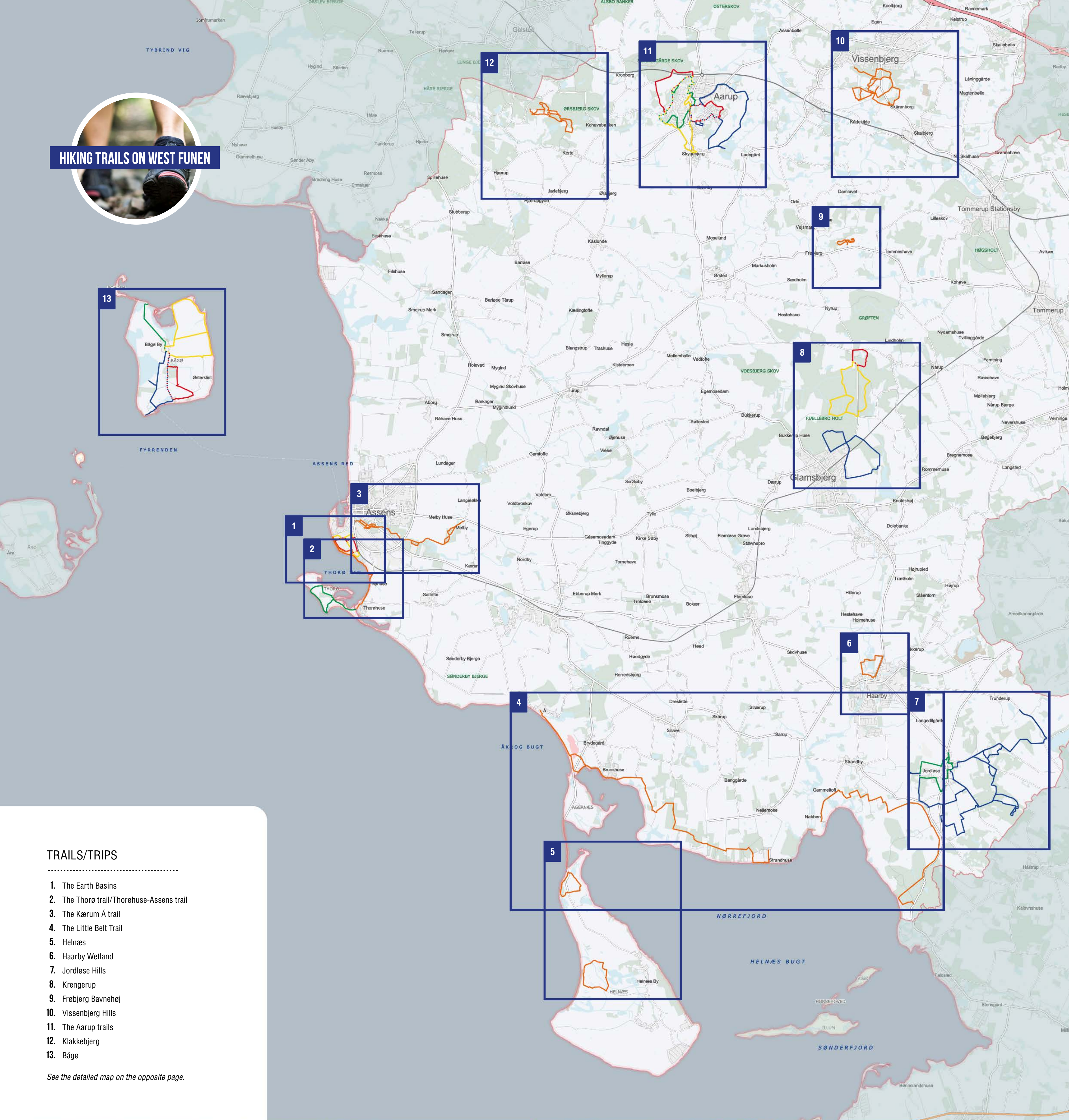


HIKING TRAILS ON WEST FUNEN



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HIKING MAP

DISCOVER WEST FUNEN ON FOOT

COME AND FEEL THE FRESH AIR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE. WEST FUNEN IS FULL OF FANTASTIC EXPERIENCES - WE HAVE RICH WILDLIFE, HISTORICAL NATURE AND BEAUTIFUL COASTS.

IN THIS LEAFLET, YOU WILL FIND MANY DIFFERENT ROUTES, VARYING IN LENGTH, DIFFICULTY AND SURFACE. SOME ROUTES ARE ON "REAL" PATHS, WHILE OTHERS ARE ON MORE UNEVEN FOOTPATHS.

THE MAP IS FOR INSPIRATION. TAKE THE STARTING POINT FROM THE ADDRESS AND FOLLOW THE SIGNPOSTED ROUTES FROM THERE.

LEGEND

- PARKING
- TOILET
- TABLES/BENCHES
- PICNIC HOUSE
- PLAYGROUND
- OBSERVATION TOWER/ BIRD TOWER
- FIRE PIT
- SHELTER
- DRINKING WATER
- VANTAGE POINT
- SWIMMING BEACH
- INFO



1. THE EARTH BASINS

The Earth Basins were formed from all the earth that was washed off the beet before it was made into sugar at the factory in Assens. Since the sugar factory closed, the Earth Basins have developed into an exciting recreational nature area that also tells an important industrial story. There are various hiking routes in the area, and it is also possible to walk to Thorøhus - a walk of about 3 km.

When walking around the area, stick to the paths and do not walk right up to the edges of the basins - they are very steep and can be fragile. The main building of the former sugar factory is today Assens Municipality's town hall. There is parking at Sønder Ringvej.

MOVING ABOUT IN NATURE

- In private forests, you may be in and move on foot and by bicycle on paths and roads
- There is access from 6 am to sunset
- You are not allowed to be within 150 metres of residential and commercial buildings
- You can be in public forests 24 hours a day and move about everywhere
- No open fires in the wild
- Dogs must always be on a lead
- Do not leave rubbish in the countryside
- Remember you are a guest, so beware of nature

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2. THE THORØ TRAIL/THORØHUSE-ASSENS TRAIL

The Thorø trail is about 3 km long, and it is marked by poles with white hikers on a blue background. The trail starts from Drejet in Thorøhus, crosses the footbridge and continues around the island. Thorø is only accessible on foot, and there is public access to the beaches around the island, but you must be considerate and use the system of trails. Thorø has been privately owned for many years, and today it is owned by

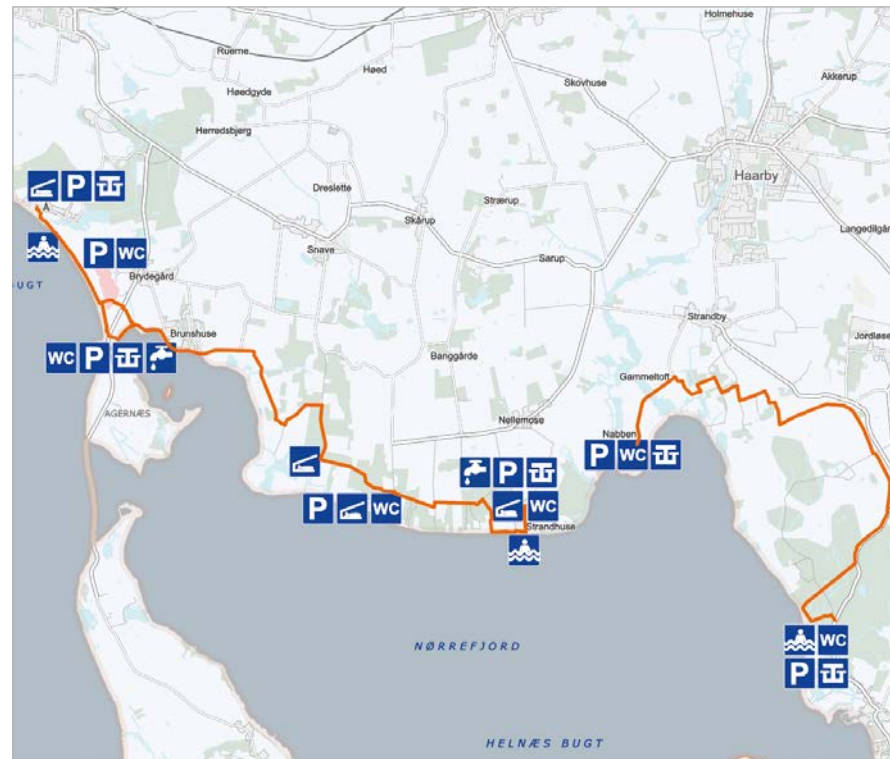
the Copenhagen Teachers' Association, which uses it for summer camps. Otherwise, the island is uninhabited. If you want to extend the trip when you get back to Thorøhus, you can continue along the Assens trail along the coast to The Earth Basins in Assens. This part of the trip is about 3 km. There is parking at Thorøhus Local Hall (Forsamlingshus).



3. THE KÆRUMS Å TRAIL

The Kærums Å trail offers many nature and outdoor experiences from the heart of Assens town to Melby forest. Along the way, the trail winds along the stream through Assens town park (Skovlæggeret), where there is a large playground, and on past the old water mill (Kals Mølle).

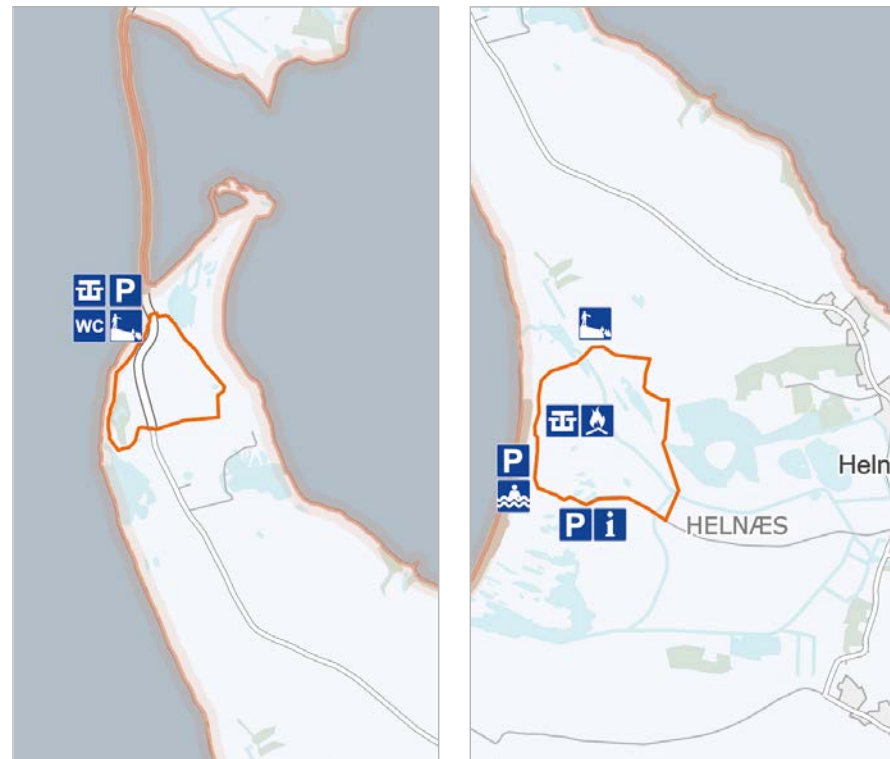
You pass lakes, a dog forest, an apple orchard and open-air areas with fire pits and shelters. From Assens to the bridge over Kærums Å, the trail is suitable for prams, push chairs and wheelchairs. Parking at Melby and by Brunnebjerg.



4. THE LITTLE BELT TRAIL

The Little Belt Trail passes through beautiful coastal landscapes, beaches, open fields, forests and villages. The western section of the trail runs between Å in the north and Løngsmose Recreation Area in the south - a total of 10 km. The eastern section of the trail runs between Nabben in the west and Damsbo Beach in the east and is 8 km long. The trail is marked with poles with white hikers on a blue background.

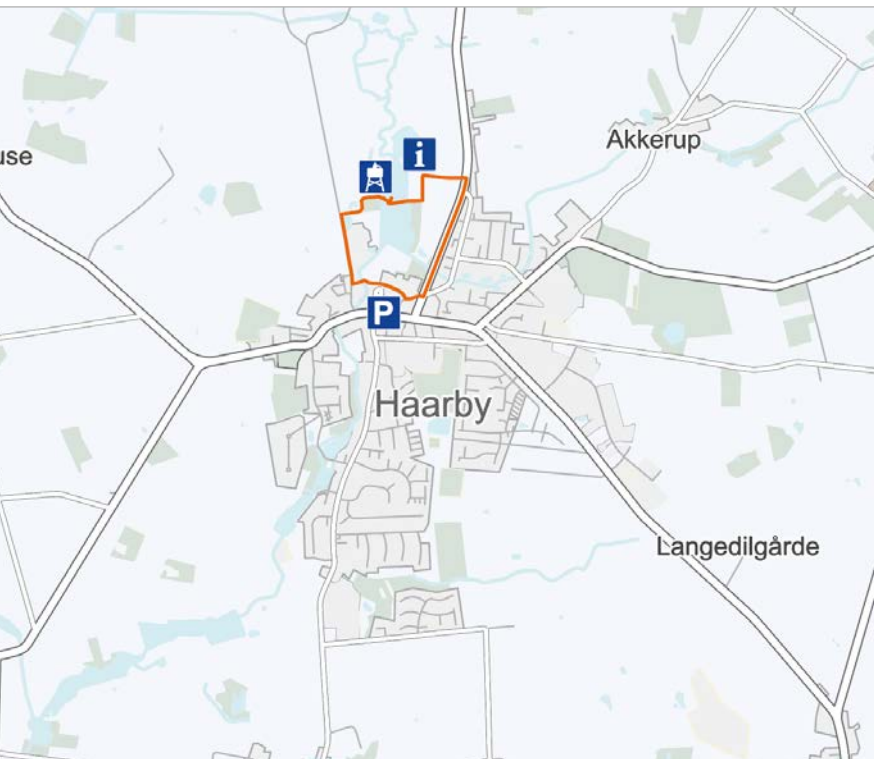
The Little Belt Trail runs on both public and private roads. Therefore, we ask you to stay on the marked trails, take care of the shared nature, and respect boundaries. The trail is a footpath, so it can be uneven and sometimes muddy and wet. We recommend suitable footwear. There is parking at Å Strandvej in Eberup or at Løngsmose Forest, Damsbo Beach and Nabben.



5. HELNÆS

Helnæs is a peninsula southeast of Assens with beautiful scenery and many sea views. There are two marked hiking routes on Helnæs. One at Bobakkerne of 2 km and one at Maden of 2.7 km. You can walk everywhere around the clock in public areas and beaches.

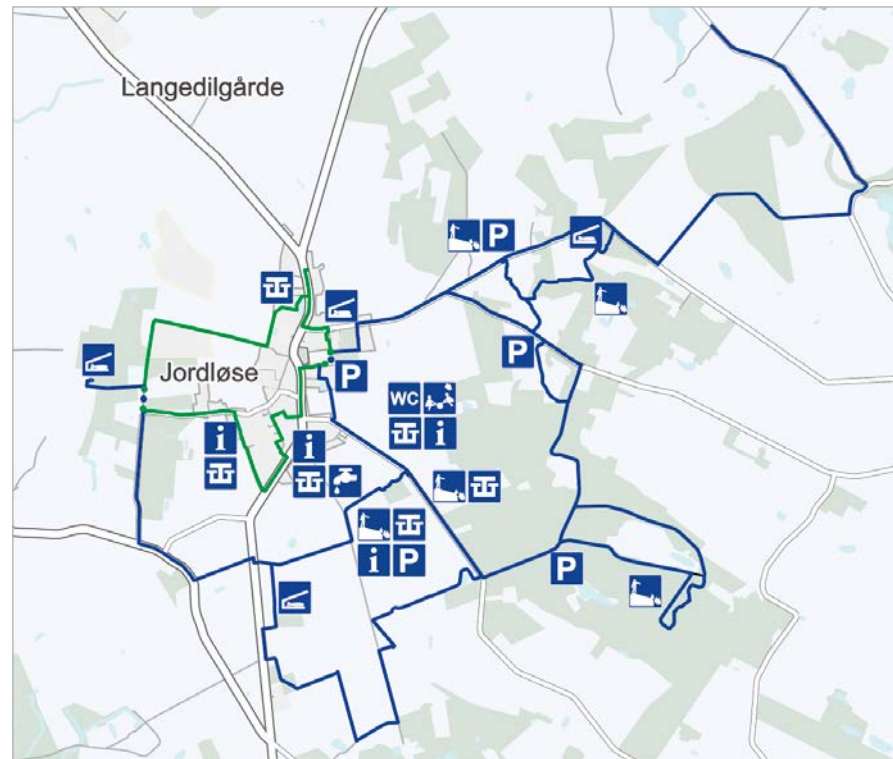
There is parking at Helnæs Byvej, Bobakkerne and at Overdrevet on Maden.



6. HAARBY WETLAND

The wide Ådal valley north of Haarby is a lovely natural pearl. A signposted 2.2 km hiking route leads you through a varied landscape around the beautifully meandering Haarby Å stream - across wet meadows, damp scrub, hedgerows and Haarby's small alleys. The different biotopes are the habitat of many birds, fish, amphibians and insects.

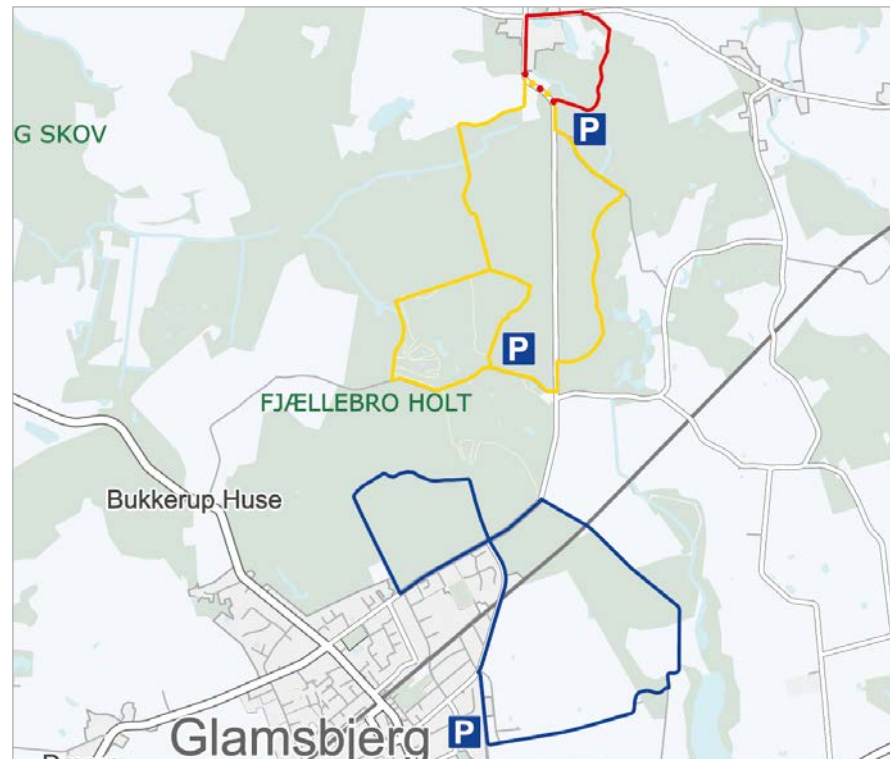
The hike passes the wide Ådal valley where cattle graze on the meadows. Since the reconnection of Haarby Å in 2014, shallow lakes have formed in the meadow, and you can watch the rich birdlife from the lookout post. The hiking route is on private land, but the landowners have allowed public access. Therefore, please stick to the paths and tracks. Parking Linien 11, 5683 Haarby.



7. JORDLØSE HILLS

Jordløse Hills, together with Svanninge Hills, were formed at the end of the last Ice Age, about 18,000 years ago. The area is rich in natural beauty, and Jordløse has evolved from a village of serfs and smallholders to a cooperative, station and trading town, to a village where community and sustainable projects are at the heart of the village.

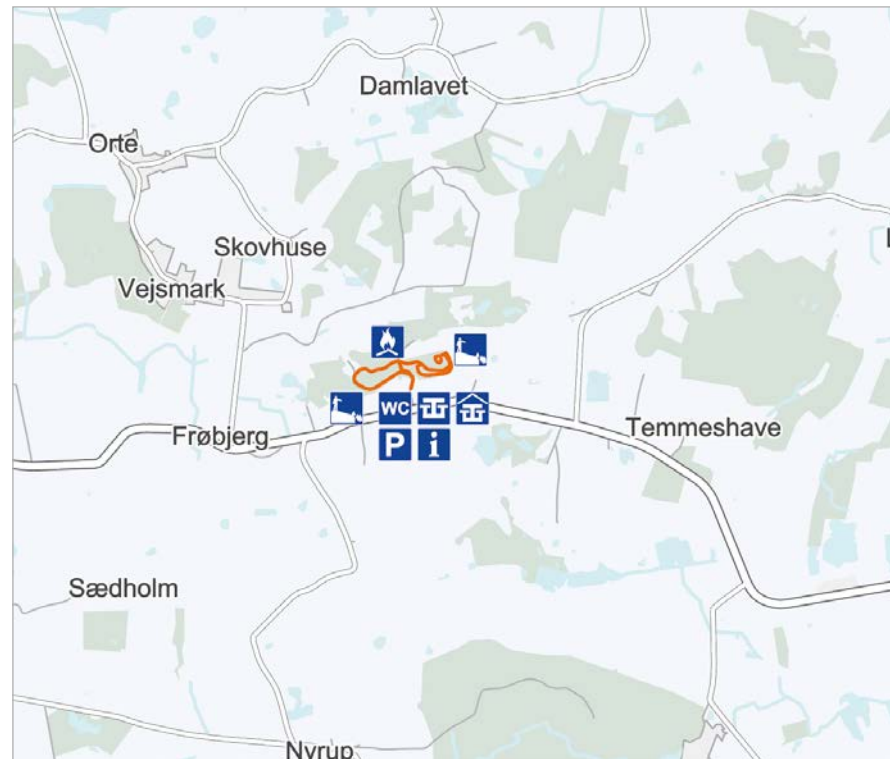
The Village Trail (green route) is about 4 km, and the Country Trail (blue route) is about 16 km. There are signs in many places with information about the area, and there are 4 shelter sites that can be booked through www.bookenshelter.dk. There is parking on the opposite side of the road at Jordløse Møllevej 37.



8. KRENGERUP

Krengerup is in the heart of the West Funen woodland in a beautiful and distinctive moraine landscape. Krengerup Estate is about 2 km from Glamsbjerg, surrounded by Krengerup Forest, and access to the park is free, but you must follow the marked routes.

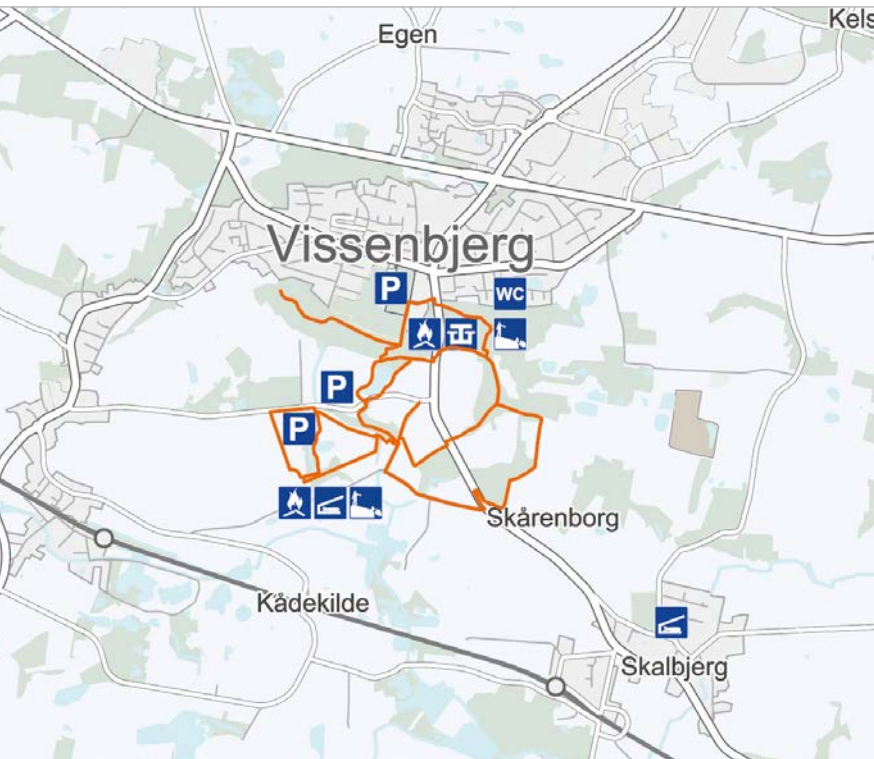
Choose between the Park Route (red route), which is about 2 km, the Søholm's Route (blue route), which is either 4 or 5.5 km long and the Skanneshave-Rulleskov Routes (yellow route), which are either 4.5 or 2 km long. Remember to respect the instructions on the signposts. You can park at Krengerupvej 27.



9. FRØBJERG BAVNEHØJ

Frøbjerg Bavneshøj is the highest point on Funen. The area consists of two hills - Bavneshøjen at 130.1 metres and the small hill at 122 metres. From the top, you are rewarded with a fantastic view over Højfjrn. Bavneshøjen is part of a characteristic dead ice landscape. The hills are flat at the top, with steep sides and prominent meltwater gorges.

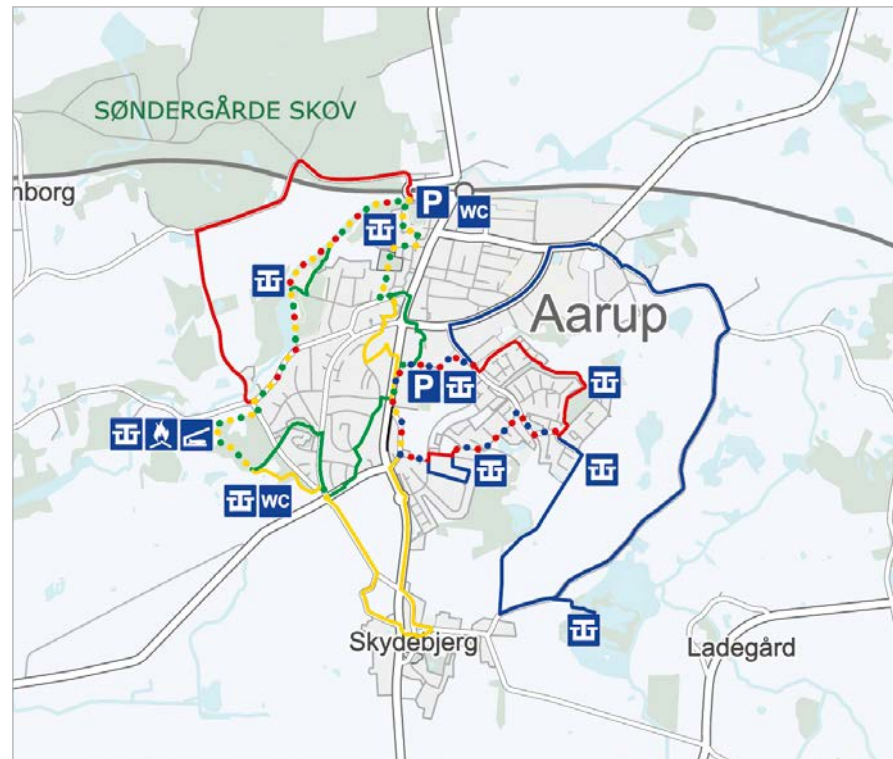
The animals are peaceful if you show consideration and leave them alone. Access is at your own risk, and dogs are not allowed. The route is not suitable for prams and wheelchairs. Bavneshøj: Parking at Frøbjergvej.



10. VISSBJERG HILLS

The Vissebjerg Hills are one of the closest things to mountains in Denmark. At the top of Funen, glaciers have left a vast area of mighty hills, steep slopes and deep ravines. The hills are south of Vissebjerg, about a 5-minute drive from the E20 motorway.

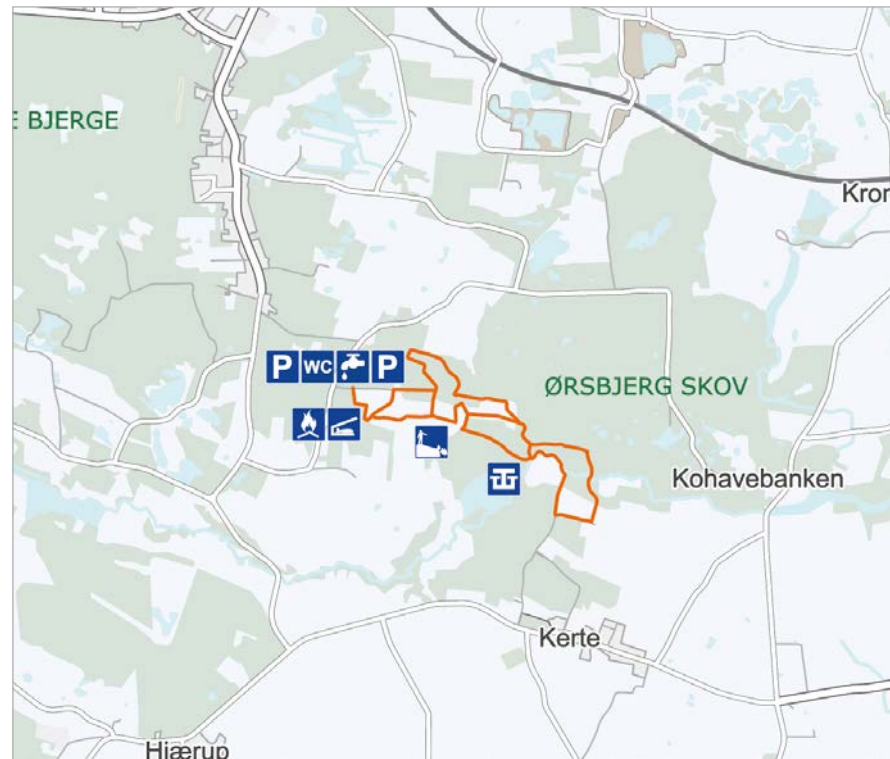
The paths on the individual "landscape steps" are easy to walk on, but the paths between the steps are steep, and you cannot walk with a pram or push chair. The Vissebjerg Hills and Algrunden (The Abyss) are protected, and the area is designated as a Geological Area of Interest, and there is parking at Kirkehelle 5.



11. THE AARUP TRAILS

Five different trails start from Aarup town, where you will encounter beautiful nature, forest and countryside. The trails are marked with blue, green, yellow, and red pictograms. Please note that there are two red routes. The blue route is Skydebjerg Marsh, which is about 8 km long and starts at Aarup School. The Tokeskov route (red-west) is about 4 km long, and the first part of this route follows the Heart Trail along Brænde Å.

The Aarup Town route is the green route, which is about 5 km long. The yellow route, Møllegård Forest, is about 7 km long. The route coincides with routes 2 and 3, and the Heart Trail is part of the tour. The Ornehøj route (red-east) is about 3.5 km long and starts at Ornehøjvej 4. You can park at Aarup Leisure Centre. There is parking at Skolegade 3 or Møllebakken 31 in Aarup.



12. KLAKKEBJERG

The nature in the area of Brænde Ådal and Klakkebjerg is very varied. At Klakkebjerg, you can find heather, which is otherwise not seen on Funen. The meadows along the stream contain many interesting flowers and plants. There are good opportunities to experience the landscape via a marked trail along Brænde Mølle Å. You can either start from Kerte and walk down Mølleknappe or start from the car park at Skovbrynet.

The marked route is about 4 km long, but there are several options for detours along the way. Parts of the area are suitable for disabled people, prams and push chairs, but the paths at the vantage points and the very steep river valley slopes are not suitable. Parking at Ørsbjerg Skovvej 21 in Aarup.



13. BÅGØ

Bågø is a small island in the Little Belt with beautiful and exciting nature, and you might be lucky to see both seals and porpoises off the coast. There is a campsite, bird tower, fishing area and bicycle hire, and there is a harbour shop in the high season. There is a ferry service between Assens and Bågø several times a day, and the trip takes about 1/2 hour.

At Prinsenhøjvej 8 in Bågø town is "Heststalden" (The Horse Stable), where you can eat your packed lunch and buy coffee and ice cream, etc.. It is open from 1 April to 1 November. The hiking trails on the island are for all foot traffic. The hiking routes are divided into blue (4.5 km), green (2 km), red (4 km) and yellow (5 km) routes. The routes are partly on footpaths, and season and vegetation affect the way.