Outdoor activities in Billund Municipality

Get out in the open and get close to nature. Billund Municipality offers nature and outdoor experiences for everyone. Here you'll find trails for mountain biking, cycling, heart and clover trails, short, signposted hiking trails, and parts of longer signposted hiking trails such as the Coast-to-Coast Trail, the Bindeballe Trail and the Hærvejen. You'll find a disc golf course, horse riding trails, dog forests, fishing lakes and possibilities for canoeing on Omme Å and parts of Grindsted Å and Alslev Å. If the children need to burn off some energy, there are plenty of opportunities at the many large and newer playgrounds. If you need a rest, use one of the municipality's many shelter sites, picnic and campfire huts, or find a bench and sit down. Nature is right here.

You can also find inspiration for experiences, trails and nature tours in Billund Municipality at the following links:

www.billund.dk/borger/kultur-og-fritid/oplevelser-ude-aktiviteter
www.destinationtrekantområdet.dk/billund
www.naturstyrelsen.dk
www.kyst-tilkyststien.dk
www.haervej.dk
www.vejle.dk/borger/mit-liv/natur-og-udeliv
www.markmuseum.dk

Great nature experiences

Blooming heather and inland dunes in Grene Sande.

A landscape created by ice, water and wind

Travelling through the nature and landscape of Billund Municipality, you will encounter many visible signs of the wild and incredible transformation of the landscape throughout history. The many different landscapes include Denmark's flattest heath plain west of Grindsted, where the many streams meander westwards towards the North Sea.

To the south and north, low hills from the penultimate ice age form several beautiful view points over the landscape, often with the dark coniferous plantations as a backdrop. The formerly open and windswept Jutland heath with shimmering blue lakes can still be experienced in many places. The magnificent inland dunes with open wind breaks and shifting sands at Grene Sande and Randbøl Hede are particularly worth a visit.

If you stay in a shelter, you may experience the mysterious call of the nightjar in the dark of night.

St. Råbjerg, Grene Sande and Gyttegård Plantage (1)

The large shifting sand area south of Billund and Grindsted is accessible via signposted hiking trails. Here you can experience the heath with inland dunes up to 10 metres high, where the white shifting sand creates an atmosphere similar to the white dunes of the West Coast. Blue lakes peek out from the dark blanket of heather and if you follow the path along the edge of Hejnsvig Bakkeø, on the south side of the heath, the hike offers a unique view of the landscape. Here you can pick lingonberries on the heath and blueberries in the plantation. You can go mountain biking or take your dog for a run in the fenced dog forest, or try your hand at swinging a golf club at Gyttegård Golf Course.

The beautiful marsh gentian grows in the bogs of Præsteflod and Grene Sande.

Flocks of cranes are now resting on Randbøl Hede, and some cranes are breeding on the heath

Randbøl Hede (2)

Randbøl Hede is located on the border between Billund and Vejle municipalities. The 750-hectare heathland area offers many exciting nature experiences.
A good starting point for your trip across the heathland is Naturrum Kirstinelyst, just 5 km south of Billund. Here you can learn more about the nature and exciting history of the heathland.

Through signposted hiking trails across the open expanses of Randbøl Hede, you'll get a unique look back in time to the vast heathlands of earlier times. Today, the heath is preserved through a variety of measures such as grazing, heather harvesting and burning. Let the trumpet sounds of the cranes, the melodic whistle of the curlew or the jubilant song of the skylark be your soundtrack on your trip across Randbøl Hede.

At Syvårssøerne, water comes and goes in an unpredictable way.

Frederikshåb Plantage (3)

Northeast of Randbøl Hede in Vejle Municipality you will find the exciting nature area of Frederikshåb Plantage, with the famous Syvårssøer. Here you can overlook the landscape from the 17 metre high Stoltenberg inland dune or hike on the many signposted hiking trails. There is also a forest trekking course (horse agility), a campfire hut, a picnic house, as well as the remains of air raid shelters, machine gun nests and many other visible relics from World War II.

Baldersbæk Plantage (4)

Baldersbæk Plantage with the beautiful Villa Baldersbæk is located by Holme Å southwest of Donslund. From the car park at Villa Baldersbæk you can go on a tour through the park. Here you will also find a leaflet with more information about Baldersbæk Plantage.

Cycling and hiking trails

The Coast-to-Coast Trail (5)

On the Coast-to-Coast Trail, you can hike across Jutland from Vejle city in the east to Blåvandshuk Lighthouse in the west. A hike totalling 140 km. The signposted trail follows Varde Å and Holme Å and offers very varied nature experiences. In Billund Municipality, the trail follows the beautifully winding Holme Å, through the meadows and marshes of the river valley. On a particularly beautiful stretch of the trail, you pass Ravnhøj Hede, located on a south facing slope. Along the Coast-to-Coast Trail you can spend the night at shelter sites and basic tent sites, where there is also access to drinking water. Find maps and information on the Coast-to-Coast Trail website.

The rare ladybird spider breeds on Ravnhøj Hede

Memorial to a downed aircraft from World War II (photo John Havn)

Den Skæve Bane (8)

Den Skæve Bane (the crooked trail) is a cycling and hiking trail that follows the former railway line Diagonalbanen from Grindsted northwards to Brande, Silkeborg and Langå. The railway line continues south to Bramming, and there are plans to turn this section into a cycling and hiking trail as well.

From Grindsted, the trail starts in a sheltered and pleasant flat stretch through Grindsted Plantage. South of Filskov, a small sign points to a hammock forest where you can take a well-deserved rest. In Filskov there is also an MTB trail on the former railway line area through the town. North of Filskov, the trail passes the river valley by Omme Å and further north, the exciting memorial to a downed aeroplane from World War II.

Hub-based cycling network

South and east of Sønder Omme, a hub-based cycling network is signposted on existing small roads. You choose your own route from hub to hub. The route passes Sønder Omme Plantage and several streams surrounded by bogs and meadows.

The Hærvejen (6)

The Hærvejen is a signposted cycling and hiking trail that traverses Jutland from Hirtshals and Frederikshavn to Padborg at the border between Denmark and Germany, a journey of 500 kilometres. Along the trail you can experience the best of Jutland's nature - sea, coast, heaths, forests and open countryside, not to mention some of the most exciting places in Danish history. A short stretch of the Hærvejen trail between Bindeballe and Bække passes the south-eastern corner of Billund Municipality at the village of Fitting.

The Bindeballe Trail (7)

The Bindeballe Trail is a 36 km long cycling and hiking trail that connects the cities of Billund and Vejle. In Billund, the trail starts from Lalandia. The first part of the trail follows Billund Bæk before turning south towards Frederikshåb Plantage. Travelling east through the plantation, you pass the open dune landscapes of the Syvårssøerne. From Bindeballe Købmandsgård, the trail follows the old Vandelbanen railway line through the stunning landscape of Vejle Ådal all the way to Vejle city. Read more and download a map of the the trail on Vejle Municipality's website.

Troldhedestien (9)

The Troldhedestien trail is best known from Kolding Municipality. In Billund Municipality you can also cycle or hike on the old railway line that ran between Vejen/Kolding and Troldhede. This applies to the Hejnsvig-Grindsted-Sdr. Omme section, where the route runs through the large plantation areas of Utoft and Grindsted Plantage. In several places along the route you can experience flowery roadsides that attract many species of butterflies.

In Grindsted Plantage, the Troldhedebanen railway crosses on a viaduct above Den Skæve Bane.

Just north of Grindsted there is a signposted horse riding trail through Grindsted Plantage, which takes you along both the Troldhedestien and Den Skæve Bane. At the shelter at Holdgårdvej in Sdr. Omme there is an information board that tells about the history of the Troldhede railway. North of Sdr. Omme, there is a cycling trail northwards to Stakroge in Herning Municipality, although not on the old railway line.

Urban nature experiences

The playground in Billund Anlæg is shaped like a giant salamander.

Billund city

At Billund Anlæg you can experience lake, heath, flower meadow and forest. You'll also find a playground, fire pit and amphitheatre. A sledding hill is ready for the snowy winter weather. Along the Sculpture Trail in Billund, art and nature go hand in hand. Here you can enjoy a wide variety of artworks as you walk along the meandering Billund Bæk. At the tennis courts you'll find an information board and leaflet about the Storytelling Trail, where small pastel-coloured sculptures hide in the forest. Playline connects the Sculpture Trail with Billund's major tourist attractions and the city centre. Look out for colourful graphics in the paving along the route. At the VandvÞrksskoven ou can visit the dog forest, where dogs are allowed to run free.

A beautiful autumn day by the park lakes in the heart of Grindsted City.

Grindsted city

At Tronsøen there is a nature fitness area, a signposted riding trail, a campfire site and shelters. Grindsted Engsø and Grindsted Å form a green wedge through Grindsted town centre. Here you'll find a playground and an 18-hole disc golf course. A network of hiking trails and boardwalks hides both a disability-accessible boardwalk south of Grindsted Hospital and a secret hideaway in the treetops of the bog north of the park lakes.

The museum farm of Karensminde is located just west of Grindsted Engsø.

Get close to the river from the viewing platform at Ansager Å

Stenderup-Krogager

In Stenderup-Krogager you can explore the bog that lies along the Nørrebæk by Øparken. Here you will also find the town's playground and the Green Lounge picnic area. South of the town the Ansager Å flows by, where you can enjoy the view from the small bridge into the river.

If you follow the trail west along Grindsted Engsø you end up at Karensminde, the museum farm, which is part of MARK, the Museums of Billund Municipality (10). On a hiking trail through the nearby plantation, various black gates mark the beginning of the adventure journey into history. South of Grindsted Stadium you'll find Sønderby Hede and Sønderby Plantage with both hiking trails, shelter site and dog forest.

Hejnsvig

Hejnsvig is located in an elevated landscape on the top of Hegnsvig Bakkeø. In ancient times, many burial mounds were placed here on the highest spots in the landscape. They can still be seen when hiking along the town's heart trails, where you can enjoy the beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. A packed lunch or a cup of coffee from the thermos can be enjoyed in the special Green Lounge area. Hejnsvig's recreational area ÓAnlÞ ggetôcontains both a lake, a forest and a picnic area.

The Green Lounge picnic area is designed as a meeting place for the city's children and young people.

Sønder Omme

The Anlægget in the heart of Sønder Omme contains both the beautiful Naturrum, a campfire fire pit and nature playground. The town's heart trails include scenic routes along the Omme Å and through smaller forest areas both north and south of the town. You can also follow the heart trail to the dog forest in the eastern part of the town. Here you can play with your dog in the dog playground and let it run free in the fenced dog forest. There is also the opportunity to take a walk along the adventure trail through the bog or enjoy a well-deserved break at the shelter site.

The highest points in Billund Municipality can be found at the burial mounds around Hejnsvig.

The shelter village in Vorbasse with 4 shelters, fire pit, picnic house, pizza oven and toilet

Vorbasse

Vorbasse is known for its annual Vorbasse Market. Vorbasse has its own shelter village, located in a clearing in a wooded forest area just south of the town. Here you'll also find a small lake and a fenced dog forest. The town's playground can be found at the market place in the centre of the town. An activity axis between the school and the hall ends at Drivvejen with 'Bjerget', a viewing hill where there is also a covered picnic area. The town's signposted heart trails lead both southwards to Søndersøgård Plantage and northwards through the plantations along the old Troldhedebane.

At Omme Å rest area you can enjoy the beautiful views

Filskov

Filskov is the starting point for Billund Municipality's only Klßversti. On the 4 routes of varying lengths, you'll pass a number of special viewpoints and experience loca-tions, including a viewing platform by Omme Å, a bird hide by Hjortlund Sø, a hammock forest and a memorial to a crashed plane from World War II. At Mergelgraven east of the town there is a viewpoint, a picnic area, and a shelter site. Filskov also has its own MTB track. Leaflets about the clover trail can be found at Filskov Kro and Min Købmand in Filskov. There is a playground and a picnic area at the Anlægget by Amtsvejen.

From the bird hide at Hjortlund Sø you can watch birds and enjoy the view of the lake

Let your dog run free in the dog forests or take your dog on a lead on the many hiking trails