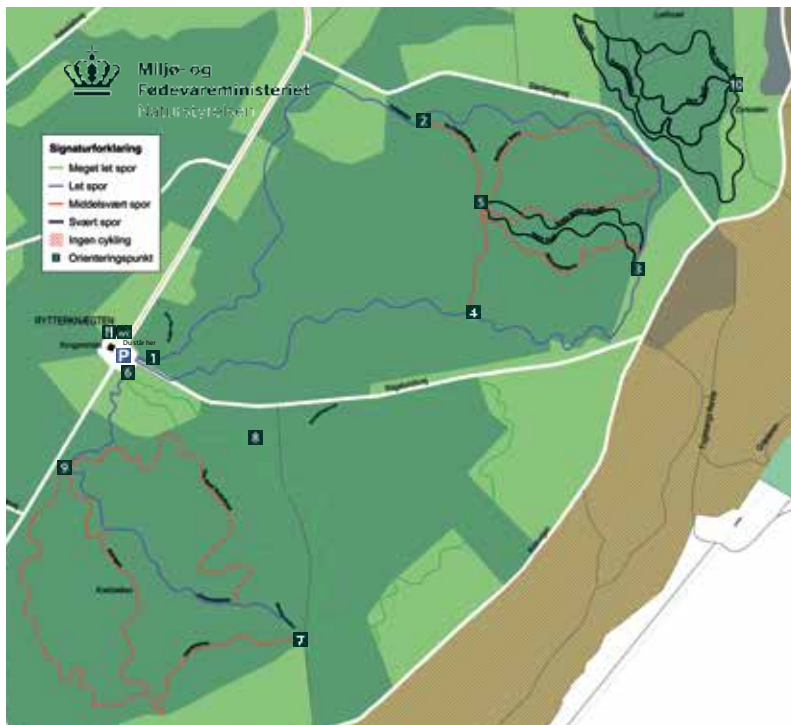
The mountain-bike trails at Rytterknægten in Almindingen offer you just under 20 km of trails at all difficulty levels. Trail construction is carried out by Trailbuilders Bornholm in cooperation with Danish Nature Agency Bornholm, the Regional Municipality of Bornholm and Destination Bornholm. The joint project has resulted in 17 marked trails.

The heart of the area is Rytterknægten from where you can reach most of the trails. Here you have access to a full three green, two blue, seven

red and two black trails. If you go to Dyresølen, you can access an additional three black trails. Everyone is sure to find something suitable to their temperament.

The trails have been laid down with an eye to ensure quality over quantity. So, expect to get the maximum use out of Bornholm's unique rocky terrain.

If you wish to prep yourself and get the fullest out of your riding experience, you can't go wrong hiring an instructor or guide. Happy Trails!



# The Green Ring Mountain Bike Trail

A popular recreational area, skirting Rønne, is the 'Green Ring'. What makes the area so attractive was that it was formerly an excavation site for one of Bornholm's biggest industries for raw materials, kaolin, used in the production of porcelain. This production has now ceased, and following a large athletic event in 2002, the area's pits, water pools and, not least, its man-made hills and cliffs dominate the landscape to the east and north-east of Rønne. In several places, you can clearly see the white layer of kaolin clay. In 2014-15, the area was further revamped and developed. The architectural history of the area has been uncovered in the form of ruins left from the heyday of kaolin and gravel excavation, and many new walking paths have been established. In this connection, the Bornholm chapter of the National Athletic Association has designed a mountain-bike trail with exciting technical challenges.

## Technical Challenges for MTB Riders

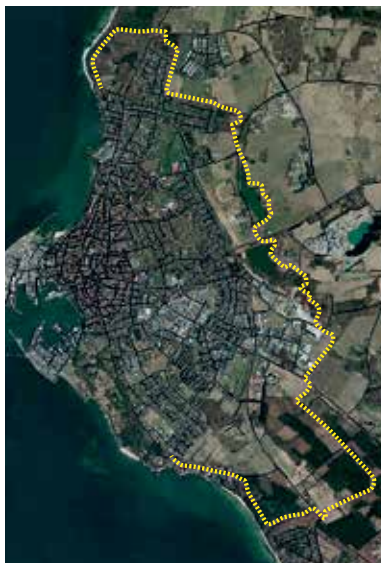
The marked trail begins in Hasle Lystskov, just behind Nordskoven's Camping site, a forested area almost at sea level. The trail then leads through rolling terrain to the highest point in the area, Snorrebakken hill – before it levels out on the forest paths through Rønne Plantage (a planted forest) to the south and ends at the sea, just south of the summerhouse area of Stampen. From here, you can ride in a northerly direction across Galløkken, along the water and around the harbor.

The first and last part of the trail runs along natural forest paths. The middle part was established with several technical elements: curves, burns, bumps, a small rock garden, and technical ascents and descents. You can choose between riding along the marked trail for the full 8 km, from north to south, in one go, or the technical sections

around the area's three lakes. There is ample opportunity to ride on the established trails or to linger and practice individual skills in one of the other areas – or you can simply choose to ride from one challenge to another. Between the established trails, you'll find plenty of terrain suitable for off-roading, and you might just blaze your own trail and discover a new challenge. We hope that everyone biking in the area will take part in caring for it in a responsible manner. Therefore, some places will have gravel deposits that you can use for filling out the trail when it is muddy and wet.

Enjoy your MTB fun around Rønne!

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# The Skovly MTB Trail

Jumping off at Hotel Skovly, 4 km northward of Rønne, you will find Skovly-spo-ret, a mountain-bike trail.

The trail takes you along primarily single tracks, through Bornholm's beautiful nature, past pleasant fishing cottages along the Baltic coast, past three beautiful lakes, and through the abandoned Hasle Tile Works before the trail returns you full circle to Hotel Skovly's parking lot.

The length of the mountain bike trail is marked by Bornholm oak poles with pictogrammes and colour-coded trees. The mountain bike trail is primarily rated level blue, which is appropriate for beginner and lower intermediate riders. A few of the descents have been rated red but with a blue option, if preferred.

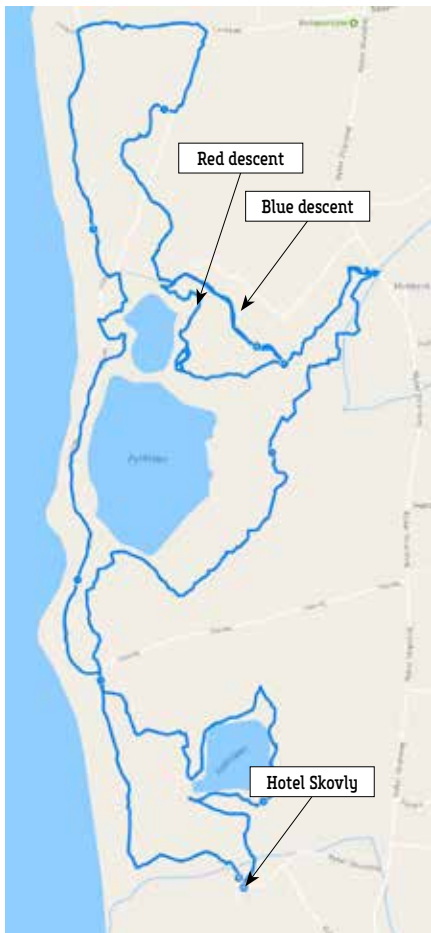
At the beginning of the mountain-bike trail, you will find area maps and a box containing pamphlets of the trail.

Before or after your ride, you can have your mountain bike checked out at Hotel Skovly's "Pusleplads", bike workshop, where you can check your tire pressure, adjust your gears and rinse off your bike. This feature was established in 2017 and can be used free of charge by any passer-by.

Should you be unlucky and in need of a tube, chain link or puncture kit, you can purchase these items in the hotel reception, which also sells energy shots, soft drinks, cakes and other treats.

Bring your cycling guide with you to the reception, and the hotel will treat you, and anyone accompanying you, to a free cup of coffee

If you have questions about "Skovly-spo-ret", please call 5695 0784.





## Recommended route 9

# The Childrens route

112 km 97 km asphalt · 15 km gravel



*Brændesgårdshaven*

The Children's Route follows parts of cycle routes 10, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 26. You can read much more about the sights and attractions along the way in the individual descriptions of these routes.

The Children's Route is a suggestion for a seven-day cycling holiday for the whole family, with the last day dedicated to exploring the island's capital, Rønne. The shortest stage is 6 km, and the longest is 33 km. The short distances allow you to sleep late, take breaks on the way and enjoy the countryside. And there are not very many steep hills along the way. The route follows good cycle tracks, many of them away from other road traffic. There is room to cycle side by side and for cycle trailers.

### **1st stage: Rønne - Bådsted: 20 km (24 km including visit to rocking stone)**

From Rønne, follow Nordre Kystvej northwards. Go straight on at the crossroads with Haslevej. A few metres further on, you will see the first cycle sign on your right, marking cycle route 23 heading to Rø. After about 6 km you come to Nyker, where the route passes the round church and where you might like to take a break and have a look round the fine church, which is the smallest of Bornholm's round churches.

Follow the route onwards along the disused railway line to Stenby just after the marsh called Spellinge Mose. Return to cycle route 23 and continue straight on to the coast (where cycle route 23 goes to the right, towards Gudhjem). This is where you'll find the Helligdomsklipperne rock formations, next to the Bornholms Kunstmuseum (Bornholm Museum of Art), which the whole family will also find worth a visit.

2nd stage: Bådsted - Gudhjem - Østerlars - Svaneke: 33 km (using short-cut 28 km)

From Bådsted you follow cycle route 10 southwards to Gudhjem - probably the hilliest part of the Children's Route. With its narrow twisting streets and attractive little harbour, Gudhjem is well worth a visit.

Continue along cycle route 10 from Gudhjem to Melsted. Melstedgård in Melsted is a museum of agriculture popular with children. Here you can see what life was like on a Bornholm farm 100 years ago.

In Melsted, you turn off and take cycle route 25 towards Østerlars, where Bornholm's largest round church is situated. Close by you will also find Bornholm's Middelaldercenter, an authentically reconstructed medieval town. Here you can see how people lived in the period 1050-1500 - what they wore, how they worked, what their homes were like. There are lots of activities for children in spring, summer and autumn, including games, combat training, medieval entertainments and bread baking.

You have the option of taking the direct route from Østerlars to Svaneke (a total distance for the day of only 28 km). However, the more beautiful - and most cyclist-friendly - route is to be found by riding a couple of kilometres back along cycle route 25 to Melsted, and then following cycle route 10 eastwards to Svaneke.



*Melstedgård*

### **3rd stage: Svaneke - Brændegårdshaven**

#### **- Svaneke: 6 km**

The third stage of the Children's Route is only 6 km long, and provides a good opportunity to stay for two nights at the same place. Then you can leave your stuff behind while you cycle down to Brændegårdshaven Theme Park, where there's plenty to do all day for children and adults alike.

### **4th stage: Svaneke - Nexø: 9 km**

Follow cycle route 10 southwards to Nexø. Here you can also spend the night at a camping site or at a hotel, if you stop at Snogebæk. Bornholm's Sommerfuglepark, the Butterfly Park, is in Nexø. Here you can walk around amongst butterflies and tropical birds, and see how the butterfly transforms itself from chrysalis to fully hatched butterfly.

### **5th stage: Nexø - Aakirkeby: 14 km**

Follow cycle route 21 from Nexø to Aakirkeby. Aakirkeby is where you'll find NaturBornholm. Here you can see animals that have lived on Bornholm over the last 1,700 million years, - including dinosaurs, crocodiles, wild boar and reindeer. You can also see how species and the

environment have changed through the ages in the multimedia Time Machine. And in the present time exhibition you can learn about Bornholm's nature as it is today, from rock types through landscapes to various animal species.

### **6th stage: Aakirkeby - Pedersker - Rønne: 30 km (using short-cut: 16 km)**

It's worth making the effort to take the beautiful coast route back to Rønne. Start by following cycle route 21, which after a few kilometres becomes cycle route 24. That turns into cycle route 10 at Pedersker. Before you leave for Rønne, you can make a stop at Pedersker to see Kirkemøllen (the Dutch windmill) and perhaps ride towards Poulsker to see the Iron Age fort Ringborgen. Eight kilometres before Rønne, you can turn off towards the coast to Arnager.

If you think the stretch along the coast to Arnager is too long, you have the option of following cycle route 21 from Aakirkeby to Rønne.

There are numerous places in Rønne where you can stay overnight, with a choice including camping, a youth hostel, hotels and private accommodation.

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