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**A WALK ALONG THE WATER**  
 Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) is a 75-kilometre-long hiking trail between Korsør Railway Station and Næstved Harbour. The marked trail runs as close to the coast as possible, and the surface varies between gravel path, asphalt, forest path, field road, and sandy beach. It is possible to cycle most of the trail – apart from the beach between Espe and Vasebro, where there is a nice cycle ride through the woods to Kobæk and further behind the meadows to Vasebro.

**LEGEND INFORMATION**

- Lagunestien (the lagoon trail)
- Start/end of trail
- Marking for every 10 km
- Posts with information via QR code

**FACILITIES**

- Tourist information
- Toilet
- Resting places

- Electric socket (power)
- Fire pit

**SLEEPOVER**

- Hotel
- Camp site
- Shelter
- Tent site

- Bed & Breakfast
- Cabin rental
- Hostel

**PROVISIONS**

- Water tap
- Shopping
- Pharmacy

- Cafe
- Restaurant

**TRANSPORT**

- Bus stop
- Parking
- Ferry

**EXPERIENCES**

- Public forest
- Church
- Garden/Park

- Bathing beach
- Tourist attraction
- Viewpoint



THE LAGOON TRAIL – from forgotten to unforgettable

## Sights in Korsør

Korsør is an old market town that has been important for the crossing between Zealand and Funen for centuries. After the opening of the Great Belt Bridge in 1998 the town had to find its new identity. The railway station and the old ferry berths are now brand-new neighbourhoods with modern buildings and attractive homes along the harbour. The naval station of Korsør is located next to a large marina and a small fishing harbour that has kept its charming character. St. Povl's Church is surrounded by a small part of the old town with topped cobblestones and idyllic small houses that have been preserved.

Close to the town centre you find the art gallery, Kunsthal Kongegaarden, that holds an impressive collection of Harald Isenstein's works.



## Estates, Agriculture, and Hunting

The greater part of Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) runs through areas owned by the four large estates in the region – Espe, Borreby, Basnæs, and Holsteinborg. The parks at Borreby and Holsteinborg are open to the public, and there are also guided tours during the summer. The fortified manor house, Borreby Herreborg, has a large theatre with changing performances.

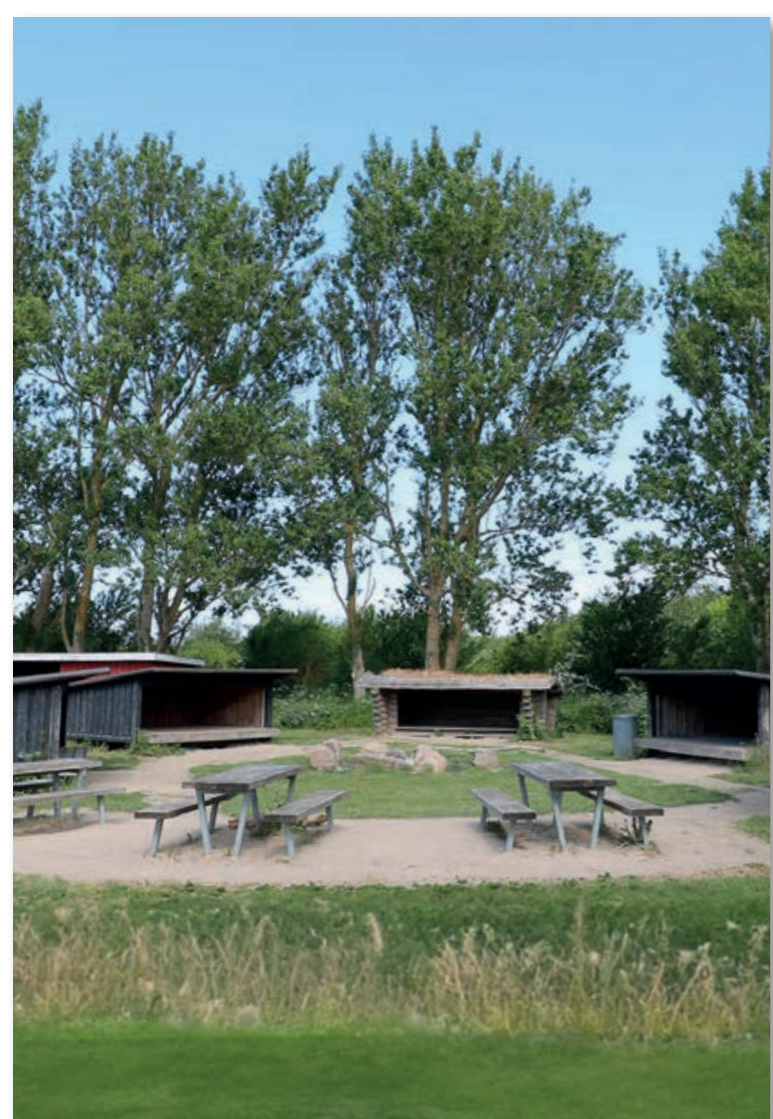
The large estates leave their marks on the landscape – large fields where food crops, grass seed, rape plants, and sugar beet are grown. Most forests are managed traditionally, and the wood is used both in Denmark and abroad.

The hunting grounds of the estates are looked after by trained gamekeepers who ensure that the game is healthy and that sick animals are put down as gently as possible. During the hunting season hunting parties are held, and then they may need to close access to parts of Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail). In that case it will be clearly marked on the trail.



## Sleep well

There are good accommodation facilities along Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail). In the market towns and in Bisserup you find hotels, inns, and private B&Bs. There are also a few shelters and primitive campsites. More information at [www.lagunesti.dk](http://www.lagunesti.dk)



## Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail)

For many years, roads and paths along the south-west coast of Zealand were used by people who wanted to walk longer distances. It was only in 1997 they were counted among Denmark's many beautiful hiking trails, and in 2019 funding made it possible to signpost the trail and provide information about nature, culture, and experiences to the hiker along the way.

Along the trail oak posts with QR codes inform about the local areas you pass through.

## The history of the ceramic stones

The ceramic stones on top of the posts along Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) have their very own story. Every year in July a large ceramics festival is held in Skælskør. It has become a tradition here that visitors make pottery and give it as a gift to the town. In the past, these were paving stones for the streets of the town, but in 2022 it was decided to decorate stones for Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail).



## Sights in Skælskør

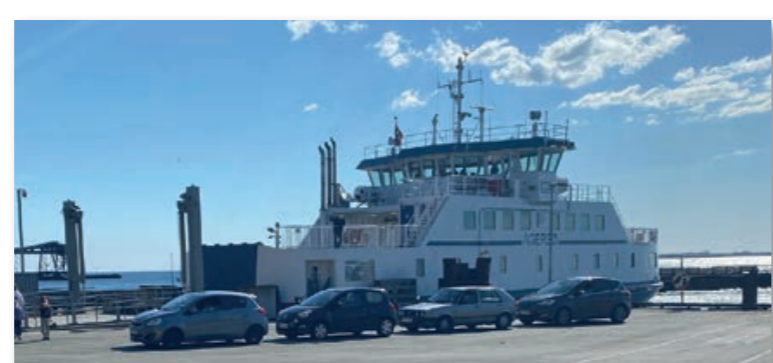
Skælskør is an old market town dating back to the Middle Ages. It is beautifully located between the fjord and the cove with the harbour as its centre and a bridge connecting the town. In the western part of the town, you find the church and the old town hall – and to the east Algade, the town's old shopping street. There are many beautifully preserved buildings and a vibrant harbour environment. In recent years, many artists have moved to the town – with shops and workshops. Artists from all over the world work at the International Ceramics Research Centre, Guldagergård, and some of their many works can be seen in Guldagergård's sculpture park.



## Off the route

It is possible to take many small detours when hiking on Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail). Particularly the old market towns, Korsør and Skælskør, are of historical importance that goes far back in time and has left its mark on the townscape. If you want to walk a slightly longer distance, it is a good idea to walk from Borreby Manor House to Stignæs from where you can catch a ferry to the two small islands, Agersø and Omø.

The sailing to Agersø takes just 15 minutes – and then you will find yourself in a completely different, peaceful world with the old farms and the village pond that forms the centre of the small village. The sailing to Omø takes about one hour. Both islands offer accommodation and dining options.



## View of the water

Most of Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) runs along water – and what characterizes it is the variation between the waters. The Great Belt and Smålandshavet with views and fast winds, alternating with fjords and coves, offer unforgettable views of the opposite shores. The landscape constantly changes between beach, forests, agricultural areas, bog, and meadow – but always with water as your companion.



## Tourist inspiration

The town offices in Korsør and Skælskør serve as tourist information centres under Destination Zealand. Here you will find material on sights, events, experiences, places to eat and stay, and the local tourist information officer is happy to help with information about the local area. Every year, the town office in Skælskør publishes a tourist guide and a leaflet with activities and events throughout the summer.



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## Roadside stands and farm shops

When there is a surplus – either from the garden or from the field – you will often see a small stand by the roadside. It can be with peas, strawberries, or apples in season. Other places may have eggs, homemade jam, or honey for sale.

On Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) close to Sibberup you find Frk Sibbes Gårdbutik (farm shop of Ms Sibbe) that sells yarn, among other things.

A little further away from the trail, between the Basnæs roads, you will find Vores Urtehave (Our Herb Garden) where you can harvest vegetables and fruit for your evening meal on your own.



## Ørslev village

Ørslev Church is beautifully located, slightly elevated above the small village whose residents often gather around the church and the village pond for common events.

The church is adorned with one of Denmark's most famous church wall paintings, the Dancing Frieze, which depicts in detail the medieval chain dance.



The church was once a place of pilgrimage for many sick people as the water from the nearby spring was believed to have healing properties.

Below the cemetery wall, by the village pond, are two large blue pots, one has motifs from the Dancing Frieze and the other shows the village's current inhabitants in various situations.



## Historical view

The view from Korsør Cove is a view far back in time. Most distinctive is the large Tårnborgh Church right next to the old hill where the Tårnborgh Castle was located. The place was well protected from pirates as well as wind and weather, and for this reason, the first inhabitants in Korsør built their medieval town here.

## In the footsteps of poets

The beautiful landscape, the cozy market towns, and the villages have inspired many poets, among others Hans Christian Andersen who often visited the manor houses, Borreby, Basnæs, and Holsteinborg. He wrote many of his fairy tales here and entertained his hosts with them in the evenings.

The poets, Jens Baggesen, H.C. Branner, Piet Hein, and Otto Gelsted lived here too, or had a strong connection to the area.



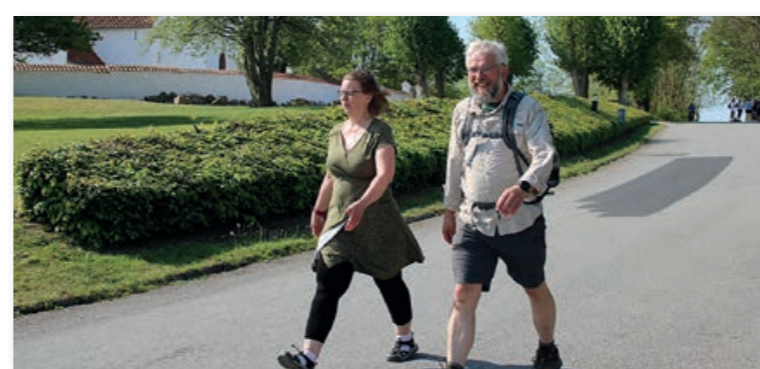
## Magleby village

The trail goes through Magleby on the stretch between Borreby and Basnæs. In the cemetery there is an official memorial to an allied airman who was found drowned on the beach at Stignæs in September 1944.

In the church, Denmark's first Pjerrot, Niels Henrik Volkersen, left a lasting memory in the clerk's chair. He was confirmed in the church and carved his name into the wooden bench.

Just outside the church wall is the church barn which used to be a poorhouse but now serves as a meeting room and teaching room for confirmation classes.

There are tables and benches by the village pond.



## Migratory routes of birds of prey

Especially in autumn, many birdwatchers gather in the area around Skælskør, in the direction of Borreby. They come to watch birds of prey that come from all over Scandinavia to cross the Great Belt from Stignæs. Large flocks of buzzards, red and black kites, white-tailed eagles, golden eagles and many other large birds of prey pass by.

The favourable conditions for the birds mean that in recent years large flocks of geese have begun wintering in the farmers' fields. They are unwelcome in the fields with winter crops, partly because they trample them down, partly because they will eat a large part of the yield during the winter. That is why you can hear gas cannons, screams of warning and see silhouettes of wolves in the fields along the coast.



## Gastronomy for birds

The shallow coves and fjords offer a true gastronomic experience for a countless number of bird species. The sandy fens surrounding Holsteinborg Cove provide food and roosting opportunities to many bird species. In spring and autumn, the movements of migratory birds can be followed in this area. Marshes and islets are also good breeding places.

For this reason, several areas are protected from traffic under the rules of Natura 2000.

## Natura 2000 sites

Natura 2000 is a network of protected nature areas in the EU.

The entire coastline along Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) from Korsør Lystskov to Bisserup is subject to these directives to protect nature, animal and bird life – and to ensure that there is peace and space to forage and breed.

The areas must be preserved to protect habitats and wild animal and plant species that are rare, endangered, or characteristic of the EU countries.

250 Natura 2000 areas have been designated in Denmark.

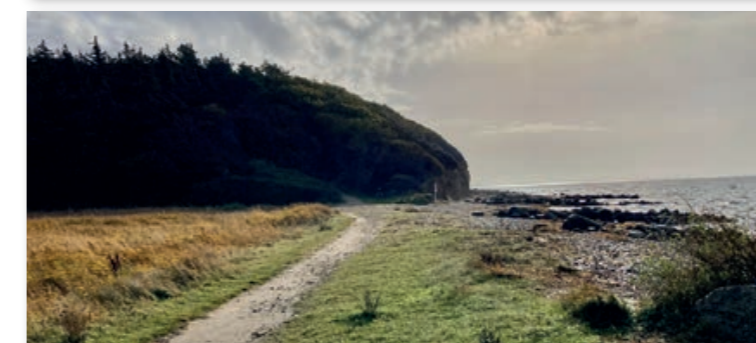
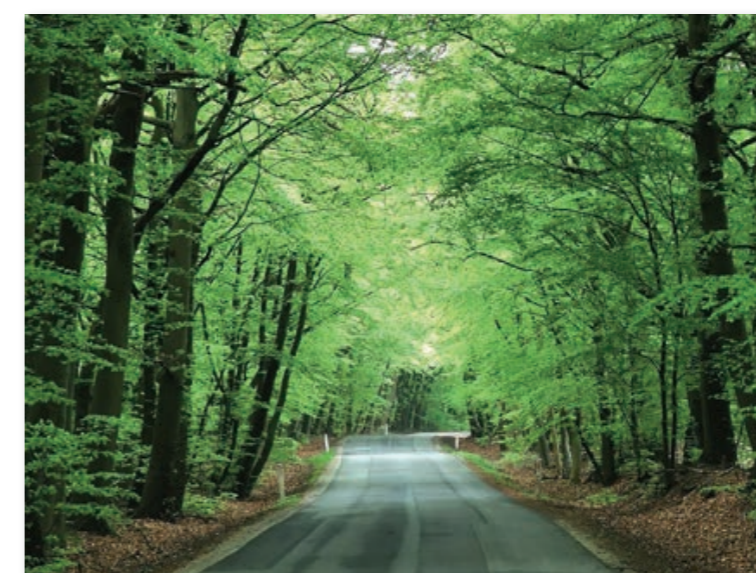


## Access to nature

Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) is subject to the rules of the Nature Protection Act.

This act allows you to walk and cycle on paved roads and paths, in the countryside as well as in the forests.

It is always a good idea to keep your dog on a leash and to remember that nature always comes first. No one should be able to see traces of anything other than nature and the bird and animal life along the trail.



## Resting places

There are many good places where you can take a break when walking on Lagunestien (The Lagoon Trail) – and several places have tables and benches.

From Easter to the autumn holidays, you find public toilets along the trail. During the winter period there are open toilets at the churches, at Bisserup Forsamlingshus (village hall), and at Kobæk Strand (Kobæk Beach).



## Bisserup

Bisserup is an idyllic little village with active residents. There is a rich cultural life here, and many artists have moved here over the years. The harbor still has its old character and is naturally located at the entrance to Holsteinborg Nor. On Friday and Saturday, it is possible to buy fresh fish at the harbor.

There are good accommodation options both at the campsite and at the inn, which is also open for catering all year round. If you visit in the summer, it is a lovely experience to visit the restaurant, Fiskebaren, which is located right by the harbor.

The villagers are active around the local shop, Brugsen, and they also run, Bis'koppen, which is the local cultural meeting place.



## Korsør Lystskov

Korsør Lystskov (woodland cultivated and landscaped by many manor houses) is an old, protected forest that has not been exploited like other forests. Therefore, the many ancient monuments, such as gallery graves and round and long barrows, have been preserved. If you take a close look, you can also see traces of the Neolithic Period when farmers burned down the forest to be ploughed and cultivated, the so-called slash-and-burn method.



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## The Lagoon Trail – A walk along the water

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