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The Rønner



The Rønner is one of the largest, finest and most beautiful wet areas in Denmark. Here you can feel small under the sky between large granite boulders and thousands of anthills and birds.

In the Rønner you can experience several types of landscape – including heaths, moors, biotops and beach meadows – and many plants and animals are only found in this area.

Beach meadows are low-lying, saltwater-affected areas with herbs that are especially salt tolerant, which are covered by the sea several times a year. Since no Danish trees are able to survive on beach meadows we here have a natural environment which is bright and open! It is a rare type of landscape which most people are fascinated by when standing in the middle of it, enjoying the open sky, the birds and the colours of the vegetation, which change over the seasons from green through pink and purple to red.

Læsø's beach meadows and wading areas are different from others because the special subsoil, along with a dry climate, cause a high salt content and high ground water, containing up to 15% salt, as opposed to about 2% in the sea. It is this extra-saline water which has formed the basis for salt making on Læsø through many centuries.



Læsø's Seaweed Roofs „Tanggårde“

Throughout the years, many have praised Læsø's seaweed roofs and called them both unique and wonderful.

And unique they are, because nowhere else in Denmark or in the world is there any evidence of the use of seaweed as a material for covering residences fully but on the small island in the northern Kattegat. And actually, it is not even seaweed, but eelgrass that is used.

It is not known precisely when thatching with seaweed on Læsø started. However, everyone agrees that by the 1600s a fully developed thatching technique existed, with the use of "ropes" (twisted ropes of seaweed), which were tied to the lowest 3-4 rows of battens. After this rope-bank had been created using the thick ropes, the rest of the roof could be placed on top with loose seaweed in a metre thick layer. On the ridge several long rows of turf were laid.

A technique so well developed must have started many years previously and may easily have been created as a result of the sand drifts,





which became serious in the middle of the 1500s. The small amount of rye straw which could be grown afterwards had to go to the animals, so it would have been obvious to use the seaweed which washed up on the beach on the impoverished island. During the 1930s, a fungus infection occurred in the eelgrass, especially in the northern Kattegat. Since then it has been almost impossible to find strong and long seaweed for maintaining, repairing and starting new thatching on Læsø.

In 2008, local thatcher Henning Johansen decided to bring home eelgrass from Møn and Bogø. Here the eelgrass is of particularly high quality, and a group of local farmers gather, dry and press the eelgrass into round bales which they send to Læsø. With support from Realdania, a new seaweed roof was put on Keld Post's Sheep House, and since then many experiments have shown that it is possible to return to development with good quality eelgrass. So if everything goes well, Læsø may preserve its seaweed roofs, if not forever then almost forever.



Læsø Dune Plantation "Læsø Klitplantage"

The Dune Plantation as we know it today has a recent origin. The first plantings, which had the purpose of re-establishing the large forest that was lost during the destructive sand drifts, were made in 1902 as a private initiative in cooperation with Hedeselskabet. During the late 1920s, large areas were bought by the state, which then started significant new plantings.

The Dune Plantation is now the island's largest single area of forest with 1874 hectares. The Dune Plantation's area includes – besides the forest-covered area – the natural landscape on the north coast formed by the sea: the Marshes in the southwest and Højsande in the northeast. These areas all have in common that they were formed by the sea and/or wind.

The dune plantation itself is on the highest parts of the island, the four oldest beach terraces. The northern stretches of coast are about 11 m above the surface of the sea, while the landscape levels out towards the south. As a result of the clearing of the forests from the Middle Ages and up to the end of the 1600, large areas are covered in shifting sands. The plantation is therefore characterised by great diversity with much local variation of fertility.

'Højsande' in the eastern part of the plantation is a hilly, heathery moor and has two characteristic wandering dunes. The wandering dunes probably started their movement in the area around Vesterø Harbour and has since then been stabilised in their current location. In the eastern wandering dune is the Foldgård lake.

The Marshes – Denmark's largest moor

Parts of the Marshes also belong to the dune plantation, and they are the largest area of moor

in Denmark. It is a beach terrace, formed in the period between the earliest Bronze Age and the latest Iron Age, over a period of 500-1000 years. The area was at the time characterised by recurved spit development and barrier-island-formation. The recurved spits can still be seen in the landscape today in the shape of ridges in the otherwise wet and swampy area. The area's many lakes were formed as salty beach lakes and/or lagoons, but the loss of contact with the sea means that the lakes are now fresh.

Holtemmen is growing

Horneks Spit and Holtemmen on the north coast are also a part of the dune plantation. The area around Holtemmen has grown significantly during the last hundred years. The movement of material goes from east to west, and you can therefore see a row of sand banks at the foot of the old Stone Age cliff. It is a bank-and-hollow landscape with wet marshes and lagoon lakes, interchanged with dry ridges of small sandy fringe.

The plantation's many species of trees

The plantation mainly consists of Scotch pine, birch, and also oak. But many other species, especially from northwest America, have been planted since the 1940s. These mainly consist of Sitka spruce, Giant fir, Douglas fir, western

hemlock, and Contarta fir, but also Austrian pine, Norway spruce, silver fir and larch trees, as well as several types of deciduous trees.

Many of the seeds of the trees spread very easily, which is good because it creates a more natural and stable forest structure and thereby supports our wish for a natural development of the forest. It does, however, create some problems, because it is often the native species which spread, and often into the bright open areas.

You can find more information about Læsø Dune Plantation in the leaflets placed at the Forest Hut and in car parks as well as on www.skovog-natur.dk/vendsyssel, where you can also find a list of our events.

As you can see, the dune plantation has great environmental value, making even a 'forest trip' to Læsø something special. The Forest and Nature Agency hopes you will have time for both the dune plantation and some of our other areas, because remember – they are yours!



Have a good time,
Hans-Henrik Jørgensen,
Forest ranger





Orchids and sunshine

There are not many orchid species on Læsø. The reason for this is that the number of botanical species on any area of land is dependent on the age and isolation of that area. Læsø is one of the youngest and most isolated areas in Denmark and therefore has few botanical species. But Læsø is nevertheless an El Dorado for orchids. They are found in such large amounts on the island that they grow here, there and everywhere. The most common orchid species on Læsø are the Early-Marsh Orchid, which flowers in May and June, and the Heath-Spotted Orchid, which blossoms in large numbers in June and July and colours the Rønner in purples and violets.



In 1999 I noticed that in Holtemmen, close to Læsø's north coast there was a small patch of Heath-Spotted Orchid, which was very unusual. It was unusual because the orchid's petals were significantly richer in colour than normal. Holtemmen is already known as an interesting location botanically, containing among other things species of flesh-eating plants. In Holtemmen there is also half a score of different orchids.

This richly coloured Heath-Spotted Orchid was sent for examination at the universities in Aarhus and Copenhagen, which agreed that the strong colour was a result of a rare genetic phenomenon. The reason for this phenomenon is assumed to be mainly connected to the island's many hours of sunshine.

Læsø has among the highest number of hours of sunshine in Denmark – maybe the largest. Statistical calculations show that there are 1900 hours of sun on Læsø annually. This amount of sunshine is 300 hours more than, for example, in the middle and south of Jutland. Because of its northern location, Læsø also has among the longest days in Denmark. At the end of June, the length of the day on Læsø is 17 hours and 58 minutes, which is about 40 minutes longer than in the north of Germany.

But upward moving methane gas from underground can also have affected the orchids' production of colour pigments in their petals.

During the last ice age Læsø was covered in a thick ice-mass, which pressed down on the Earth's crust. When the ice melted, Læsø started to rise, which can be seen even to this day, as Læsø rises 5 mm each year. The

movements of the Earth's crust mean that small amounts of methane bubble up from a fault underground to the surface, where it changes into hydrogen sulphide, and it is this that may also affect the orchids' genetic system.

The orchids' production of colour pigments is a result of very complicated genetic processes, but metaphorically speaking you can say that inside the orchid there is a small colour factory and this factory is controlled by an IT system. When the orchid receives large amounts of light, the colour factory's IT system is affected in such a way that the production of colours sometimes runs wild and sometimes completely stops. The result is therefore that the flower of the Heath-Spotted Orchid on Læsø sometimes is extremely rich in colour and sometimes as white as snow – it is a kind of albino.

During the last 10 years, there has been systematic registration of this atypical Heath-Spotted Orchid on Læsø. The registration includes designation of the species, description of location, GPS position, as well as photo documentation. There are currently about 6,500 individual plants registered.

Peter Augustinus, Admin Director

The Heath-Spotted Orchid is – like every kind of orchid – protected in Denmark. It is not protected because it is rare, but because it can easily be mistaken for other very rare orchids.



Læsø Rhododendron Park

Læsø Rhododendron Park is a beautiful and colourful park, on the way into Østerby. It was established in 2000 and is a park containing several thousand acid-loving plants. It is owned by Lise and Søren Madsen, who got their first rhododendron when they moved to Østerby in 1980. This is how everything started, on a small scale, with a small bed, which with the years grew more and more until the garden in the end was so full of rhododendrons that the couple – in 1999 – agreed to stop. But then they received an offer to also fill the nearby area – 7,500 m² in total – with the beautiful plants, and then everything sped up, as you can now see in the park itself.

So what does the Rhododendron Park offer?

As the name suggests, it is primarily about rhododendrons, but there are also azaleas and several exotic trees have started to attract the attention of the public. You can, for example, see real tulip trees, dove trees, monkey-puzzle trees, field elms, weeping spruces, dawn redwoods, empress trees and magnolias. However it's the 500 –five hundred! – different species and genii of azaleas and rhododendrons that create the absolute base for the park, which offers one long blooming season, where the flowering of one (rare) species or genus takes over from another. Take, for example, flowers such as the Pink Pearl, Cotton Candy, Angelo and Lems Cameo, whose flowers are twice as big as the common garden rhododendrons. Or what about the yakusimanum, which is an incredibly beautiful rhododendron from Japan, slow growing, hardy, furry on the underside and with indument on new growths. The yakusimanum has been the origin of many species in Europe.

Blossoming from March to September

The blooming season starts in the beginning of March with the flowering of the bright-red, large-flowered Taurus and Grace Seabrook. Then follows the wild species suchunense and calophyllum with their incredibly beautiful rose colour. And then the blossoming occurs one species after another, culminating at the end of May and the beginning of June when both rhododendrons and azaleas are at their highest. Among other things, you can see in this period the unusual rhododendron Black Adder, with its amazing black colour. The plant is cultivated in America and through good connections has ended up in the park.

Most of the plants are bought in Denmark, but also plant schools in Germany, Scotland and Norway have sent many plants to Læsø. The result is a firework display of colours, which ends in August with the wild aureculathum and Polarbear.

After the blossoming of the last rhododendron, the focus shifts to the lilies, which flower from around August to September. In the park you can see Asian and oriental lilies, and the very large OT lilies Leslie Wodrift, Luna, Africa Queen, Altara, Beverly Dream and many others, which are all easy on the eye.

Flowering Cycle-path

The park is Søren's dream, and it is also mostly him who goes about dealing with the plants. Many of them he has developed himself. He has received many scions and has grafted many plants. There are also plants grown from seeds and cuttings, as well as branches just set in the ground. It is also due to the park that the 1 km



long cycle path leading to and from Østerby Harbour has been planted with rhododendrons on both sides of the road. When these plants are in full bloom, there is hardly a more beautiful cycle-path in Denmark!

Entrance fees all go towards new investment into and maintenance of the park.

Læsø Rhododendron Park

Østerby Havnegade 62, 9940 Læsø

Tel.: 9849 8285, www.rhododendronpark.dk

Entrance: 15 kr. per person, 10 kr. per person with groups of more than 40.

Group Tours can be arranged (weekdays after 5pm and Saturdays)

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The Brown Bee – part of Læsø



Læsø Bivlerforening (Læsø Beekeepers Association) has for many years been responsible for protecting the Brown Bee. The association's keepers have a breeding programme designed to ensure that the Brown Bee survives in Denmark. All pure bee breeds are under threat at the moment, not least the Brown Bee. The breeds disappear because of cross-breeding, destroying any future possibility of controlled combinations of pure breeds, which could further honey production for tomorrow's beekeepers. The Brown Bee is also a piece of Danish cultural heritage, used even by the Vikings when they harvested honey from wild bee colonies for mead production, among other things. We are responsible for this heritage.

When virgins mate

In a beehive only the queen mates with the male bees (the drones). In a short, hectic period, the virgin queen flies out and mates with 12-20 drones. The mating takes place in the open air far away from the hive to prevent inbreeding. Queens and drones leave their hives and often fly several kilometres to meet at breeding grounds, where mating occurs many metres up. In a few days, the queen gathers enough seed for the rest of her life. So it's easy to see why it requires special arrangements to prevent breeds mixing.

Breeding grounds for Brown Bees

All breeding of Brown Bees takes place in the eastern part of Læsø. From Hals Kirkevej east only recognised Brown Bee colonies are allowed to provide drones for breeding. Virgin queens are kept in small colonies and allowed out to mate in the area. When breeding is over, the queen is returned home and introduced to a colony which will produce honey.

The Forest hut – exhibition about Brown Bees

Læsø Bivlerforening has a permanent open exhibition about the Brown Bee in and around the Forest hut. All year round there are bees in a couple of hives, which you can carefully look

into by opening the panel on the side of one of the hives. Between June and September, there are bees in a large observation hive. Here you can see the worker bees flying in with 'pollen trousers' on their legs. There are bees in a hollow tree trunk, so you can get an impression of how bees live in the wild, and a straw cube with bees, which illustrates beekeeping in older times.

Honey

Honey from Læsø is a truly natural product, almost exclusively gathered in natural areas. Best known is the flavoured heather honey, which the bees collect on moors and other heathery areas. Risking life and limb, the bees fight from flower to flower to gather the small drops of nectar, which is found in the heather's tiny blooms. Danger lurks everywhere in the form of spiders, dragon flies and bee wolves, which make a meal out of the hard-working worker bees. Læsø honey from Brown Bees can be bought directly from the beekeepers or at several shops on the island. Unfortunately, the honey crop from Læsø's natural areas oscillates from year to year, and often demand for honey is greater than supply, and you may therefore discover that the honey is sold out.

Læsø Bivlerforening

Here you can get more information:

Visit the beehouse on Stordalsvej.

A leaflet about Brown Bees is available at Læsø Tourist Office.

Danmarks Bivlerforening
www.bivl.dk

Læsø Bivlerforening
www.brunbi.dk



Events and talks
Every Thursday in July 4pm-5pm at the Forest hut (in Danish)

Beekeepers on Læsø working actively to protect the Brown Bee use this label on their lids:



The label is your guarantee that:

- the honey in the jar has been collected by Brown Bees on Læsø.
- the honey has been produced by keepers that are actively working to protect the Brown Læsø Bee.
- the honey has been produced without the use of any pesticides.





Story of the sailor

Story of the sailor who found his bride on a foreign shore

In the year 1856, Jakob Jönsson was the first mate on the sailing ship 'Alexander' from Gullholmen in Bohuslän. In a freezing November storm the boat, on its way to England with a cargo of oats, struck Trindeln's reef, north of Læsø. The skipper and his son – as well as Jakob – were the only ones who made it to the lifeboat and to land. Jakob, who was in the best condition, went onto the island to get help. He met a pilot and his daughter Dorthe, but when they returned to the beach both father and son had frozen to death.

The castaway stayed on Læsø for a while, before he returned home to Sweden. The tragic November night did have a happy ending, however, since Jakob returned to take the pilot's daughter home to his family farm on Hermanö. Jakob went on long trips for many years, and the couple had 6 children together, who grew up on the farm in Sweden.

This is how my wife's family tells the tale of the meeting of her great-great-grandmother and great-great-grandfather, and also how it is relayed in a book of old childhood memories from Gullholmen.

Eight years ago we travelled to Læsø to see where this Dorthe was from; we – sisters and a brother with our partners. The hostel in Vesterø was a good starting point for our trips and the hunt for our ancestors. In the local history archive in Gl. Østerby I found a lot of

new information that helped our genealogical research. In Østerby Churchyard we found Dorthe's sister's headstone and several others from our family tree.

Last year we decided to come back, this time with all four siblings and their families. We rented a house for a week and went on the seal safari, the Rønner tour, visited the Woollen Mill and much more.

This time my sister-in-law Katarina and I spent a whole day in the local archives. We were met with great friendship and kindness, and the volunteer staff had a lot of local knowledge and knew of several of the people we were looking for.

We found, among other things, the following notice from Frederikshavn's newspaper from Thursday the 20th of November 1856 concerning the wreck:

It gave us an incredible

Læsø, 15th Nov.
On the 11th of this month the schooner ALEXANDER of Gullholmen, Skipper Lars Jönsson, on the way from Flensbourg to Gothenburg with bricks, was stranded south of the Island. Of the crew, who came to shore on one of the Rønner here on the island, 4 men unfortunately perished from cold and exposure in the strong snow storm, which they had been long exposed to; 3 men have survived. The ship is wrecked. A small boat from the Island, called TWO BROTHERS, which was on the way to the previously mentioned vessel, capsized and drifted, whereby unfortunately one man, a family father, the farmer Mads Peter Sørensen, was lost.

feeling to read this, which was written less than a week after the incident. Two different narratives, different places, different destinations and cargoes, but apparently the same disaster and the same information about the ship, skipper and sequence of events. All this set the imagination going again and gives new ideas for research...

The later discoveries that some of the chandeliers in Byrum Kirke were donated by one of our ancestors, and that the large silver treasure, part of which is displayed in the Maritime Museum in Vesterø, was buried in the 1680s by the brother of another ancestor, also made the journey a great adventure.

Now we can't bear to wait seven years before we visit again!

Hi, Læsø! We're coming back!

B-A Ivarsson and family

Shipwrecks

It was not just the ship the Alexander which was stranded on Læsø – in fact it was so common for ships to be wrecked on the island's many treacherous reefs and shallow waters that the old Læsø farms were built almost entirely out of timber from stranded ships!

In the Maritime Museum you can learn a lot more about strandings and the rescue service and see the methods used to help the stricken sailors.

Visit also 'The Lifeguard House in Lilledal', and read about the tragic story of Flora's shipwreck.

Local History Archive

So Dorthe from Læsø ended up in Sweden, but usually it was the men of Læsø who –



I live in the South West - where do you live?

The situation is common. You ask a friend: 'where are you going on holiday?' And the answer is 'Italy'. Someone else gets the same question and answers 'To Tuscany'. Now we change the situation to talk about Læsø. The first answer is 'Læsø', the second 'the South harbour'. In both cases one answers covers everything, but in the second case it means one area – a very specific part of the whole. Læsø is not just the Læsø of the three towns. From olden days Læsø has been divided into local areas. This was necessary for the islanders to identify each other.

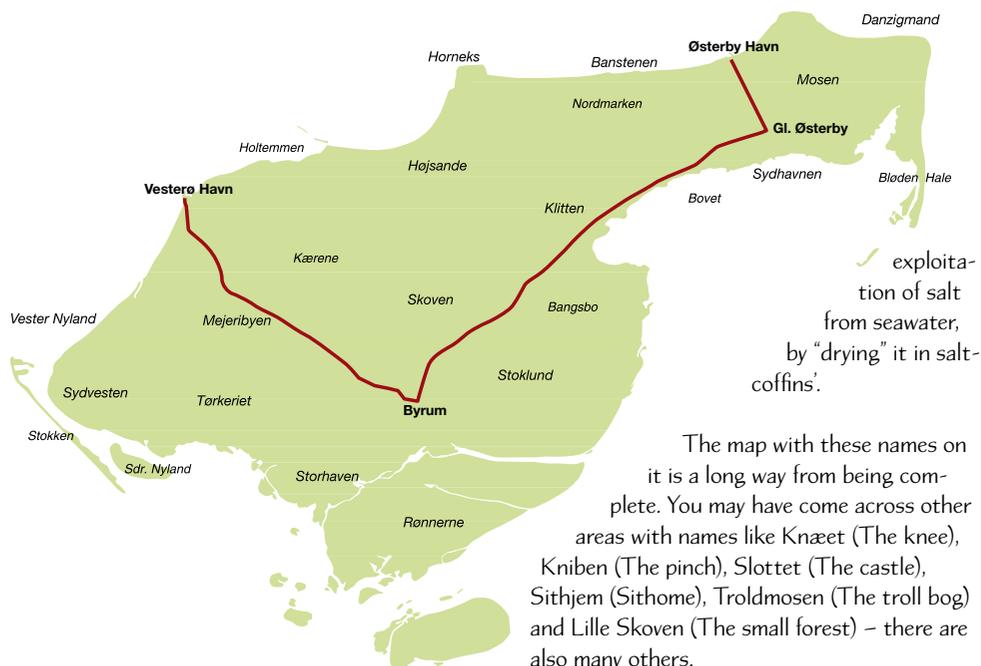
On the map page there are the names of some of the most famous areas and localities, as well as the main roads and towns. The map should be self-explanatory, but some of the older names – designations might help you a little along the way. Here are a few explanations:

as sailors on merchant and warships – travelled far and wide. Several started families far from home, from Alaska to Australia, but more often than not they would settle down in other parts of Denmark.

This is one of the reasons that the Local History Archive in Old Østerby receives a large number of enquiries from Denmark and abroad, and is very visited by descendants of islanders, who want to know more about their family's roots on Læsø.

In the archive you can find copies of parish records, land registries, oral histories and registers of deeds and probate, as well as a large and exciting collection of photographs, which will benefit genealogists and others interested in history.

You can find the archive's opening hours and more on page 17.



The map with these names on it is a long way from being complete. You may have come across other areas with names like Knæet (The knee), Kniben (The pinch), Slottet (The castle), Sithjem (Sithome), Trolldøsen (The troll bog) and Lille Skoven (The small forest) – there are also many others.

It doesn't require a huge amount of Læsø knowledge to know that nobody has their address in the coastal areas. But the area names from along the coast were very significant when islanders gathered to help when ships were stranded. In any case it is important to protect names for places, local areas, even villages – and not just on Læsø.

Why this pessimistic statement? Because, the postal service is doing all it can to eliminate 'the small places'. The otherwise very friendly messengers only need the name, road and house number as well as 9940 Læsø to find a recipient on Læsø. Vesterø, Byrum, Østerby, Klitten, Bangsbo, Svinehaven and so on have become superfluous in official communication. So there are a lot of reasons to protect the old names for the open landscape.

Kærerne / The marshes: A series of shallow lakes and pools, which stretches from the eastern edge of Vesterø Harbour and up towards the landing strip. Cranes live in this area.

Skoven / The forest: An old cultivated landscape with many deciduous trees, farms and houses, which stretch far back in history.

Klitten / The dune: The area north of the main road. It was greatly damaged during the sand drifts, which caused the saltworkers' firewood deliverer to 'forget' to replant trees while felling the forest.

Sydhavnen / The south harbour: Not really a harbour, but a mooring place, for many small boats which are used, among other things, for fishing in Bøvet.

Mosen / The bog: In older times the islanders dug a lot of good peat in the area. Today islanders can enjoy living in an idyllic forest area.

Tørkeriet / The drought zone: The area from Pentstrømmen and some way into Byrum parish. 'The area where there was particularly strong



Decked boat – Steamboat – Ferry

The Læsø-Frederikshavn route in snippets

It would be possible to write a thick tome about Læsø's connection to the mainland. The following will give the reader very short snippets about seven ships and four landing places – important elements of Læsø's lifeline to the wide world.

Before 1872. There has always been traffic between Læsø and the mainland. Islanders had to get out, and come back home again. Civil servants flitted to and fro with their families and possessions. Adventurers wanting to experience a new place would visit. Messages and reports had to be delivered to help keep the kingdom together. The postal routes also worked in such far flung areas. Everything was done in open sailing boats steered by skilled sailors who knew the waters and how to land on open beaches.

1872: Vesterø Harbour was built and readied to serve the postal route from Læsø to Frederikshavn with the newly built decked boat the Ane Margrethe. The boat was owned by the islander Chr. Kiel Larsen. He served the route for the next 15 years without a single day off for sickness.

1887: The 1st of May: a newly founded steamboat company consisting of two islanders started the SS Læsø (1) on the route between Læsø and Frederikshavn. The decked boat was not completely redundant as it still worked as relief vessel for the steamboat.

1908: Vesterø Harbour was expanded with a new basin to the north. The Læsø steamboat's permanent mooring place moved from the old harbour to the new basin, where a new warehouse was also established. Here the steamboat had its mooring until 1971.

1918: On the 20th of September, the newspaper reports that the owners of the SS Læsø (1) terminated the contract with the post office,

because the shipping company had been running at a loss.

1918: Tuesday 26th November was a great day in Læsø's modern history. This day saw the first AGM of the Andels-Dampskibs-Selskabet Læsø (Læsø's Cooperative Steamboat Company).

1918: On Tuesday 10th December the privately owned SS Læsø (1) sailed its last voyage. The next day the newly founded cooperative shipping company had its first trip. This was with the motorised decked boat the Edith of Læsø.

1919: On Monday 17th March Andels-Dampskibs-Selskabet Læsø sailed its first voyage on the route between Læsø Frederikshavn with its own ship the SS Læsø (2).

1928: By now the cooperative's steamboat from 1919, the SS Læsø (2), already had many years behind it, and need a replacement. This was provided by the shipbuilders in Frederikshavn and the SS Læsø (3) set sail in 1928. The steamboat – with its red plush sofas – served loyally for no less than 33 years, a record in the company's history.

1945: The Directory of Supply and Provisions gives permission for the Læsø steamboat to take over 17,020 kg of coal, at the price of 1,376 DKK, 62 øre, which had been left by the Germans. The coal was among many other materials meant for use in connection with the planned artillery battery in the Nordmark.

1947: SS Læsø (3) was refitted in the Svane-mølle wharf in Copenhagen, so that it no longer ran on coal but on oil. From this point on we are talking about the SS Læsø (3) with more space for cars.

1966: The shipping company ran into great difficulties. Only five years old, the MS Læsø (4) was far too small and did not live up to the demands of the time. What was needed was a roll-on roll-off ferry; and a new ship would have

to have two decks, one for cars and one for a lounge. This was made possible because Anholt needed a ship, and Ærø had one perfect ship too many. Læsø had its first ferry the MF Læsø (5).

1971: Gradually the space both on land and in the harbour grew too tight in the 1908 northern basin. Vesterø Harbour expanded with a ferry landing in a newly established outer harbour. Here the MF Læsø (5) had its new home until it was replaced by a new and larger ferry the MF Læsø (6) in 1981.

1981: The new ferry is, up to this point, the crossing's most elegant ship, with lots of space in comfortable lounges. Built by Ørskov's Shipwharf in Frederikshavn it cost 33 million kroner.

1997: Saturday 14th June was a day of celebration for Læsø. More than half of the island gathered at Vesterø Harbour, where the refitted MF Læsø (6) was named the Ane Læsø, and the brand new ferry the Margrete Læsø (7) took up its new ferry-berth – the second in the extended outer harbour.

2000: On 10th April the old cooperative from 1918 was dissolved. Their activities had before then been transferred to the new Ferry Company Læsø I/S.

After 2010: One thing is certain – after 2010 a Læsø ferry will sail every day from ... hold on, now it's not so certain anymore. Will it sail from Vesterø Havn? Or will they build a new harbour far out in the sea at the end of a dam in the South West? Or maybe at the Northern Rønner? Will Frederikshavn be at the other end of the route? Or Sæby? Or some third harbour? One thing is entirely certain – the future will show. And just as certain: there will be a sailing - every day.

Frede Bak



Murals- of international significance

This story begins with a classification from the top of the Danish National Museum's scale of values: Highly worthy of preservation, which means an object of international significance, as it cannot be found anywhere else or only in very few other places.

Don't be afraid. Everything is okay – and it's here on Læsø. To be precise, we are talking about the chalk murals in Vesterø church.

These murals are classified as such following a report on murals in Danish churches published by the National Museum in December 2008. The Museum's experts have examined murals in 327 churches, and concluded that the ones in the Læsø church are among the most interesting.

This information about the murals should be enough of an appetiser for anyone who has any interest in Læsø's cultural treasures. However, a holiday is meant to be nice and quiet, and so for visitors to Læsø visitors the word stress should be left on the western side of the Læsø Rende Strait. Therefore, and because there is so much to do while visiting Læsø, a short description of the highly prized murals will make it easier for you to decide whether or not to visit Vesterø Kirke.

The murals date from the period 1510-1525 and were made by the Sæby workshop. The murals were at some point painted over; it is assumed that this was during the Reformation, or some time later. In any case, we know from the National Museum that the murals were uncovered and restored in 1907-8.

To find the murals you have to go into the church's choir. In the choir, which is separated into four vaults, you'll see what is so special. The first three vaults describe the journey of the Three Wise Kings to Bethlehem, and in the fourth vault the Kings meet and worship the baby Jesus.

The Museum's analysis makes it clear that all of the scenes in the murals contain important details of contemporary everyday life and morality. In the following we will see what the choir's four vaults relate.

Vesterø Church has, as tradition dictates, the choir in the east and the tower in the west. The northern vault, which we will look at first, is therefore on your left side. In the middle of the picture King Balthazar is riding with a crown on his head. In his right hand he holds his offering, a trophy. A soldier is riding in front of the king with a banner with the words: rex balsazar. The soldier is wearing a helmet and boots with spurs. At the back another soldier rides, armed with a crossbow – on his head he has a feathered hunting hat. The procession also has a couple of dogs, and at the top you can also see a gallows, where there is a bell hanging.

In the eastern vault, in the front of the church, Melchior is riding with a crown on his head, wearing a green ermine-lined cape. He is not carrying a gift; his belt is maybe meant to be his offering. The soldier with the banner with the king's name is wearing armour and a helmet, and is armed with a crossbow. There follows another soldier with a banner showing an anchor – on his head he is wearing a green hunting hat. There are another couple of people surrounding the king: a herald blowing his trumpet, and a kneeling archer. The target might be the mural's leaping deer.

The southern vault is reserved for the third king, Caspar. He also has a trophy as an offering. On the back of the king's horse there is a soldier in armour and helmet, and behind the king rides a bare-headed figure, who appears to be showing the way and talking to the king. Once again there is a soldier with a banner, and a herald with a trumpet.

There is more in this vault, which makes the whole mural appear strange, and very different

from the first two. A dog pursuing a squirrel, a large bird and a 'fool'-figure: a wild boar standing on its hindlegs in tall truffles, shooting with a crossbow and also equipped with a scimitar. What fantastic stories could not be made about this fantastic animal?

We then come to the western vault, the fourth and last mural, where we see the kings present their offerings in front of the baby Jesus. On the right, the Virgin Mary has the baby on her lap, and the kings are in a row ready to hand over their gifts, while Joseph is sitting on a low stool watching.

This vault also includes strange figures: a bird with a man's head and hat, a grotesque mask surrounding an air hole, and a gallows, where a fox is hanging. This could also be the basis for terrible stories – even in our enlightened time.

This was a short outline of the four unique murals, which could be in a better state. The salt damage which has been discovered must be carefully examined and then be repaired. All this requires money, which the Læsø Parish Council is working hard to secure, well aware that they are responsible for a world-class cultural heritage site.

For the sake of fairness, it should be added that Vesterø Kirke has other things to offer as well as murals. Have a look for yourself while you are there; the churchyard also has its own exciting story.

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In the church you can buy a nice leaflet with pictures and descriptions of the murals.

Photography is NOT permitted, because flashes are very damaging to the murals.



The FN162 Ellen and Danish seine fishing

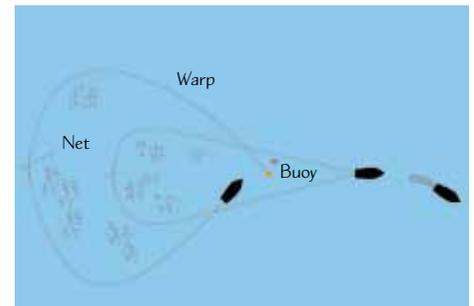
The Danish seine fishing cutter the Ellen has more than a hundred years on its back – or rather on her beautifully shaped stern. She was built at the wharf of the famous shipbuilder Otto Dolmer in Vesterø in 1906 as a hunting-rigged sailing boat with an engine of 10 hp. The Ellen – at the time the Fri, and also once the Ingrid, is made of oak, is almost 10 metres long, just under 4 metres broad and about 1.5 metres deep. The characteristic little whale on the stern is the trademark of Otto Dolmer. The Ellen's active career as fishing cutter stretched over 80 years, so it's safe to say we are talking about real, solid shipbuilding. Of course certain adjustments were made during this period – including a wheel house and a larger engine, probably some time in the 1920s – and since then navigation and communication equipment has been added. The Ellen more or less has her original set-up,

and she is still equipped with all the necessary gear for Danish seine fishing, including an old stop machine for pulling in the seine ropes. In 1989 the Ellen's last master sold the cutter to Læsø Museum, which in cooperation with the Ship Guild Ellen, has since then maintained the Ellen so that she appears ready to sail, as a representative of a type of ship which has now largely disappeared from our waters. Besides ongoing maintenance, the wheel house and cabin have been renovated according to the Danish Ship Preservation Trust's careful regulations, so that the ship remains as authentic as possible.

If you would like to see the Ellen just follow the signs in Vesterø Harbour. If you would also like to go on a trip to the Northern Rønner, have a chat about the cutter and fishing in olden days and listen to the rhythmic sound of the old classic Grenå-engine, you just have to join the Ship Guild – you can do this at the Maritime Museum, Vesterø Havnegade 5.

Danish seine fishing

Danish seine fishing was invented by the Linfjord fisherman Jens Væver in 1848 and has since then been adapted for sea fishing, where the method had a revolutionary effect. On the sea, Danish seine fishing originally worked in such a way that the cutter would anchor with one end of the seine secured, after which you would row out in the 'seine-dinghy' with the seine rope and throw out the seine itself (the net bag). Then you would row in a semi-circle back to the cutter with the other end of the

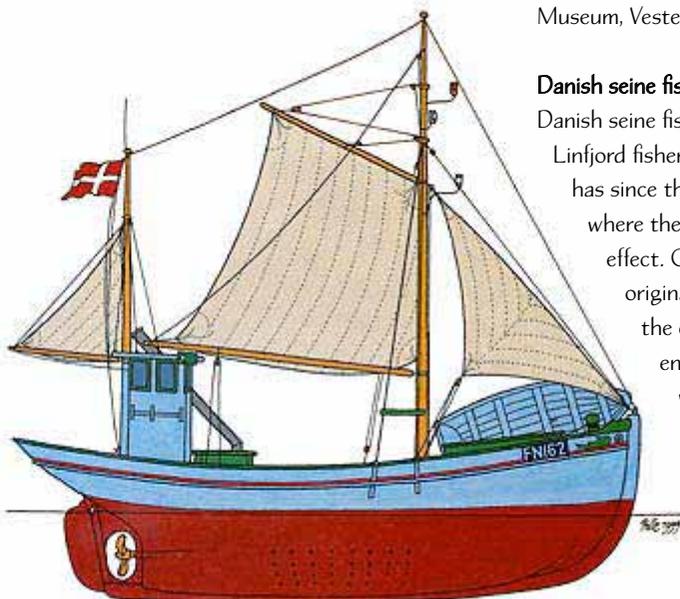


seine rope. When the cutter was reached, the seine bag was pulled in and emptied, and the same process would be repeated in a different direction from the anchored cutter – you would 'spin' around it until the entire area had been cleared. When engines appeared in Danish fishing around 1900 the dinghy became redundant. The cutter could now 'spin' itself around a buoy, regardless of wind direction, and the power of the engine could also be used in the capstans, so the heavy work of pulling in the seine became much easier.

As a result of Danish seine fishing the catch of cod and plaice in the Kattegat, for example, increased drastically – so much so that maritime biologists already in the 1890s (in other words even before the engine appeared) spoke of a reduction in the stocks as a result of too much fishing for plaice...

Danish seine fishing was an important part of Danish fishing far into the 20th century, but has gradually been replaced by trawling and seine fishing. Today Danish seine fishing, which is a very gentle fishing method, is mainly done with small boats.

Jon Voss
Museum Inspector





Læsø Museum

A state-recognised museum of local cultural history with 25,000 visitors a year!

Læsø Museum has two exhibition houses, the Museum farm "På Lynget", east of Byrum, and the Maritime Museum in Vesterø.

When you buy a ticket, it gives entrance to both places.

The Museum also offers attractions such as the classic Danish seine fishing cutter FN162 Ellen, the small Læsø farm Hedvigs Hus and the Hummer-hut at Horneks.

The museum farm "På Lynget" and its inhabitants

The large seaweed roof is the first thing you will notice. It looks impressive and heavy, but is in fact remarkably light and the seaweed insulates very well. This has been known for a long time, because in olden days, the house's "fridge" – that is, the pantry, where they kept meat, milk, beer and so on – would have been placed under the thick seaweed gable. The special way of making the seaweed roofs is explained in the large display in the barn.

The farm, of which some parts are almost 300 years old, was inhabited until 1949. When you walk around the scullery, kitchen and living rooms, remember that these are the conditions they lived in only 60 years ago; at the same time other places in Denmark had running water in toilets and kitchens.

On Læsø women were responsible for the farm. The man of the house often spent the summer months at sea and so could not help with the farm. The

crops were often badly managed – but the women were tough and they worked as hard as they could to get bread on the table.

In the museum farm you are left in no doubt there was also a man in the house. The interior, with its many decorative objects, testifies to the fact that the man sailed widely and brought treasures home with him. The museum farm "På Lynget" was not a poor farm. If you would also like to see how the less well off islanders lived you can visit the small seaweed farm Hedvigs Hus south of Østerby Harbour.

The Maritime Museum

Here you can follow the men of Læsø around the world – while the women were at home looking after the farm, throughout history the men were at sea and sailed the world on board barges, fishing boats, merchant ships and warships.

You can also learn more about fishing on Læsø throughout history – seine fishing for garfish, hook fishing, lobster fishing with pots (in the summer many fishermen would go to Horneks on the north coast of Læsø to fish for lobsters. During the summer they would live in very small huts – the Hummer-hut at Horneks at the end of Horneksvej is one of the few remaining huts).

You can watch a movie about Danish seine fishing, and – last but not least – we describe the Læsø fishermen's efforts with regards to langoustine fishing, which is still an important source of income for Læsø.

Another example of how the sea has created a living for the islanders is boat building. One of the island's boat builders is Otto Dolmer, who is internationally renowned and has received an award for one of his fishing cutters. His boats bear a little whale as their logo. The museum's nice old Danish seine fishing cutter FN162 Ellen was built by Dolmer – you can read more about it on the page opposite this.

The sea around Læsø is treacherous, with shallow water and many reefs, which previously constituted a great danger for vessels. The islanders appreciated booty from wrecks and wrecked timber from the beach, but they also often risked their owned lives to help rescue the stranded sailors. In the Maritime Museum you can see some of the methods and equipment used in rescue operations.

Læsø has a unique history – and in Læsø Museum we can't wait to tell you all about it!

Greetings from Læsø Museum



Exhibition houses:

The Maritime Museum
Vesterø Havnegade 5, Vesterø
and the Museum farm
Museumsvej 3, Byrum

Opening hours:

30.03 - 14.06: 11.00-3.00
Monday closed
15.06 - 31.08: 10.00-4.30
01.09 - 22.10: 11.00-3.00
Monday closed

Entrance fee:

Adults kr. 50. Children and under 18s free.
Tickets provide admission to both exhibitions.
Groups: (min. 10 people)
Adults kr. 30.
Tours (by appointment only):
ticket + kr. 400.

Administration:

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9940 Læsø - Tlf. 9849 8045 /
4041 3004
Mon-Thurs 9-3, Fri 9-12
laesoe-museum@laesoe.dk
www.laesoe-museum.dk

FN 162 "Ellen"

is moored in Vesterø Harbour and sails when the weather permits. Become a guild member and go for a trip to the Northern Rønner Light-house. Information about sailing trips and membership at the Maritime Museum, Vesterø Havnegade 5.

Hedvigs Hus

Linievejen 36, Østerby Harbour.
Læsø Museum and Hedvigs Hus society organise events during the season: see When & Where and the museum's homepage.

Local History Archive

Gammel Østerbyvej 35,
Østerby
Summer, 17.06 to 26.08:
Thursdays 9.30-12.30 and
7.00-10.00.
Rest of year, 07.01-10.06 and
02.09-25.11: Thursdays 9.30-
4.00, and Thursday in even
week numbers 7.00-10.00.



On the Way of the Salt

One spring morning they set out. On the way of the salt. The hour and year hardly mattered to them, they were preoccupied with sense-impressions – an abundance of birds and unknown plants out there on the beach meadow. After a while they crossed the river and saw in front of them wells with salty water. They thought they heard the sound of a cart. And the sound and smell of horses were clear. Maybe a saltworker getting water; but this early?

They looked out over Kringelrøn. Did they see smoke – or just drifting sea fog? The direction was towards Storhaven. It would fit with the saltworks. They wandered inwards. They crossed Bobakker. It was unmistakable – somebody had a bonfire going!

On the outmost tip of Læsø they spotted the huts. It was true. The rumours from 1597 about the end of salt production were greatly

exaggerated. Here they were, the islanders, alive and making salt. They got into conversation with the workers – they perhaps seemed more chatty than hard-working.

Soon there was coffee on the table, along with one story after another about poverty and frugality, about strict bailiffs and officials – and about shipwrecks and other nauseating experiences on the long and expensive trip from the mainland. After a while they had to move on. In Byrum they came upon a town full of life.

Among horse-drawn carriages and other vehicles they took a break, drank the local beer and tasted the salty cuisine. Content and comfortable, they then went towards Vesterø – they would just make the boat to Jutland if they walked briskly. They had hardly left the town before a fantastic sight met them – mountains of firewood were lying drying. Probably for use in the salt production, they agreed.

The hospitality of the islanders did not fail. Leif addressed them and offered them a free ride to Vesterø Harbour. They could not say no to that. Arrived in Vesterø, the clock on the harbour church showed them that they had lots of time. So with the stories of the saltworkers in mind, they decided to visit the church for a quiet prayer for a safe passage.

Their surprise was great when the church revealed the loveliest salt baths and the most beautiful view over the sea. A local maid lent them towels and soon they were floating in the powerful salt brine, their tired muscles regenerated. Once again thoughts of the hour and year were gone.

It was as if time stood still out there, on the way of the salt.

As told to salt bailiff Torsten B. Jakobsen
some time ago.





Læsø Saltsyderi



Visit the saltworkers on Læsø

Watch us produce the white gold and join us for a talk about history, production and life as a saltworker. In the saltworks you can buy salt and salt products, make your own salt (unless it's too windy) and mix your own herbal bath salt – or you can simply enjoy the salty landscape, let the children play in the playground and eat your packed food – or one of our pancakes.

All year round you can enjoy free storytelling about the salt at 10.30 am, 1 and 3 pm. In the period from Easter to the autumn holidays they take place every day, and during the winter on Saturdays and Sundays.

Guests who would like to know more about how the salt is produced can join the event **The Way of Salt** which takes place on Tuesdays in July, as well as other days – see When & Where on page 83.

During the school holidays

(Easter, Ascension Day, Whitsun, summer and autumn holidays) we have extra activities for our guests:

- we harvest salt crystals every day at 10 am
- there is storytelling about the salt every hour between 11 am and 4 pm (about 20 mins)
- the pancake stall is open, and we serve homemade pancakes and various refreshments

The storytelling is in Danish unless otherwise advertised. During August and September there are talks about the salt in German on Fridays at 11.30 am.

Visit the new Nature Hut

This year Læsø Salt's nature guide has a new hut, which will be the base of many of her nature and salt activities. There will also be an exhibition about the salty natural landscape.

In July there are activities every weekday:

- Mondays at 1 pm there is **Salt Safari** for adults – an exciting introduction to the beautiful salt meadow (50 kr for adults)
- Tuesdays at 1 pm you can hear about herbal salt and maybe make some yourself.
- Wednesdays at 1 pm is **Salt Apprentice** – a course in salt making for enthusiastic girls and boys 7-12 years old (75 kr including pancake – please book)
- Thursdays at 1 pm is **Beauty with Salt and Herbs**, where we make our own beauty products (100 kr - please book)
- Fridays at 1 pm there is **Salt Safari** for children, where we explore and play in the salt meadow (50 kr for children)

Read more about these and other public nature and salt events on page 83 and on www.laesoe.dk.

You can also book an event specifically tailored for your group, company or school. See www.saltsyderiet.dk

Booking for events can be done on www.laesoe-booking.dk, at the Saltworks, the tourist office in Vesterø or the service centre in Østerby. Book well in advance as the number of tickets is limited.

Facts

Free entrance

Open every day
10 am - 4 pm
There may be days during Christmas and January when we are closed - check www.saltsyderiet.dk

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Cycle tour on Læsø

This year we will both start and finish our bicycle trip in Østerby Harbour. Remember, it's located opposite Vesterø Harbour! The tour is about 30 km, depending on how many small lanes you want to explore. On the way there will be the chance to swim and see heather moors, beach meadows, old seaweed-thatched farmhouses, and exciting landscapes, which you have to go a little away from the main road to find.

We start at Østerby Harbour, in the middle of the harbour, where we can see the Østerby Harbour office, Thorsen Fisk, Læsø Røget Fjæsing, Lyngfeldt Hotel, Spar supermarked, Østerby Hotel with the exciting little shop "Havstokken" and the Havne Café. In the summer the harbour is full of fishing cutters and yachts – mainly Swedish, since Sweden is only 50 km away.

We cycle along Smedievej, where we can see Østerby Shipwharf, Læsø Rescue station, the large playground, Galleri and Butik Anne Julie and the Marina Park. Smedievej ends at a large parking lot, where there is a beautiful view over the Kattegat, towards the Northern Rønner, and where you can see Pikkerbakken in Frederikshavn on the horizon when the weather is fine. Here there is also a lovely white sandy beach right next to the harbour. The beach continues to Vesterø Harbour, so if you want you can choose to walk the 11-12 kms. The bus is free, so you can maybe take that back.

Otherwise, we continue along Finlandsvej and turn right on Peter Daniels Vej through the Nordmark. Just before the 18-hole seaside golf course there is a small white house. This is the house where the famous Professor Johansen lived and which later became Copenhagen University's field laboratory. In Johansen's time the whole of the Nordmark was one large, violet heather blanket in the months of July and August.

We cycle on, past one of Denmark's most impressive golf courses, which is very difficult to play when it is windy – and it often is out here! Carry on along Professor Johnansens vej, until we come to Læsø Seaside Golf- & Badehotel. This is a complex of 23 lovely holiday cabins, restaurant and golf clubhouse, all beautifully located with a view to the sea and moors. We continue down to the shore, and here discover a fascinating sight: the many stones at the water's edge, which sparkle in all kinds of colours according to the weather; and the presence of eiders, oystercatchers and red-breasted mergansers, which move around between the rocks and along the edge of the beach.

Back to Peter Daniels vej. Here there are 2 possible ways of getting to Bovet. The first is the road to the left, Hals Kirkevej, which leads us past the place where Hals Church used to be. The church was buried under sand during sand drifts, and today no longer exists – its stones and building materials have since been used for many other purposes on Læsø.

The other possibility is to take Nørholmsvej, which will lead us past the large summer house areas known as the Joller. Here, hidden in the forest, there are many summer houses. What is special about these areas is that they look like forest, because it has been decided that all properties must be 5,000 m². When we reach Banstensvej, we can choose to continue straight or turn right, both of which will lead us to the sea with an inviting bathing beach and almost no other people, even in the middle of high season.

We continue across Linievej and come to Østerbyvej, which we will cross to reach the two-way cycle path on the other side. And there is Bovet – right in front of us! We look towards what looks like eternity, where sky and the sea become one, and where in spring and

autumn thousands of birds flock. This area has therefore been designated a bird sanctuary, where birds have priority to rest and eat themselves fat so they have enough fuel for the long journeys north and east. These might include the Brent goose or the red knot, which migrate to and from the breeding grounds in Siberia and the northern areas of Norway, Sweden and Finland. There is a nice parking place here, where we can maybe eat and rest while we enjoy the natural landscape.

If we choose to continue, we come to Sydhavnsvej. If we follow the little road through the pine forest, we come to a little, idyllic harbour, where 15-20 small boats moor. A little man-made canal ensures that you can go out into Bovet to fish or just enjoy the surroundings. Here you can also see the so called 'Evald's Venice' – 3-4 wooden houses on stilts, which were previously used as night lodgings for those who were fishing garfish.

We continue along Østerbyvej, which at some point changes name to Gammel Østerbyvej. All of a sudden, large open meadows appear on the right and left. This is Læsø History Park, marked with two large stones at the entrance. The pretty white house is part of the History Park's fragrance, sense, herb and vegetable garden, which you can easily spend many hours in. Further to the north lies the seaweed-thatched Hedvig's House, carefully restored and preserved and run by the Hedvig's House Guild, but owned by Læsø Museum.

Østerby Church is a newer church, built in 1867. Have a look at the churchyard – here you will find proof that the sea is a dangerous workplace. In old Østerby you could once see buildings such as the school, grocer's and Mission house. Today there is just the Mission house, which still has its original function. The school, however, has become a store and



archive for Læsø Museum, while the grocer's is a clothes and electrical items shop.

We then turn to the right down the alley between the Mission house and the beautiful seaweed house. Where the tarmac road takes a 90 degree turn, and the road continues as a gravel path, we have some important decisions to make. Cyclists with strong bikes and who are not afraid of bumpy roads and are undeterred by there only being two wheel tracks can continue and turn left onto Kongenshusvej. This is a bit of a 'wild jungle' to ride on, but it is exciting, and nature is up close. However, if you don't have a lot of experience on bikes, you can instead turn right onto Kongenshusvej and sit in the grass and enjoy the view towards Evbakken, Bløden Hale, the island of Knogen and all the delightful areas your eyes can rest on. During the time of Christian IV, a ship of the line could go all the way into Evbakken, so the king created a tollbooth here, from which the navy could operate. It is said that the soldiers were often very drunk and there are also several tales of murder.

Those that prefer to stick to the tarmac can now cycle back and turn right and continue north. At some point, we will come upon 'Søren Frandsen's' seaweed farmhouse and the Trollebo Potter's beautiful house with seaweed on the roof and lots of flowers. If we are lucky, we might have the chance to see Jorunn in action, as she is making pottery.

We then continue along Snebærvej, until we meet Danzigmannvej. We go to the right and continue to the open spaces, where the landscape opens up to reveal heather and sky and lyme grass covered dunes: we are on the way to Danzingmann Dune. And here we must make another choice. Those of you who don't wish or have the strength to do the last 4 km to Bløden Hale and 4 km back again can per-

haps take their swimsuits and packed lunches, crawl up over the dune and find a warm hollow where you can enjoy the view, the sea and the fresh air. Far out on the horizon you can see the busy shipping route between Denmark and Sweden. And in good weather, when it gets dark, you can see a flashing light running up and down on the horizon: that is the TV transmitter in Gothenburg.

Really experienced cyclists, who can't get enough challenges in terms of gravel roads, holes in the road, dust and so on, well, they should continue along the heather covered 'savannah' towards Bløden Hale. We are here riding right into nature, nature and nature, to finally stand dusty and sore at Bløden Hale. Up here we can see hundreds of sheep wandering around on the moors, before we go down to the beach ourselves, turn right and further along to the tip of the headland. Out here there are only nature and birds, and out on the small islands there are seals (it might be a good idea to bring binoculars). Knogen island is the island of the birds. Here several different species breed, and during the night they rest on their way to and from breeding grounds further north. Here you will also find large piles of seaweed, and if you look carefully, you might even find a couple of beautiful yellow lumps, which can be polished lightly with sandpaper and toothpaste and hung around your neck as an eternal memory of your trip to Læsø.

The return trip is self-explanatory, except for a small detour to Jegens Vej and onto the dunes to see across to the seal reef: here there are sometimes seals and birds. Thereafter, back to Danzigmannvej, where at some point we come to a sign telling us that we have reached "ULD-STUEN", the woollen mill. We trundle along the little sideroad and are met by an impressive seaweed and thatched farm, with an entrance like an old town gate, where the seaweed roof is

exposed, so you can see the "ropes" (= eelgrass specially entwined into sausages).

The whole farm reminds us of olden days – of wooden ships, tar and wool. The lovely thing about this farm is that it has not been modernised. The old stalls for pigs, cows and horses still stand, but the animals have been exchanged for attractive designs in rugs, jumpers, hats, shoes and duvets – a blessing from god in every colour and size. If we go all the way into the duvet workshop, we can be shown how these duvets are produced. They use plant dyes in all the known colours, and nothing is left to chance.

We are reaching the end of our cycle tour. Maybe you can refuel a little with an ice-cream at "Dorthe", before we cycle down Tyvhulvej and all the way out to the Kattegat, where a new view over Østerby Harbour awaits. If we follow the tarmac to the left down to Østerby Harbour along Gærdesmuttevej, Sneppevej or Rylevej – which all lead to Mågevej – then we are back at Læsø Fishing Industry and the harbour in Østerby.

We can also choose to ride back to the main road and follow it down to Østerby Harbour. Then on the left hand side of the road at the town sign we will see a very impressive rhododendron park, whose entrance is marked with a flag. Lise and Søren Madsen built this pretty park. If we continue straight, we end up where we started, in the heart of Østerby Harbour.

Thanks for the trip – hope you enjoyed it!

Folmer Hjorth Kristensen



Summer activities for children

Into the countryside

On Læsø there are lots of free countryside activities:

You can gather berries, beach shells, beautiful stones, amber and mushrooms

You can watch birds (e.g. from the bird towers), butterflies and other insects or deer and plants – including meat-eating ones.

You can climb trees, fish, swim and snorkel in shallow and safe water and fly kites.

In the evening when it's dark you can watch the stars: there are many on Læsø because we don't have very many streetlights. You can spend the night in the public bivouacs at Badesøen and Plantagevej and make food on a bonfire in the bonfire boxes at Storedal, Hvide Bakker and the Forest hut.

You can cycle and roller skate on lovely, flat cycle paths between the towns.

You can draw and paint in the countryside or just wade far into the sea with water reaching your ankles...

Activities and events

Læsø offers many different activities and events during the summer. Some of them have been planned in advance and you can read more about them other places in this brochure. But there are also many things you can start yourself..

Place and activity

Østerby

Marina Park, Østerby Harbour: Playground.

Læsø Seaside Golf Club: Golf for beginners and beginner-friendly Pitch and Putt course, in total 500 m long.

Byrum

Galleri Rosenlund: Pearls and painting, if you want to be creative.

Galleri Fædrelandet: Guided tours on horseback and horse-drawn carriages. Painting for kids by appointment.

Læsø Cinema: Screening times can be found in the tourist office. They are also displayed around the island and at the cinema.

Storhaven: You can make candles and flour for baking. Play area and farm animals.

Krogbækgaard Riding Centre: Farm animals

and playground. Quiet evening rides or guided tours on horseback.

Hornekshuset: you can see an underwater film and pet a stuffed seal.

The Forest hut: Information about Læsø Dune Plantation, exhibition about bees with a look into a beehive and a hollowed out tree trunk.

Læsø Saltworks: Make your own salt or herbal bath salt. Nature playground and view tower.

Activities for children with a nature guide in July – Wednesdays 1pm-2.30pm (salt apprentice, advance booking) and Fridays 1pm-2.30pm (salt safari).

Læsø Library: Read a good book, a comic book or go online. Opening hours, see page 54.

The Market place: Market days Wednesdays at 10am-2pm.

Playground behind Centrum Døgnkiosken.

Læsø Museum: Events for children. Læsø stories at dusk, 1/4, 22/7, 29/7, 5/8 and 20/10 at 7pm.

Hunting in the past, Mondays 28/6-2/8 at 10am.

Vesterø

Tennis: Hire of court and equipment at Læsø Tourist Office. Court per hour 75 kr. Hire of racket and balls 50 kr.

Vesterø Harbour: Playground, crab catching at the landing place on the northern mole, trips with the Seadog and 'the Sea in the Harbour' - the three small red houses at the ferry office - where you can see life in the harbour below the surface of the sea on a screen. You can also borrow fishing rods and nets.

Holtemmen: Catch shrimp and crabs with the saltwork's nature guide on Tuesdays in July at 10am-11.30am and 12noon-1.30pm (advance booking).

You can find more details in the activity calendar at the back of the brochure, on display around the island or on www.laesoe.dk.

For addresses and opening hours for the above places, most can be found in the List of Advertisers on page 87.





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Weight limit 100 kg

Ride 2 - 1 ½ hour ride 2pm

For riders with a little experience. A trip at walking pace and trot on Læsø's Rønner.
Adults DKK 250
Children (8-14 years) DKK 210
Weight limit 95 kg

Ride 3 - 2 hour ride 10am

Only for experienced riders
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Ride 5 - Full day trip

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Adults DKK 750
Children (8-14 years) DKK 650
Weight limit 95 kg

Ride 6 - Horse-drawn carriage tour

4 hour Rønner tour to Hornfiskerøn.
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Adults DKK 210
Children DKK 160

Ride 7 - Horse-drawn carriage tour

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Monday, Friday 1-3pm
Tuesday, Thursday 3-5pm
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Remember to book your place on tel. **98 49 15 05**

Krogbækgaard
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www.rideudstyr.info
info@rideferie.dk

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All year round there are lots of activities in the Læsø Riding and Cart Society (Læsø Ride- og Køreforening): outings for adults and children, cattle shows, parades, riding camp for kids during summer holidays, leather sewing, instruction in driving with horse and cart and much more.

Every summer the society organises a large competition; over two days there are competitions in many disciplines from dressage and ring jousting to tölt on Icelandic ponies.

The obstacle course for carts is popular with the crowd, when the fancy wagons and horses, with their newly polished tackle pass through the cones with just a few centimetres on each side. A fun event, it normally attracts many riders and spectators to the riding courses on Doktorvej.

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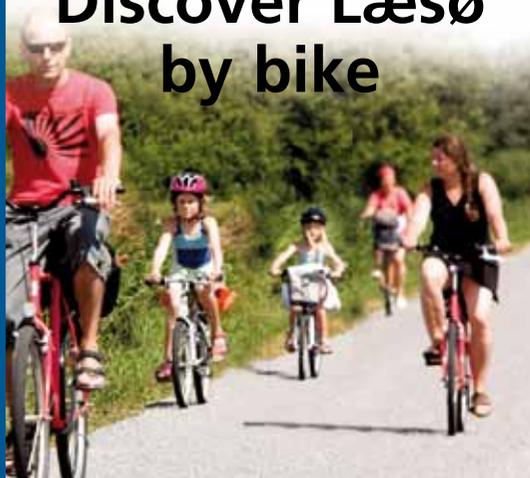
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We ride at other times after appointment

www.naturridning.dk



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Market in Byrum

At the market place
10am – 2pm
Wednesdays:
16/6-23/6-30/6-7/7-
14/7-21/7-28/7-4/8-
11/8-18/8

Have a Wednesday outing to the market place in Byrum. Come and see some of Læsø's fine products, both manufactured and nature's own.

As well as vegetables, you can buy some food and refreshments for a break.

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02.09 - 30.09	Thursdays

Prices:

Adults 240 kr. / children 4-15 years 125 kr.

Cycle tour with lunch, cycle-hire and ferry ticket

You can explore Læsø at your own pace, and when hunger overtakes you, a plate with nice snacks awaits.

01.05 - 30.09	Every day except Sundays in May and September
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Prices:

Adults 255 kr. / children 4-15 years 150 kr.

4-hour safari tour with the Rønner bus and ferry ticket

You travel with a nature guide into the protected areas of the Rønner and through the river to Hornfiskrøn.

04.05 - 29.06	Tuesdays and Fridays
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Prices:

Adults 305 kr. / children 4-15 years 185 kr.

Entry to Læsø Kur (Spa) and ferry ticket

In Læsø Kur you can relax and recharge in the special surroundings of the renovated church.

22.03 - 24.10	Every day
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Prices:

Adults from 16 years 325 kr.

Seal Safari on the boat the Seadog and ferry ticket

Sail out of Vesterø Harbour to the stone reef Borfeld, where there is a seal colony. Only sails in fine weather.

01.04 - 30.06	Tuesdays and Saturdays
01.07 - 31.08	Every day except Sundays
01.09 - 30.09	Tuesdays and Saturdays

Prices:

Adults 325 kr. / children 4-15 years 200 kr.

The tours also take place in week 42 – ring for more information.

Facts

For more information contact:

Færgeselskabet Læsø K/S
on tel. 9849 9022.

Læsø Tourist Office
on tel. 9849 9242.

Reservations for the Seal Safari, direct on telephone:
+45 2980 1438.

Tickets are paid for on departure, on the same day, in the terminal in Frederikshavn.

Reservations are necessary.

Departs Frederikshavn every day 7.50 am.

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Ferry ticket and day trip must be on the same day.

Online booking at
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N.B.!

If you are already on Læsø, some of the tours can also be bought without the ferry ticket.

4-hour bus tour
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Seal Safari
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Kitesurfing on the Coche of the North

Læsø is, like Isla de Coche in the Caribbean, a sand bank out in the middle of nowhere, and is a true Mecca for kite surfers. With its 70 km uneven coastline and small inland lakes with flat water, Læsø is perfect for freestyle, beginners and hobby surfers. In the north there are also good conditions for wave surfers.

The surf scene around the island is growing rapidly along with Læsø Kite Club. The club was created in November 2008 following the initiative of Eskild Mortensen and Allan Klitgaard, and now has 12 members, who are all becoming competent surfers.

The club has received financial support from Læsø Fishing Industry so that they now have 2 sets of instruction equipment. The members of the club can get instruction when there is wind,

and when the instructors are on the water.

Most people can learn to kite surf, since it doesn't require great physical strength. Denmark's oldest kite surfer started at the age of 79, and is still surfing every windy day, all year round, aged 85.

Description of spots

General

Downwind trips from Vesterø to Østerby (and vice versa) are incredibly popular. The sea bed / depth changes a lot on this stretch, as there are numerous sand and stone reefs, which offer the chance of entirely flat water, waves and spiky wave breaks. A free bus runs between the two towns.

Flaget

For many beginners, Flaget - east of Vesterø Harbour - is the perfect place, as there is lots of space and also waist-deep water 6 km out from the coast. The shallow water means that there are no waves and you can always touch the bottom. Flaget is good with winds from W to ENE.

Stokken

Stokken is the spot most used by local surfers, as there is completely flat water with a depth of 0-150 cm. The spot is good with wind from S to W. Remember to use the marked parking places.

Find out more on www.laesokitekklub.dk



Læsø KiteCamp

The club holds one of Denmark's biggest and friendliest gatherings of kite surfers, in week 39. The participants stay in Læsø Camping og Hytteby and have communal meals, where some of Læsø's fine specialities are served. The participants are surfers of all levels - and include some of the country's best.

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday there is a kite school for both beginners and experienced surfers. Here you'll get 3 days of instruction and equipment hire for 2500 DKK.

Thursday to Sunday the Læsø Kitecamp itself takes place.



Sail on the Seadog all year round

Experience Læsø from the sea. One or more of the Seadog's trips will definitely suit you and your family. Trips every week all year round! You can see the timetable at www.seadog.dk, on the Læsø Ferry, at the Tourist Office and in many of the island's shops and accommodation places.

SEAL SAFARI

Come on a seal safari to Borfeld. The charming animals lie in full view on the protruding rocks and splash about in the water around the boat. As well as seals there are countless birds and some times also porpoises. The trip departs from Vesterø and lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Price Adults DKK 180, Children DKK 120.

SEALS AND FISH

Seal safari and fishing. We use the underwater camera to study the seabed of the Kattegat. The chances of catching something are high, and the crew will happily help you get into the fishing. The trip is at night, so we often get to see a beautiful sunset. Departs from Vesterø and lasts 2 hours 45 mins. Price Adults DKK 280, Children DKK 220.

SEALS AND TRAWLING

Seals and trawl fishing. We inspect the Seadog's pots, and get an idea of what lives at the bottom of the Kattegat. Using the underwater camera you can see the amazing seabed. The trip departs from Vesterø and lasts 2 hours 45 mins. Price Adults DKK 280, Children DKK 220.

4 HOUR FISHING TRIP

The Seadog departs from Vesterø Harbour, where the fishing for mackerel in particular is good in July, August and September. The crew will happily help you with the fishing. There is usually plenty of fish for everybody, and using the underwater camera we can see when the fish bite. Price Adults DKK 340, Children DKK 240.

14 HOUR FISHING TRIP

The trip goes to Groves Flak, and we only start fishing after three hours of sailing. You will catch big cod, saithe, pollack, mackerel, ling and gurnard. Price per person DKK 640.

NORDRE RØNNER TRIP

The Nordre Rønner lie 9 km north of Vesterø. The island was inhabited until the middle of the 60s. A local guide shows you around, and you get to go up the lighthouse where there is an outstanding view. The trip lasts 4 hours, and price includes dinghy and entrance fee. Adults DKK 320, Children DKK 230.

RENT THE BOAT FOR A DAY

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Facts

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Children on Læsø

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Old, older, oldest

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Job centre

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Are you considering moving to Læsø?

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Læsø School – the school in the countryside

With about 200 pupils Læsø School is no longer a big school. It is, however, big in terms of its buildings, which provide ample space for classrooms, practical rooms, meeting rooms, special subject rooms and lounges, along with a large outdoor area including playground, green areas and tarmac school yard.

We are also proud not to have the same financial constraints as many other schools. For example, we still offer school camps for three different grades (the Danish 5th, 6th and 8th grades). In the 8th grade we have courses to prepare the pupils for further education, and in the 9th grade they go to Frederikshavn for a week for practical experience – a good, educational experience for the pupils, who all stay at “Storbyen Frederikshavn” for the week.

The school's location in the southern part of Byrum means that the countryside is our neighbour on three sides, with town life only on the north side. For many years the oystercatcher would nest on the school's flat roof, and it was always a big day when the janitor, in front of all the gaping pupils, had to help the newly-hatched chicks down from the roof. Today the oystercatcher is part of the school's logo.

For everyone on Læsø the countryside is one of the most important elements of the islanders' life and therefore also in the children's life. Their homes, kindergarden, after-school centre and school are surrounded by countryside, and most of their spare time is also spent there. Growing up in such surroundings makes healthy, sturdy and energetic children, which also affects their activities at school. As a result, the after-school centre in Læsø has just created many new out-

doors activities, including an animal fold near a large nature playground. And one of the most popular activities all year round is riding on Icelandic ponies from the nearby riding school Krogbækgaard.

Læsø School is characterised by the fact that children across all ages know each other, with children of all ages playing together in the breaks. Here the children are proud to have younger or older siblings in the school, and are happy to play together.

Læsø School values certain traditional, shared communities which are necessary to raise enough enthusiasm for activities in a small island community. So we always join in when there are national cycling competitions, football tournaments, theme weeks, specific subject days, class-free periods, health-awareness days and anything else that inspires the community to get together.

The fact that Læsø has the country's largest un-spoiled 'nature-value' measured per inhabitant is something Læsø School is very conscious of and uses as a natural part of our teaching. The small island community's development, with tourism as the biggest source of future employment, is dependent on a deep understanding of the value of the magnificent and varied natural landscape. This is, of course, part of the pupils' shared education and self-understanding, before they have to leave the island at the end of their school years, at the latest after the 9th grade. Therefore, it is also traditional for all pupils, teachers, parents and other folk from the island to gather for the annual beach cleaning day. We must all be a part

of making our 70 km long beaches ready for both guests and ourselves.

A fate shared by all parents is that they have to hand over their children for further education on the Mainland at the latest when they reach the ages of 15-16. So during the 8th and 9th grades, the pupils of Læsø School are readied for life on the Mainland after finishing secondary school, and prepared well for the start of the brand new life where their parents are “far away”. As island parents you have to be certain that the 15-16 year olds are mature and independent enough for business school, technical school or the gymnasium. Several of the island's oldest pupils therefore choose to go to ‘continuation’ school to have a softer transition to this independence, and Læsø School now has good, solid knowledge of the continuation schools the pupils go to.

Here on Læsø we would like to continue to be able to offer a good school life for the children, so to maintain – or even raise – the number of pupils, families from the mainland with children, who dream of moving to the countryside, are very welcome.

Read more about the school in the countryside on the homepage: www.skolen.laeso.dk and about the small island community on www.laesoe.dk

Principal Heidi Strøm and
teacher Poul Christensen

Artbook about Læsø's Natural Landscape

In June 2009 a new art book about Læsø's natural landscape was published. In the book there is the work of 14 artists, who have in common that they all love nature and love to use it in their art. The group 'Danish Artists for Nature and the Environment' meet for about one week each year for a 'nature art workshop'. See more on www.naturkunstnere.dk.

One of my nature guide colleagues and I have agreed that Læsø's wonderful nature would fit right into the fine range of locations. For five days in May 2008, 14 nature artists therefore were working on the island from morning to night. From all the beautiful artworks we then chose about 100 to appear in a book. The pictures are accompanied by my own texts about the island's natural landscape.

Naturen i maj – Læsø oplevet af 14 naturkunstnere can be bought at the Læsø Tourist Office and Læsø Saltworks.

Karin Krogstrup, Nature Guide, Læsø Salt




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Look out for the flags at Luddes Hus

It's a good idea to keep an eye open for the flags in front of Luddes Hus – the flags welcome visitors throughout the season in which Læsø Art Society uses the old house for temporary exhibitions of pictures, sculptures and handicrafts.

Spring and autumn bring exhibitions during holidays and festive periods, but during the summer Læsø Art Society presents new artists every fortnight.

Læsø Art Society also hosts temporary exhibitions on board the Galleri Margrete Læsø, in the hope of giving the ferry's passengers a special treat on their voyages to and from Læsø.

Læsø Art Society was established in 1997 and has since then contributed to the development of art and cultural life on Læsø.

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Churches

Læsø has three churches – one in each of the parishes: Vesterø, Byrum and Hals.

Byrum Church was built by Cistercians from Vitskjøl monastery, which bought a quarter of the island Læsø from Viborg Chapter in the 1100s.

The church is considered the oldest of the three churches.

Vesterø Church is also an old Middle Age church from the 1200s and, like Byrum Church, built in both Romanesque and late Gothic styles. The events of the Reformation luckily did not damage these two Middle Age churches, which therefore contain many well-kept historic cultural treasures. Vesterø Church is also decorated with chalk murals from the 1500s, highly worthy of preservation.

Østerby Church in Hals parish was built in 1867. The baptismal font is from Hals Church, while murals and the altarpiece were made by local artists.

Read more about Læsø's three churches in the many leaflets in the churches.

Opening hours Vesterø Church

1/4-1/11:
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Winter:
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Byrum Church

1/4-1/11:
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Østerby Church

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Læsø's harbours

- a sea of experiences in Østerby Harbour and Vesterø Harbour

There is always something to see in Læsø's harbours: fishing cutters, yachts, anglers and lots of locals who are happy to tell stories about the harbours, life in the small community and the effort to make the fishing culture live on.

The 30 small blue ships land fish and langoustines worth 30 million kr into Læsø's harbours, and many people on Læsø live off fishing. Up to 30-40% of the income on Læsø comes from this profession.

In Læsø Fishing Industry, the langoustines are sorted and packed by 30-40 busy employees, who make sure that the langoustines are placed in small, fine boxes, which are primarily sent to Italy, bringing good income to Læsø and Denmark.

Two fishmonger's, one in each harbour, always have newly caught specialties of fish and shellfish, and if you want advice about how to prepare the food, you can always get help from Erik Pedersen in Vesterø Harbour or Christian Thorsen in Østerby Harbour.

There are several restaurants in the harbours, so adventure awaits in this world of specialties.

If you would like to know more about the harbours you are always welcome to ask the harbour bailiffs Alexander Rasmussen (Vesterø Harbour) and Erik Sørensen (Østerby Harbour). They have been in the harbours for many years and are always ready with good advice and information.

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In other words, we have everything for you to spoil yourself with – as well as gift ideas for big and small. The wool has to be seen, but also touched - try it for yourself!





Food Festivals

Ocean Day

Whit Sunday 23 May we celebrate Ocean Day in Vesterø Harbour.

The harbour will be busy with tents and booths along the pier, where there will be activities and exhibitions as well as seafood dishes and drinks on sale. Windy Christiansen is an expert in filleting fish, and he will have his big barbecue with him, so you can grill one of his fish.

The Seadog will go on a seal safari to the Borfeld reef; Vesterø Shipwharf will hold an open day; and in the Maritime Museum there will be a guided tour, at 11 am.

'The Sea in the Harbour', the exhibition sheds with video cameras and a large screen, will have a guide present all day, who will explain what is happening in the sea, and what fish, shrimp and crabs you can see. You can also control the video camera yourself.

The 7th Langoustine Festival

On Saturday the 7th of August 2010 the Læsø Langoustine Festival will be held in the harbour in Østerby.

The festival will once again include a cookery competition between four skilled chefs. We hope to invite a famous chef from Italy, as the langoustine is an important ingredient in Italian gourmet cuisine. The chefs' dishes will again this year be judged by an experienced panel.

In 2009 'The Golden Langoustine Claw' was won by the Ninna Bundgaard from the Danish National Cooking team. She made the dish 'Langoustine with fried green tomatoes, dog roses, chanterelles and peas'. The recipe and picture of the dish can be seen on [\[fruhummerfestival.dk\]\(http://fruhummerfestival.dk\) along with the program, information and an overview of the participants, judges and dishes from previous years.](http://www.jom-</p>
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The area around the cookery competition will include booths where local restaurants sell samples of their products: freshly cooked langoustine, langoustine soup, fishcakes with langoustines and so on. Also, teachers and cookery students from Food College Aalborg will offer their suggestions for how to use langoustines.

You can also buy wine, beer and coffee from the festival's own booths, and the tourist office will be there with information and products.

The aim of the festival is to raise interest in the Læsø langoustine, Læsø's fresh produce in general and Læsø as a place for good fresh pro-



duce. The famous chefs attract a lot of media attention, and the day has always been a good experience for visitors.

Formålet med festivalen er at øge interessen for Læsø-jomfruhummeren, Læsøs råvarer generelt og Læsø som stedet med de gode råvarer. De kendte kokke giver stor opmærksomhed i pressen, ligesom dagen altid har været en god oplevelse for de besøgende på pladsen.

Food Day

Saturday the 4th of September is Food Day, held at the beautiful, old seaweed house "Hedvigs Hus".

Food Day is an annual food event, for which the garden of the seaweed house is laid out in a traditional style with booths. Local producers, as well as some of the island's restaurants, will here present and sell samples and local ingredients and fresh produce. You will meet, among others, Juuls Gårdbutik, Thorsen Fisk, Røget Læsø Fjæsing, Læsø Brewery, Læsø Saltworks, Spegeriet, Hotel Lærkely, Læsø Seaside Golf Restaurant, Krogbækgaard organic kitchen, Beekeepers from Læsø and Lyngfeldt Restaurant.

On a small stage several companies, chefs and others will talk about good recipes and fresh ingredients, how to prepare fish and more. Læsø Folk Dancers will perform in the garden, and when they walk around the garden afterwards you'll have a chance to admire the beautiful traditional Læsø costume.



Visit Røget Læsø Fjæsing in Østerby Harbour

The Greater Weever (Fjæsing) is an edible fish unappreciated because of its poisonous spikes. With the spikes removed, the Weever is a delicacy without compare among edible fish.

In Østerby Harbour, 20 metres from the edge of the quay, we serve light portions of smoked Læsø Weever with bread.

We offer large, cooked deep-water prawns or large langoustines which you shell yourself and can enjoy with bread and mayonnaise.

We also offer fishcakes with potato salad or rye bread. All our dishes are made from fresh Læsø produce, which means you can see exactly which vessel from Læsø has caught your fish, as well as which fish are in each dish. We strive to use hake for our fishcakes.

We plan to expand and offer more light dishes in 2010.

Læsøpigen's wine is a rare treat, tasted only by a few wine-lovers. It is a wine surpassed in taste by few. The white is a pure Chardonnay and the red a pure Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a wine that has been carefully produced and deserves close attention.

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The Greater Weever - a good fish to eat

The Greater Weever lives in the seas from the middle of Norway to the coasts of Morocco, as well as in the Mediterranean. They can grow to 42-45 cm long, live in deep water in the winter, and during the summer they come into depths of between 5 and 15 metres.

The Greater Weever is blue-green with brown spots, but its fins are a beautiful light blue. It is therefore an attractive, colourful fish, but it does also have three spikes on its front dorsal fin, two of which contain poisonous tissue, and each of its gills has a powerful backwards facing poisonous spike. It lives off shrimp and other shellfish, as well as gobies, dragnets, and other fish from the sea bed. It is mainly netted as a secondary catch or on hook; and its tasty meat makes it a popular dish in Southern Europe.

There are no restrictions whatsoever on catching Greater Weevers. There are no quotas, fishing periods or net-sizes – you can just go and fish. You are not allowed to fish for Greater Weever for fishmeal, however, because it is classed as an edible fish.

On Læsø there is a new project for catching, smoking and selling the Greater Weever: Læsø Røget Fjæsing (Læsø Smoked Weever). A small fishing cutter with special deck



equipment has been purchased, and in the harbour in Østerby two older buildings have been equipped to process the fish and sell them to customers. There is also a unit which packs smoked Greater Weevers for sale on other places on the island as well as on the mainland.

Treatment of Weever Stings

Place the stinged area in water of 40-45 degrees for 30-60 mins – test the temperature with your healthy hand.

The poison is heat labile: it breaks down when it is warmed. Remove any remaining traces of the spike and wash with water and soap. Supplementary treatment with painkillers may be necessary.

Facilities in Læsø Dune Plantation

In the plantation there is a range of facilities for many visitors. There are barbecue and bonfire sites, tables and benches, overnight shelters, and paths for running, rambling, hiking and riding, as well as wheelchair access at the beach and lake.

In 2008 the Forest and Nature Agency – in cooperation with Læsø School and Læsø Beekeepers Association – set up the forest hut at Støredal. This is a beautiful wooden building which functions both as a portal to their areas on the island and as a nature education centre and is used for information and exhibitions. An important element is the permanent exhibition about the brown bee.

The leaflet Læsø Klitplantage can be found at the forest hut as well as at the large carparks. It is about the dune plantation and the Forest and Nature Agency's other areas and gives a short introduction to the island's evolution, natural conditions and history. The forest's events will be in the daily newspapers, and advertised in the forest hut and on the homepage www.skovognatur.dk.



The Bliss of Læsø

Læsø's special soil

We all know that Læsø has lovely fish and fantastic langoustine. In the forest and thickets we can also gather mushrooms, wild herbs and sweet berries. But the sandy soil of Læsø, combined with respect for old types of useful plants, means that along the main road and in the Urteri (the Herb Garden) you can buy some of the tastiest vegetables and herbs in all of Denmark. Because of its northern location, Læsø's harvest is slightly later for many of the first summer vegetables – but the season is long and good.

Potatoes are gold on Læsø

We have long known that sandy soil is good for potatoes, and Læsø has many potato growers who know how to care for the different species of potatoes, both in terms of name and use. Here you can find the early Siglinde potato, the summer-light Agatha and Arielle, the yellow and firm Dita, the good, environmentally friendly Hansa, the firm asparagus potato and the red Raja. Each has its own harvest-time, taste and consistency. I myself am very fond of Dita, Raja and Siglinde. They are best when the potatoes have been dug up on the same day you eat them. Our excellent storyteller, saltworker and school teacher Poul Christensen has just been describing how a potato sandwich with mayonnaise and Læsø salt can make the sky open and cause a Jacob's ladder kind of revelation. So why not make yourself that kind of sandwich?

AND DON'T FORGET TO ADD SALT TO THE WATER WHEN BOILING POTATOES! 6 g per litre of water, and the water should boil before the potatoes go in – then they stay firmer.

Potato sandwich with homemade mayonnaise

Mayonnaise:

1 egg yolk (some would say it should be pasteurised – I trust the eggs I get from the farms on

Læsø – but it's up to you)

¼ teaspoon Læsø salt

½ teaspoon lemon juice

c. 1 dl corn oil

Whisk the yolk with salt and lemon until it is thick. Add the oil in drops while whisking. If you add the oil too quickly it will separate, but when it starts getting thicker, you can continue with a small continuous stream of oil. Stop when you think the mayonnaise is thick enough. If you want to make it lighter you can add a bit of yoghurt. Otherwise it's a matter of a small, but good, amount.

For each person take a thick slice of rye bread (softkernerugbrød) with two cold, cooked potatoes, about 5 g of homemade mayonnaise and lots of fresh chives (organic from Læsø). A bit of Læsø salt and freshly ground pepper.

Organic herbs are in a world of their own – see this on Læsø

The good old Danish herbs – dill, parsley and chives – are delicacies which we tend to forget. But thyme in many varieties, basil and tarragon can also be found in the many booths. Here is a suggestion for a Nordic pesto, which is also excellent for spreading on the back of langoustines before putting them in the grill.

Parsley-pesto

1 bundle of parsley

30 g fresh hazelnuts

½-1 fat clove of garlic

c. ½ dl oil (either good olive oil or cold-pressed rape oil from Lehnsgård on Bornholm)

Læsø salt

Freshly ground pepper

Oxheart cabbage salad

(serves 4)

½ oxheart cabbage

½-1 dl parsley-pesto (see above)

Læsø salt

10 whole hazelnuts

8 organic small tomatoes

Chop the cabbage very very finely, and sprinkle with salt so that it is drained of some of its moisture. Rinse and tap dry in a tea towel. Mix the pesto so that it becomes very fine. Carefully mix with the cabbage, and sprinkle with nuts and halved small tomatoes.

Læsø's roots must not be forgotten

We now come to the roots. Carrots, parsley roots and, of course, beetroots. The species of beetroot growing in Læsø's sandy soil are the most aromatic beetroots you can imagine. They can be eaten with all sorts of grilled meat from the butcher Juul, but here is my favourite salad:

Beetroot salad with Danish sheep feta and dill

(serves 4)

1 bundle (c. 4-5) of small, new summer beetroots
2 tablespoons of Danish apple vinegar (I use Meyers 3 years matured)

Læsø salt

c. 50 g solid sheep feta

½ bundle dill from the Læsø gardens

Olive oil

Freshly ground pepper

Boil the beetroot whole in salted water for about 20 mins. When they slip off a sharp knife they are done. Rinse with cold water and rub off the skin. Split in whatever direction you prefer, and toss them while warm in vinegar and salt. Serve sprinkled with lots of dill, crumbled feta, pepper and a few drops of oil.

And now we are talking about side dishes for the barbecue, so it is just for the barbecue or grill.

Helle Brønnum Carlsen,
cook book writer and food critic



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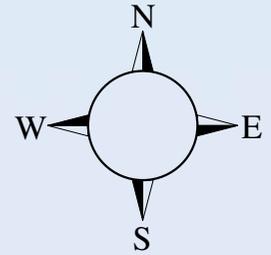
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Where on Læsø...

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A detailed map can be bought at Læsø Tourist Office



1. Vesterø Havn:

Ferry, fishing and yachting harbour. Also has a playground and good service facilities. There is a bathing beach 100m from the harbour..

2. The Sea in the Harbour:

In 3 tool sheds there are fishing rods and nets, for free public use. A screen shows images from an underwater camera, showing animal life in the harbour. The sheds are at the ferry terminal.

3. Seadog:

Sealsafaris, fishing and sailing trips.

4. Søfarts- og Fiskerimuseet:

The Maritime Museum is in the oldest house in Vesterø, dating from 1872. Objects from Læsø's fishing and maritime history, and the silver treasure found on Læsø in 1982 are on display.

5. Vesterø Church:

Red-washed church in Romanesque style constructed in the 1200s. The tower is gothic with crenelated gables. The church is famous for its murals.

6. Fannemands Færgen:

This is a traditional rope "ferry" across the Fannemand canal.

7. Stokken, Sdr. Nyland:

You can walk out to this beautiful south-facing bathing beach. Stokken's west end is a nature reserve 15/4 to 15/7.

8. Flyvepladsen:

920 m tarred landing strip with lights for air traffic day and night when weather conditions permit.

9. Badesøen:

This lake has a shelter for overnight stays and wheelchair access to table and bench.

10. Byrum:

This town was established by monks from Vitskøl Monastery. Throughout the summer there are market days.

11. Byrum Church:

Built by monks from Vitskøl Monastery in the 1100-1200s in the Romanesque style. The church is one of the oldest in Denmark.

12. Rønnerbussen:

The Rønner Bus gives 4 hour tours, all with a Nature Guide on board. Organiser: Nature Guide Ingrid C. Buhl.

13. Luddes Hus:

Has temporary art exhibitions throughout the summer months.

14. Læsø Tårnet:

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15. Krogbækgaard:

Riding Centre with Icelandic ponies and Rønner tours in horse-drawn carriages.

16. The Postman's Sheep Shed:

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17. Recycling Area:

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18. Rønner-tårnet:

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19. Læsø Saltsyderi:

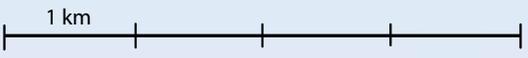
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Sælhunderevet



- 30. Hals Church Ruins:**
Drifting sand laid waste to the church and the surrounding soil around 1730. However, the church tower remained standing and served as a seamount for another 100 years.
- 31. Læsø Seaside Golf Course:**
18-hole golf course with international measures, club house, restaurant and good service facilities.
- 32. Hornekshuset:**
Exhibitions about the area's natural history.
- 33. Redningshuset:**
This coast guard house has a display about "Flora's Wreck" 1882, the coast guard on Læsø, stone age people, fortifications, dune moors and beaches, among other things.
- 34. Læsø Dune Plantation:**
A natural reserve. The pine forests on Læsø disappeared along with the salt making in the Middle Ages. In the 1930s the state planted areas of pine and Sitka spruce trees, so Læsø is now once more forested.
- 35. Sneppekærsøen:**
This lake has tables and benches.
- 36. Læsø-Stenen:**
This rock marks the place where Læsø was born from the sea; an information board shows how Læsø came into being.
- 37. The Forest hut, Skovhytten:**
The Danish Forest and Nature Agency's information centre. Exhibition about bees and an observation platform where you can study the bees from mid-May to mid-September.
- 38. "Birkelunden" Bivouac:**
Area with 2 bivouacs, compost toilet and running water.
- 39. Holtemmen:**
A wetland area with many exciting and rare plants.
- 40. Bovet:**
Southeast facing bay with a tidal meadow that ends in the sea. In the spring and autumn you can see large mute swans, dark-bellied Brent geese and other migratory birds.
- 41. Local History Archive:**
The Archive keeps copies of parish records, land registries, oral histories and registers of deeds and probate, as well as a large and exciting collection of photographs.

- 21. Rønnergården Riding Holidays:**
Weekend or week-long riding holidays on Icelandic ponies.
- 22. Museumsgården "På Lynget":**
Farm with a large seaweed roof, an outdoor museum which can be traced back to the late 1600s.
- 23. Rimmensgård Riding Tours:**
Turridning på islandske heste.
- 24. Galleri Fædrelandet Turridning:**
Riding tours on Icelandic ponies.
- 25. Lyngholt Bird Tower:**
Belongs to University of Copenhagen. Public access. Follow the ditch all the way to the end of the forest.

- 26. Hedvigs Hus:**
The Museum's seaweed roofed house, which is restored by volunteers using traditional Læsø building techniques.
- 27. Østerby Church:**
The church was erected in 1867, the baptismal dish and the church bell are legacies of Hals Church.
- 28. Danzigmand:**
This beach is characterised by high sand dunes, and is named after a wrecked ship from Danzig.
- 29. Østerby Havn:**
Fishing harbour and marina. Good service facilities and a lovely bathing beach.

--- Gravel roads



The herb garden "Urteriet"

The organic herb garden URTERIET started in 2008 as part of Læsø History Park. In the herb garden you can find over 60 different herbs, many of which are famous, but there are also less famous, different and exciting herbs.

We also grow many different kinds of vegetables. You can for example find very special shallots and rhubarbs, which have been particular to Læsø since olden days and have been grown on the island for many generations.

The herbs are grown in sandy soil, but make no mistake: many tonnes of composted seaweed and deep litter, as well as mulch, have been added to the sand, making the plants thrive.

Most of the herbs have since olden times been used against illnesses. An extract of Garden Angelica with hawthorn and chilli was, for example, used to inject vitality, and was also effective against cold hands and feet. And

indigestion could be relieved with a mix of mint, dill, fennel and camomile.

Herbal medicine is still produced by extracting the active ingredients from the herbs in alcohol, in exactly the same way as when making herbal schnapps. Herbal schnapps isn't quite medicine, but it's a good way to keep herb-experiences. You can learn more about both herbal medicine and herbal schnapps during our tours in the garden.

As URTERIET is a production garden, both vegetables and herbs are harvested during the summer. Some are dried for herbs, others are sold to restaurants on Læsø and in Jutland, and some are sold to locals and to guests.

Guests are welcome to walk around in the garden and taste the herbs, taking care to respect that these are living plants. There are benches which can be used for a rest in between the

Activities:

During the summer we organise different activities, all on Thursdays: Ceramic course and Raku firing in July with potter Lena Brammer from Brønderslev.

Flower arrangement in the beginning of August with Heidi Wiinberg from Bogense.

Thursdays 29/7, 19/8, 26/8 and 2/9 at 3.30 pm we make herb mixtures for herbal schnapps with Pia Bischoff

many sights, tastes and smells from the herbs, mixed with the fragrances from the different flowers which are also plentiful in the garden.

Pia Bischoff, leader of the herb garden



Facts

The herb garden is open to visitors every day from 10 am – 4 pm from 1 June – 1 September. Tours Thursdays at 2 pm from 15 June – 1 August (or by appointment, min. 10 people). Price: 40 kr per person, children free.

URTERIET, Østerbyvejen 67, 9940 Læsø, tel. 2074 4715, email urteriet@gmail.com

Turn at the two large rocks, follow the road to the right and a bit further along is the herb garden surrounded by a fence to keep animals out.



Spegeriet

Restaurant & pantry



Welcome to Spegeriet. We offer light dishes made with fresh local produce. The dishes can be enjoyed in our restaurant, or taken home or to the beach – wherever you need something delicious.

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- Lunch arrangements

SPEGERIET

RESTAURANT & PANTRY

Opening hours:
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Sat-Sun 9am-4pm

May, June, Aug and Sep:
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-4pm

Oct - April:
Tues-Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-4pm

Byrum Hovedgade 85
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telephone 9849 1330
www.spegeriet.dk





Læsø Kur

For those who know the island, the concept of Læsø Kur will seem part of the fabric – to spend a week on Læsø has, for the busy mainland, an almost therapeutic effect in itself. The sail to the island, the slower tempo, the beautiful landscape and good food make most people dream of a less stressful everyday life. In the ‘church’ in Vesterø Harbour we attempt to bring Læsø’s therapeutic effects on step further. Læsø Kur is a therapy centre with something for everyone that needs peace, care and wellbeing. If, against all expectations, there is one day during your holiday on Læsø on which the sun doesn’t shine, we offer the opportunity

to have the ‘therapy’ of Læsø indoors. With the location of Læsø Kur in the old church in Vesterø Harbour, we have created a unique background for such therapy – a background which, with its simple and bright architecture, embodies Nordic calm. Læsø Kur is only a stone’s throw from the beach and has a view over the sea and dunes everywhere. Here you can enjoy the best of Læsø and the sea around the island in warmth and comfort, while reaching a state of complete relaxation.

Salt, beauty and wellbeing

Salt has a central role in Læsø Kur. We have

powerful saltbaths, where you can float weightlessly, while the saltwater nourishes your skin. In the steam baths you can use Læsø Salt yourself for peeling, but our staff will also happily give you the full works, with salt peeling and a saltcream pack.

But Læsø is more than just salt. In the sea around us we have a wealth of different algae and seaweed, and underground we have clay. We use the algae in Læsø Kur to nourish your skin, with minerals and other good stuff. We will wrap you in the clay, so that the warmth alleviates your sore and tired body, and you get a new energy.

Salt and medical treatments

Besides everyday wellbeing, we work in Læsø Kur to rediscover the good, healing effects of a spa experience. For millennia spa treatments have been used all over the world, and it is as if we – in our modern, fast-moving world – are once again realising the potential for this sort of treatment as a supplement to medical treatments. In Læsø Kur we offer approved and targeted treatment for psoriasis patients, and we work with doctors and health authorities to provide treatment for people with other skin conditions, psoriatic arthritis, arthritis and breathing conditions.

On Læsø we have always been dependent on the gifts from the sea. We eat fish and shellfish. We put eelgrass on our roofs, and use water to produce salt. And now we have also begun using the raw ingredients for treatments of the body and soul. Come and visit us – and float out of the ‘church’ a new person.

You won’t become an islander with a single Læsø-therapy session, but it’s close!

Torsten Jakobsen, Salt Bailiff





Læsø Kur



Læsø Kur welcomes you to a unique experience of well-being from 22 March. Whether your spa break is to pamper your body and soul or for therapeutic purposes, we are highly competent; this is combined with the care and hospitality typical of the islanders.

Our well-being treatments include massages, facial treatments, salt peeling, clay and algae wrappings. If you want to experience Læsø Kur on your own, you can have access to all the centre's facilities with an entrance ticket.

You can swim in the large pool, float in the warm salt baths, relax in indoor and outdoor spa basins and enjoy saunas, steam baths – and an ice cold plunge. You can also try the waterfall, which loosens tight muscles, and the salt inhaler, which opens up your airways. Along the way you can help yourself to free fresh fruit and refreshments.

In the sun lounge and the outdoor terraces you will get a unique view over the sea and sky.

Facts



LÆSØ KUR

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www.saltkur.dk



Countryside bicycle ride with a guide

Preben Mikkelsen leads the way along small, unknown and meandering paths in the countryside of Læsø's north coast.

Along the way he will tell the story of each place: at the Læsø Stone about Læsø's formation, at the Forest hut about beekeeping, at the Coast Guard house about shipwrecks and the rescue service, at Horneks about the Hummer-huts and bird life and at Højsande about the sand drifts.

The trip is 19 km long, and mainly goes along small gravel roads and forest paths, so a bicycle with gears and solid tyres is required.

Besides being a bicycle enthusiast, Preben is the well-liked janitor of Læsø School and chairman of Læsø Folk Dancers.

If you would like to join us, Preben will lead the tour on 21/5, 4/6, 6/8 and 20/8.
See also When & Where.



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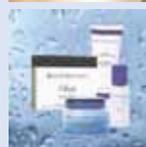
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Nature's gifts



Where you can gather

On a hike through Læsø's countryside you can gather many "gifts" to bring home. There are, for example, edible wild plants such as common glassworts, hips, blackberries, raspberries and crowberries and, if the weather is right, an unusual amount of mushrooms – e.g. chanterelles, yellow knights and boletus. They provide many wonderful experiences both in the countryside and at the dinner table. The old hunter-gatherer culture still survives on Læsø – and our guests are welcome to do their own gathering. We only ask that you respect a few regulations to avoid conflict between local property owners and guests.

SO: please feel free to gather mushrooms, berries etc on the large public areas – but not in private forests. Take only mushrooms that you can see, and please leave moss and low growth where they are, as these grow very slowly and are in some cases rare. You may gather for your own use, but you may not sell mushrooms and plants collected in public areas.

Dogs in the countryside

Because of Læsø's fantastic bird life, dogs must always be kept on a leash – but if you have complete control of your dog, it may go free on the beach from 1/10 to 31/3. For the same reason, dogs are not allowed on the Rønner – only for hunting.

Protected plants

Plant life on Læsø is also fantastic. Among other things, there is an unusual amount of orchids – but please remember that all orchids are protected in Denmark. If you are in doubt as to whether or not a plant is protected or rare, please leave it and take a beautiful picture instead! Enjoy your trip in the fresh air – and help to protect some of the country's most wonderful but also most fragile natural landscapes!

Nature guide Karin Krogstrup



PIZZA TÅMED

HEDVIG Svampe, måske kantareller, tomat, 85
bøffelmozzarella, gorgonzola og lidt frisk oregano

BLØDEN HALE Jomfruhummerhaler, tomat, 110
bøffelmozzarella, rucola, grønne asparges,
basilikum og lidt parmesanflager

DANZIGMAND Gedeost, tomat, bøffelmozzarella, 85
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HORNEKS Magert oksehak, tomat, bøffelmozzarella, 85
svampe og sprød bacon

HORNFISKRØN Tomat, bøffelmozzarella, svampe og 85
frisk oregano, toppet med saltet og tørret TOSCANA skinke

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syltede agurker, olie, balsamico og focaccia

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dressing ved siden af, 1 portion, nok til 2

CAPRESE Italiensk tomatsalat med, mozzarella, 65
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Læsø Marina Park and Family Restaurant

Facts

Læsø Marina Park

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www.marinapark.dk
info@marinapark.dk

Opening times in high season

Sailor's Shop: 8am-9pm
Sailor's Pub & Restaurant:
noon – late
(the kitchen closes after 9pm)

Læsø Marina Park & Family Restaurant

is located less than 100 m from one of the island's best bathing beaches with a panoramic view over the yachting harbour, beach and sea. From here you can enjoy one of the most beautiful sunsets you will ever find. The park consists of 4 sections: Family restaurant & Pub. - Grocer's and fastfood stall. - Laundry. - Bicycle hire.

In high season

Every Thursday during high season we hold a barbecue evening, where we grill large juicy steaks, sausages and other barbecue food; all you can eat for DKK 110, children under 12 half price.

There are many music events, see posters or see the music calendar on www.marinapark.dk. In the Irish pub you can find many different beers, including Guinness, Kilkenny, Læsø Bryg and more.

Sailor's Shop and Fastfood Stall

is a modern convenience store which, among other things, offers fresh vegetables, fresh bread from the bakery, old-fashioned ice cream, soft ice cream, normal ice cream, and a wide range of beer and spirits. There is also a separate wine section with a broad selection of European and overseas wines at very competitive prices.

In the fastfood stall you can get burgers, hotdogs, French fries and more. All the stall's food can also be bought to take away.

The laundry is modern with 4 large industrial machines as well as large tumble dryers. The machines are coin-operated, DKK 35 per wash. Only closed during the frosty period.

Marina Park bike hire

150 relatively new bicycles with gears, cycle trailers, child seats, tag-alongs and more. It costs DKK 70 per day, children DKK 50, discount for multiple days.

Activity area for the children

Play houses, sand boxes, swings, giant chess, trampoline, stilts, fun cycles, coin-operated play digger, coin-operated teddy bear machine, coin-operated table football, spring riders, Sega driving game and more.

Family Restaurant & Pub

Selection from our menu:

Starters / Salads:

Læsø shrimp cocktail with baguette 59 kr. Shellfish salad 59 kr. Green salad with baguette and dressing 35 kr. Greek salad with baguette and dressing 45 kr.

Lunch:

"Shooting star", bread with fried Læsø plaice, Læsø shrimp, asparagus and caviar95 kr
Fish palette with 2 kinds of herring, 2 fried Læsø plaice, Læsø shrimp, caviar, bread and butter85 kr
Plaice with rye bread, butter, remoulade and lemon60 kr
Herring (2 types) with curry salad and onion, rye bread and butter49 kr
Battered shrimp with china sauce, baguette, dressing and salad49 kr
Danish meat balls with cold potato salad49 kr
Chicken/bacon sandwich49 kr

Dinner:

Stuffed Læsø plaice with asparagus, Læsø shrimp and caviar, garnished with langoustine. Served with white Læsø potatoes with lobster-sauce 168 kr
Wiener Schnitzel with fried potatoes, butter-sauce and sugar snap peas .. 158 kr
Spicy or garlic steak, beef steak with potato wedges 148 kr
Burger with French fries, béarnaise sauce and salad89 kr
Marinated chicken fillet with potatoes, salad and mushroom gravy98 kr

Fastfood menu:

Big Burger 35 kr. Cheeseburger 38 kr. Bacon burger 38 kr. Marina burger with battered plaice and Læsø shrimp 55 kr. ½ grilled chicken with French fries 55 kr. Læsø battered plaice with French fries 49 kr. Red sausages (2) with French fries 49 kr. Hotwings with French fries 49 kr. French fries (large) 20 kr. French fries (small) 12 kr.

Children's menu:

Chicken nuggets with French fries, salad 39 kr. Læsø plaice with French fries, salad 39 kr. Red sausage with French fries 39 kr.

You can choose to sit on the first floor, outside or in, or on the ground floor, outside or in: from all our rooms and terraces there are panoramic views over the sea, beach and harbour.

There is also a playroom for small children.



Fantastic Dining by the Sea



“It is really lovely, when ... the island's own young people open an eating place with superb fishcakes, langoustine soup cooked correctly with bisque ... and homebaked kringle, just like our grandmothers used to make.””

Helle Brønnum Carlsen
Food critic for Politiken

Bog myrtle grows abundantly on Læsø, and is used in local dishes.



Beautifully situated with views over Østerby Harbour, Havnecafeen offers stimulation for all your senses.

Our lunch and dinner dishes are primarily based on the season's fresh produce from nearby fields and the sea around Læsø. We also serve a good cup of coffee, hot chocolate and tea with freshly baked kringle.

When you want a snack...

We have the island's largest ice cream and hotdog van, which is open during high season, from July to mid-August.

You can also order take aways – for example crisp, stone-baked pizzas. You can find the menu on our homepage. We carefully package the food, so it is still warm when you get home.

HavneCaféen

Østerby Havn • Telefon 98 49 83 46
www.havnecafeen-laesoe.dk

Note:
It is free to travel on the island bus (840), which stops right outside our door.



**We are open from Easter until the autumn holidays. It is a good idea to book a table in advance.
You are always very welcome.**

Facts

Læsø Library

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Tel. 9849 1180
www.bibl.laesoe.dk/
biblioteket@laesoe.dk

Public librarian:

Jens Christian Olesen

School librarian:

Inger Bondesen

Læsø Library is a communal library, developed through cooperation between the public and school libraries. We lend books and diverse audio-visual materials. 10 computers with free internet access and good printing facilities.

If you are planning a holiday on Læsø that is more than one week long, you can reserve / order material before you arrive. Send an email or call us for more information about this service.

Opening times:

Mon 9am-4pm, Tues
9am-6pm, Wed 9am-4pm,
Thurs 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-
2pm, Sat closed.

During the school holidays the library opens at 10am. During the christmas holiday the library is closed.

Læsø Library, Østerby

This library lends books from its own collection as well as from Byrum. 2 computers with free internet access.

Mon 10am-12noon, Wed
3pm-5pm, Fri 10am-
12noon.

Summer period: see the back page of the brochure.

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GOLF on Læsø

18-HOLE GOLFCOURSE
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3-day pass:
DKK 750 per person
Green fee discounts for groups:
10-25 people: 25%
More than 25 people: 50%
Golf carts: DKK 300 per round.
Golfbox online booking system

COURSE FACTS:

White tee: 6,577 m
Yellow tee: 6,053 m
Red tee: 5,174 m

Beautifully located seaside course – 10 of the holes lie in open terrain and the rest in forest. Modern clubhouse and restaurant with views over Kattegat.

The course was designed by Lars Andreasson and fine-tuned by Henrik Jacobsen. Opened in two stages in 1995 and 1999.

6-HOLE PITCH AND PUTT COURSE

Green fees:
DKK 50 per person
Certificate:
DKK 125 per person
Golf for beginners. Classes every day at 10 am during the season.

Green fees are valid for one whole day.
Golf equipment can be rented in the Pro Shop.
Enrolment: tel. 9849 8400

PRO SHOP & DRIVING RANGE

Opening Hours:
July - August: 9 am – 5 pm
May - June and Sep:
9 am – 4 pm
Rest of the year as necessary.

Hire of trolleys – sale and hire of equipment – golf-training

When you drive or walk west from Østerby along Peter Danielsens Vej, you come after a few kilometres to a glade, in between the bushes and contorted trees of the plantation. Here there is enticing green grass, in the middle of the rugged natural landscape. This is Læsø's golf course, with its well kept course rolling through the landscape.

In a few years this rough piece of nature has become a charming golf course. The sandy terrain along with the soft top soil gives a good base for grass and has opened the overgrown plantation to golfers, and anyone else who might stop by. Without a large amount of work on the soil and terrain, it was possible to place tees, fairways, and greens with velvet grass. The 18 holes flow naturally through the landscape, surrounded by idyllic lakes and with man-made streams, which make tricky obstacles on the holes. There are copses of trees, stretches of moorland, there are dunes with lyme grass stretching towards the Kattegat, and if those are not enough diversions, there are strategically-placed, white sandy bunkers.

What is so fascinating about this game, which over the course of a couple of decades has become the second Danish national sport, only surpassed by football? What makes otherwise normal and intelligent people strike a small white ball, so that it flies some hundreds of metres through the landscape, and then for several minutes look for this same round ball far out in the flowering heather?

It is a game I love to hate! On the one hand it is a joy to be out in the countryside – with glorious fauna, birdsong, fresh air and varied weather, good camaraderie and the pleasure of the perfect strike. The great feeling that comes from the “click” when you hit the ball just right. And on the other hand I hate when a perfect strike is followed by disaster. “How long was Jeppe in the Baron's bed?” – a sharp awakening – just when I thought that after 40 years of playing golf, I'd learnt the game.

There is something special about island golf. There is peace and relaxation, the minute the ferry leaves Frederikshavn.

You forget the stressful motorway; this is your spare time, until the trip takes you back to the mainland. You can switch off your mobile, dream in your deck chair, enjoy some coffee. There is Læsø. Unpacking, greeting your friends in the clubhouse – any news since last time? Grilled eel or plaice for dinner in the restaurant in the clubhouse with a beautiful view over beach and ocean – and at the very least a large glass of beer that evening, after six kilometres of play and about 100 golf strokes. Now you can enjoy the golf; look at the clouds – there is a westerly wind, so you have an easy start but a very difficult back 9, but you'll enjoy crossing that bridge when you come to it!

Such is the life of a golfer on Læsø.

Carsten Fischer,
freelance journalist



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As a visitor to Læsø you are always welcome to take part in the club's tournaments. See our match programme under When & Where or our visit our homepage. Remember Læsø Week in week 30.



Læsø Seaside Golf- & Badehotel



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Large fish buffet in July and August.



Lunch during high season – for example **Læsø's national** dish. Fish, 2 steamed + 1 fried with shrimp and asparagus sauce.



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Close to bathing beaches and countryside

Idyl, harmoni og ny energi

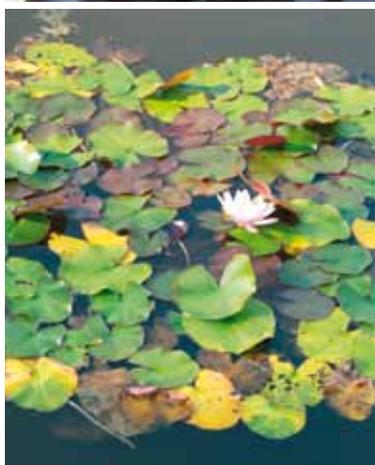


Lærkely

Hotel & Restaurant

In the middle of Læsø, in beautiful natural surroundings, close to forest and beach, and in the lee of the larch trees, you'll find Lærkely Hotel and Restaurant. Lærkely is a small, intimate place and behind the small latticed farmhouse windows the emphasis is on a rural, charming, rustic and romantic atmosphere. We offer hospitality in relaxed surroundings, peace and quiet as well as excellent dining opportunities based on the delicious fresh produce of Læsø.

Every evening we serve a different 3 course menu / buffet of the season's and Læsø's fine produce. We select honest, fresh, local produce, spiced up with produce and inspiration from the rest of the world. During season we offer a Thursday fish buffet and a Læsø lobster Saturday evening. Our restaurant is open to everybody; booking is recommended.



Peace, luxury and activity



Strandgaarden Badehotel is the essence of all that is good on Læsø. Comfortable rooms in 275 year old buildings. The daily menu is prepared from the ground up using the best fresh goods from Læsø – and from the rest of the world. The white sandy beach is so near that you can hear

the breaking waves. And if you are suddenly overwhelmed by the peace and comfort, we offer many activities: Golf, bicycle tours, riding, beach volleyball, kayaking and much more.

See more on www.badehotel.eu

Strandgaarden Badehotel

Strandvejen 8 · Vesterø · 9940 Læsø · Telephone 98 49 90 35 · www.badehotel.eu · email info@hotel-strandgaarden.dk





Hotel Havnebakken

Hotel

Less than 50 metres from the Kattegat lies Hotel Havnebakken, formerly the Sailors' home in Vesterø, which has been carefully renovated.

Relaxed and friendly atmosphere, unique view over the sea and harbour.
Minutes walk from the ferry and to the finest beach.

The hotel

19 rooms, all decorated in light colours.

Choose between:

Ensuite bedrooms with private small balcony or terrace.

Bedrooms with handbasins, shared bathroom/toilet – some of these rooms have the island's most beautiful view of the harbour.



Havnebakken

Havnebakken 12,

Vesterø Havn,

9940 Læsø

Tel. +45 9849 9009 ·

Fax +45 9665 9009

post@havnebakken.dk

www.havnebakken.dk



Restaurant

Havnebakkens Restaurant

Open all year.

We use fresh produce from Læsø and the surrounding sea. Large shellfish and fish buffet during the summer season.

Enjoy a lovely dinner and a unique view over the harbour in our restaurant or on our outdoor terrace.

Try a spa holiday, mini break or Christmas holiday.

We also welcome groups, courses and seminars. Birthdays, confirmations and weddings. We provide great food and wonderful service.

Space for 90 people.

We happily welcome bus parties.

Call for a no-obligation offer.

You can book your stay online at

www.havnebakken.dk

Østerby Hotel

Østerby Havnegade 7, Østerby Havn, 9940 Læsø



Rooms for rent

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email info@osterbyhotel.dk · www.osterbyhotel.dk

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The sea jötunn Hler

The sea jötunn Hler was the first to inhabit the island. He named the island after himself: Hlersey.

Hler ruled gently over the island and the surrounding sea for more than 400 years, until Loke broke the laws of hospitality of Hler and Ran when he killed Fimafang at a party on Hlersey. Nothing could amend this, and Hler exploded in anger, changing the wind to the northeast and sending his daughters against the stream and letting his anger froth against Jutland's lap.

Now Hler is more quiet, but in the minds of the islanders he is clearly felt. The Læsø people are a gentle people.

Humour and laughter is part of the language. Hospitality to newcomers is great. The plight of loneliness is well-known, so move closer on the bench, because we should spend time together in some way. You will not doubt the sincerity, but it goes back many hundreds of years.

If you want to live on the island, you must never break the laws of hospitality. You should respect the conditions, as well as the minds of the islanders, which is characterised by more than 1000 years on an isolated island.



Gammelgaard Feriecenter

Facts

Examples of prices are given per day per apartment from type C15 to D110, with 2 to 6 beds for 4 to 8 people including preparation of beds. When you buy a minimum of 2 nights you get a 5-30% discount depending on the season, type of apartment and number of nights. Ask for a detailed price list or see www.laesoferie.dk

Low season 26.03-29.04 and 01.10-31.10
From DKK 445 to DKK 1195

Before and after season 30.04-01.07 and 27.08-30.09
From DKK 495 to DKK 1345

Mid-season 02.07-08.07 and 06.08-26.08
From DKK 545 to DKK 1445

High season 09.07-05.08
From DKK 645 to DKK 1795

Note that our prices include electricity, heating, environmental charges, end-cleaning, washing up liquid, toilet paper and free entry to all activities.

Extras:

Linen/towels per set DKK 99
Morning buffet for groups of 15-20: Adults DKK 80, Children 2-12 years DKK 55.

Suitable for all groups and bus tours, courses, with unique environment for family gatherings and parties, society and board outings, as well as school holidays. We offer full or half board at reasonable prices, but we also provide for self-catering. Ask for price lists and offers.



Online booking available

Welcome to Gammelgaard Feriecenter: your guarantee for a good time

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Our simple studio apartments – 15 m², have 2 good beds, bathroom and kitchenette, as well as the possibility of 2 sleeping spaces for children. Shared TV and free use of washing machine and tumble dryer. A luxury alternative to camping huts and hostels.

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GAMMELGAARD Feriecenter

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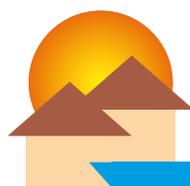


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ferie@teamlaesoe.dk



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Team Læsø

Online booking on www.teamlaesoe.dk



We will happily send you a free catalogue of our
holiday homes



Conference on Læsø

Human rights and social development

From 22 – 24 September 2010 Læsø will host a conference entitled Human rights and social development – towards sustainable development. It is organised by the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) in cooperation with Hans Kolstad. The aim of the conference is to explore how social and moral values can set new standards of social development and how social workers can contribute to promoting a better understanding of the importance of such social and moral values with a view to developing new strategies for the society of the future.

The conference has three workshops with the following themes:

- 1) Regional differences, inequalities and migrations
- 2) New approaches to education in sustainable development
- 3) Eco-social economy and local development

The conference will be open to the public.

For more information about the conference see www.sozialeforschung.at/ICSD

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Læsø activity holidays at a comfortable and relaxing pace

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From 12/5-5/9. Quiet campsite with very nice spaces. Tent pitches with tables, benches and good shelter. Stress-free zone. Clean and neat area.

GOLF COURSE: 2 km

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with a wide selection of goods and freshly baked bread.

BATHING HOLIDAYS

ONLY 200 m to Østerby Harbour and a lovely Blue Flag beach.

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HIRE 1 bicycle per day from only DKK 40.

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1 week in your own campervan. 2 pers. excl. electricity only DKK **650,-**

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Ferry	200 m
Beach	100 m
Bicycle hire	50 m
Restaurant	150 m
Bus	50 m
Golf	10 km
Horse-riding	10 km
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27 rooms,
half ensuite



Group stays
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School trips



Guest kitchen with
utensils

During high
season we offer a
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Prices per
night

1 pers.
2 pers.
3 pers.
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5 pers.
6 pers.

shared
bathroom

kr. 450,-
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kr. 600,-
kr. 700,-
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ensuite

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shed south-facing garden
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Plantagevej 8

Open:
year round



8 rooms and
apartment

27 beds in all



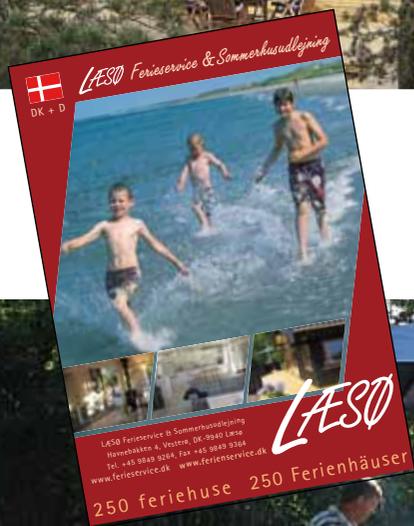
A cosy two-storey house
with 5 rooms downstairs,
2 ensuite, and a small
4-bed holiday apartment
with kitchen/family
room, bathroom.



Ferry	50 m
Beach	50 m
Bicycle hire	300 m
Restaurant	50 m
Bus	50 m
Golf	10 km
Horse-riding	10 km
Læsø Spa	300 m

Email, call or book
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homepage

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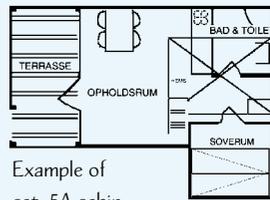
Up to 4 people

Senior Citizen discount

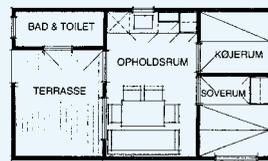
in spring and autumn 1 week in your own camper van only DKK

750,-

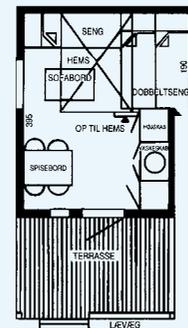
(2 people excl. electricity)



Example of cat. 5A cabin

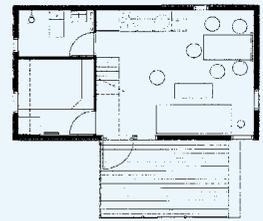


Example of cat. 5A cabin



Example of cat. 4 cabin

New in 2010



Example of cat. 5A+ cabin





Hytteby ★★

Take your camper van with you for half price from Frederikshavn Monday – Thursday 8.30pm.

15% Discount

For tents and camper vans in the spring 1 May – 25 June and in the autumn 30 August – 24 October 2010.



NEW IN 2010



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- **9 luxury cat. 5A-5A+ cabins** with bathroom and toilet, including bedroom (some with loft beds), children's room, electrical heating, TV and all accessories. 4 – 6 sleeping places.
- **11 cat. 4 cabins** with warm and cold water, electrical heating, TV socket and all accessories. 5-6 sleeping places.
- **5 cat. 1 cabins** with 4 bunk beds, hobs, fridge and kitchen accessories.

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www.laesoe.dk - Læsø Council's homepage



Læsø Kommune

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tel. 9621 3000
kommunen@laesoe.dk

www.laesoe.dk



Purpose
The purpose of Læsø Council's website is to use the possibilities of the internet to provide access to communal information and services to citizens, businesses and other interested parties – even outside council opening hours. The idea behind the website is that it should be easy for you to find the information you need. Læsø Council's website at the moment contains about 250 pages with a wealth of information, which is continuously updated.

Self-Service
Using our self-service solutions you can save a trip to the council office and help yourself online 24

hours a day. Self-service is the place where you can find the forms most often needed when you contact the council. You can choose whether to fill in and send a form electronically or to fill it in and print the PDF-form and send it via the post.

Navigation
The information on Læsø Council's website is arranged in a clear manner on the left-hand side of the menu. There are also alternative options, so that you can use the search menu to look for specific information or the alphabetic overview.

Facts about Læsø

It's no secret that most of the people who live on Læsø believe that the island is the best place in the world. And here are some of the many records we actually hold:

Youngest

- The youngest island in Denmark – no more than 3000 years old
- There are a few old trees – but most of the forests are less than 90 years old

Best

- Holtemmen contains some of Denmark's best blanket bogs – with among other things many carnivorous plants
- On the north coast you can find some of the country's best moors, dominated by lichen – the so called "lichen moors"
- Læsø is on of the best places to study but-terflies, mushrooms and so on

Of International Importance

- The tidal meadows in the south are of international importance for many waders – including the sandpiper and the avocet

Smallest

- Læsø is Denmark's least populated council area, with 1985 inhabitants on 1/10 2009
- Læsø is the least densely populated part of the country – only 1/6 of the national average
- Only 5% of the area is used for residential purposes
- Læsø is among the places in Denmark with the least precipitation
- Few places in Denmark have less noise and pollution than here

Highest

- The ground water is among the highest lying in Denmark – at a depth of only 80 to 100 cm

- vi er her for dig

Hæv kontanter hos os...




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Åbningstider:
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Byrum Hovedgade 79, Byrum



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More information:

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Tel. 9665 8080 / 2028 2680 el.

Team Læsø, Havnegade 33, Læsø
Tel. 9849 9217

Map of Læsø

As a tourist on Læsø it is important to be able to find your way around the island, so you can take advantage of all the opportunities Læsø offers its visitors.

You can, for example, explore Læsø online before your arrival with the help of Læsø Council's web map on:

<http://laesoe.gisweb.dk/>

which gives you the chance to see and explore the island geographically in the following ways:

Aerial Photos (2008)
Active holidays
Bathing beaches
Accommodation
Attractions
Parking places & toilet
Art and handicrafts
Topographical map
Bicycle tours

Everything can be printed, saved as an image or as a pdf.



The website is continuously updated and expanded.

You can also buy an A3 Læsø Map in the tourist office and other places for 25 DKK.

Important Information

Læsø Council

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www.laesoe.dk, kommunen@laesoe.dk

Doctor's Clinic

Kirkestien 2, Byrum, Tel. 9849 1588
Tel. consultation. Mon.-Fri. 8-9 Cons.
By appointment
Out of hours: (after 4pm) Tel. 7015 0300.

Pharmacies

Over the counter, from Svaneapoteket at Heimar Sko, Vesterø Havnegade 26
Over the counter, from Løveapoteket at Heintzelmanns Eftf., Byrum Hovedgade 49.
Over the counter, from Løveapoteket at Spar Østerby, Østerby Havnegade 2

Dentist

Helschuset, Byrum Hovedgade 58, Byrum
Tel. 9849 1466.

Veterinarian

The island's veterinarian ceased business on 31 October 2009. At the time of going to press we did not have information about a possible new vet.

Falck

Byrum Hovedgade 10, Byrum. Tel. 7010 2030.

Police

Byrum Hovedgade 51, Byrum Tel/fax: 9849 1448
Office hours: Tuesday 11am-12noon
Thursday 4pm-5pm.
Emergencies contact North Jutland police tel. 114.

Bus

A service bus runs between Vesterø – Byrum – Østerby. Always connecting to ferry arrivals and departures. Timetable on page 87.

The bus is free for everyone.

Taxi

Telephone 2349 9940.

Cinema

Byrum Hovedgade 82, Tel 9849 1388.

Post Offices:

Vesterø: Heimar Sko
Vesterø Havnegade 26.
Østerby: Spar Østerby
Østerby Havnegade 2
Byrum: Læsø Council
Doktorvejen 2, Byrum.

Toilets - public

See the map pages 44-45.

Wheelchair access:

There are two wheelchair access points to the beach at Vesterø Church and Storedal, and at the capark at Banestenen there is a path to the cliff tops. At Badesøen there is a small wooden platform so you can go all the way down to the picnic table at the lakeside.

Recycling facility

Kokvadgårdsvej 5, Byrum, 9940 Læsø
Tel: 9621 3000. The facility is open 24 hours

Staff are present at the following times:

Monday - Thursday 8am – 2pm

Friday 8am – 12noon

From April to September also

Saturday 9am – 12noon

Recycling bubble banks for paper and glass

Strandvejen (Holmbæk's Plantation)
Dagli' Brugsen, Vesterø Havnegade
The harbour in Vesterø, Havnebakken
Klitrosevej
Jenses Jolle, Nørholmsvej
The yacht harbour, Østerby Harbour (only bottles)
The Service centre, Østerby Havnegade 9
Høgevej / Tyvhulvejen
SuperBrugsen, Byrum Hovedgade 77
The recycling facility, Kokvadgårdsvej 5

LÆSØ - FREDERIKSHAVN

LysetsLand 
Toppen af Danmark



TIMETABLE 2010

2 January - 24 March and 1 November - 23 December 2010

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Dep. Læsø	06.00	*06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00	06.00
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Dep. Frh.	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50
	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30
	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
		*20.30		20.30	20.30		20.30

* Dangerous goods sailing. Reservation necessary.

25 March - 30 June and 9 August - 31 October 2010

NB! See selected days with extra departures

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30
	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
		* 20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30

* Dangerous goods sailing. Reservation necessary.

Dates with 5 and 6 departures

	26 March Friday	5 April Easter Mon	29 April Thursday	2 May Sunday	12 May Wednesday	13 May Ascension Day	16 May Sunday	21 May Friday	24 May Whitsun	26 June Saturday	27 June Sunday
Dep. Læsø		08.30		08.30		08.30	08.30		08.30		
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1 July - 8 August 2010 5 - 6 and 7 departures

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.40
Dep. Frh.	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50
	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20
	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30
						14.00	14.00
	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
					17.40	17.40	17.40
	20.30	*20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30

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Byrum		s 6.30	s 7.45	8.15	9.45	s 12.45	13.25	s 14.25	h 15.55	17.15	18.45	a 22.20
Østerby Havn		s 6.45		8.30	10.05	s 13.00	13.45	s 14.40	h 16.10	17.30	19.05	a 22.40
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Byrum	5.35	s 7.45		9.15	12.45	s 13.25	14.35	h 15.25	s 16.45	18.15	19.20	a 22.55
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Byrum			7.35	8.40	9.45	12.15	13.25	15.05	15.55	18.45	c 19.35	22.20
Østerby Havn			7.50	8.55	10.05	12.35	13.50	15.25	16.15	19.05	c 19.50	22.40
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Byrum	5.35		8.05	9.15	11.45	12.55	14.35	15.25	18.15		c 20.05	22.55
Vesterø Havn	5.50		8.20	9.30	12.00	13.10	14.50	15.40	18.30		c 20.20	

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