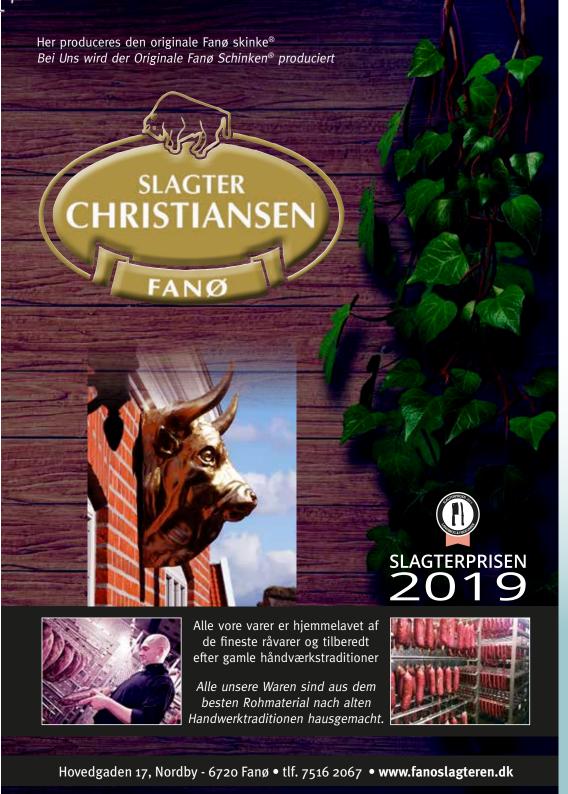




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WELCOME TO FANØ





DEAR GUEST

Welcome to Fanø. We hope you have a wonderful stay and many wonderful holiday experiences. Already on the ferry between Esbjerg and Fanø you can feel your heartbeat drop and calmness set in.

When you read this holiday guide, you are probably already staying at your accommodation. If you haven't

yet figured out where to stay, the guide can also help you find the right accommodation, whether it's a hotel, camping, holiday home or B&B.

If you are planning a day trip to Fanø, there is also plenty of inspiration here. A good tip, leave the car on the mainland and use the bike on Fanø. If you don't bring your own bike, there are several bike rental companies on the island.

Fanø holds many experiences, both big and small. The huge sandy beach is the biggest attraction, but there are also plenty of exciting experiences in nature behind the dunes and in the 2 urban environments of Nordby and Sønderho. Seals, Duck decoys, blockart, 4 museums and much more.

There is a great deal that you can experience on your own, but it gives the experience an extra dimension when you are told the story by a local guide. At visitfanoe.dk you can get an overview of the many activities that take place on Fanø. It is easy to order and buy a large number of the exciting experiences and excursions that Fanø offers. The events can be purchased both online or directly from the organizers.

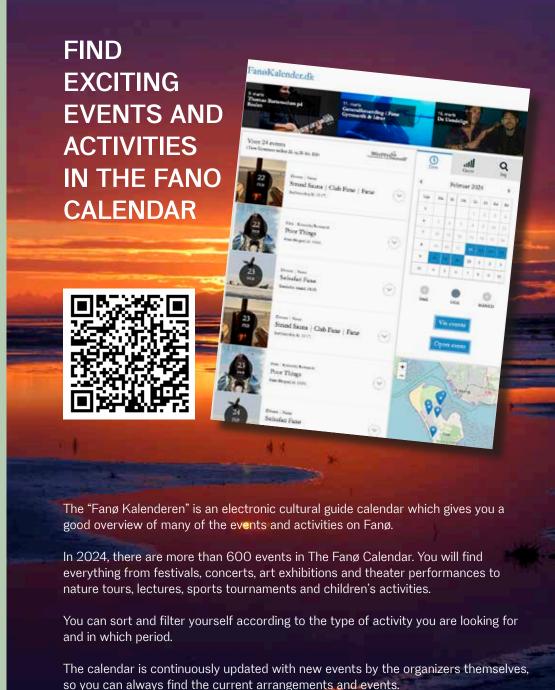
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The normal opening hours for shops on Fanø are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supermarkets are normally open all weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 or 7 p.m. Opening hours do vary depending on type of shop. There are also seasonal variations. Opening hours are typically longer in July and August.

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Sønderho: Landevejen 35 Self-service opening hours: Every day, all year round 10.00-18.00



Welcome to - EXPERIENCE OUR UNIQUE NATURE AND CULTURE

Despite its modest size, our lovely island offers a wealth of fantastic experiences that you, as a guest, can look forward to exploring.

We are probably primarily known for our unique nature, which is often what attracts many guests. The vast majority of Fanø are natural areas, which are part of the Wadden Sea National Park and on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites within natural landscapes.

At Fanø, we can also offer a unique cultural life that is absolutely top class. It is something we are proud of and which helps to bring life and activity to the island. We have many different cultural experiences all year round, where there is something for everyone.

In addition, we also have a lot of other exciting activities and attractions that you can enjoy, whether you want to be active or need peace and contemplation.

Have a great holiday and enjoy experiencing all that we have to offer!



NATURE

Experience Fang's varied nature and the rich bird and animal life by, for example, walking via the many hiking routes, visiting the plantations and viewpoints or going on seal safaris and bird tours. There are many opportunities for exciting nature experiences.

Fang's beautiful nature and wide beaches can be used by everyone. As a guest, you can experience and enjoy nature freely everywhere on the island. Remember to help us take good care of nature and wildlife. Read the signage and familiarize yourself with the applicable rules and considerations.

CULTURE

At Fanø you will find a wide range of cultural offers. Regardless of whether you are looking for festivals, concerts, art exhibitions, theater performances or something completely different, Fanø has something to offer. The cultural experiences are almost lined up on Fanø - all year round!

Visit one of Fanø's many exciting museums and learn more about the island's cultural heritage, go to a concert at one of our venues or take part in one of the many festivals or traditional celebrations where the island's cultural heritage is celebrated and kept alive.

SHOPS

If you are looking for exciting and different shopping experiences, Fanø's vibrant commercial life and many unique shops offer a good selection and many locally produced products.

Support the island's shops and buy local food and arts and crafts. At the stores in Nordby and Sønderho you will find, among other things, arts and crafts and design, interior design and applied arts, clothing stores as well as jewelry stores and specialty stores with, among other things, coffee, chocolate and beer.

DINING PLACES

Regardless of whether the hunger is big or small, whether you are for gourmet or barbecue, or simply want an ice cream or a cup of coffee, Fanø has the place that can satisfy your desire. With numerous restaurants, inns, cafés, pizzerias, coffee shops and ice cream parlors, the selection is large.

There is a tradition of good restaurants on Fanø, which make use of the best local ingredients. Therefore, you can both experience finer gastronomy with many servings and a wine menu at several of the critically acclaimed restaurants, just as it is also always possible to sink your teeth into a quality burger or pizza.

ACTIVITIES

On Fanø there is both space for action and activity and peace and contemplation. This is also reflected in the many experiences and activities you will find around the island - often out in nature.

If you want to work up a sweat or get your heart rate up, there are plenty of opportunities for that with the various types of water and beach sports, where our kilometer-long and wide beach is usually the starting point. Another popular activity is cycling, either the regular bike or the mountain bike, which is a safe and pleasant way to see Fanø.







FANØ

Fanø was formed into an island approximately 8000 years ago. Before then, the stretch from Blåvandshuk to Sild was probably one coast line. The lower heathlands were flooded by the sea, forming the large sand barriers which in turn developed the barrier islands known as Fanø, Mandø and Rømø. Because of this protection, the Wadden Sea transformed into the landscape we know today. Tides, storm surges and wind has since caused Fanø to grow towards the West.

It is not precisely known when people first settled on Fanø although the first records are from 1231. From then until 1741 Fanø was the property of the Danish king. However, potsherds have been found at Halen, which are approximately 2,000 years old, so it is likely that Fanø was also inhabited in the earlier Iron Age.

Today the island measures about 60km2.. Despite is modest size, Fanø is an independent municipality. In 2005, an election was held to decide if Fanø should join the new, larger Esbjerg Municipality. 65% of the inhabitants on Fanø voted for the island to remain independent. Today, Fanø is the second smallest municipality in Denmark.

Many small islands and rural districts are struggling with fewer workplaces and a decrease in population. This is not the case on Fanø. Our population is increasing and we are now more than 3.500 citizens.

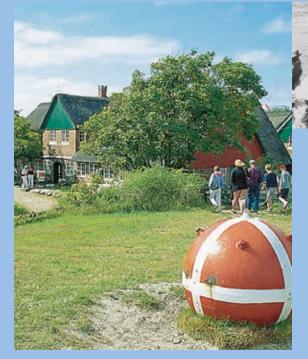
A significant reason for the increasing population is the proximity to Esbjerg. With only a twelve-minute ferry ride, it is easy to live on Fanø and work in Esbjerg. More than 700 people commute to the mainland every day. In return, about 300 people commute the other way, to Fanø, every day to work.

FANØ MUNICIPALITY

Fanø is run by a municipal council consisting of 11 persons who are elected every four years. The last elections took place in November 2021. 5 different parties have seats in the council, who elected Frank Jensen as new mayor.

THE SCHOOL ON FANØ

Fanø Skole, the school on Fanø, is located in Nordby. Most of the children on the island attend school here, from kindergarten class and up to the 9th or 10th grade. The





school was completely renovated in 2011 and is today one of the most modern public schools in Denmark. In connection to the school, there is also a public and school library and an after-school club. In very close proximity to the school, you also have the island's indoor and outdoor sports facilities. Further schooling like high school or vocational education takes place in Esbjerg.

HEALTHCARE

Fanø has a large health centre which is situated in an old building that used to house the navigational training centre. Besides housing Fanø Municipality's own healthcare personnel, located here is a private medical practice and a private dialysis centre for kidney patients. The nearest hospital is located in Esbjerg. An ambulance is stationed on the island, and an agreement has been made with the ferry to have people on call to complete emergency transports 24 hours a day. This means that the ferry can sail right away, should there be a need for an emergency transport.

LIBRARIES

There are two libraries on the island, one in Nordby and one in Sønderho. They are both subdivisions of Esbjerg Bibliotik, the library in Esbjerg. The libraries have books, movies, games and free access to computers. It is also possible to visit the libraries as a visitor. Both libraries are open from morning till evening all days of the week. Most of the time, the libraries are self-serviced.

Nordby Library, Stadionvej 17, Nordby Sønderho Library, Landevejen 41, Sønderho Opening hours: www.esbjergbibliotek.dk/biblioteker.

THE MYTH OF THE NAME FANO

There once were two skippers who had been at service to the jötnar Fenja and Menja. As a reward, they were each given a salt mill, after which they sailed off in the two ships that were named after the jötnar. The two salt mills were on board, and the skippers sold their salt wherever they went. Unfortunately, both ships went down in a storm – one at a sandbank which was thereafter cal-

led Menjø (Mandø), the other at a sandbank called Fenjø (Fanø). At the shipwreck, large amounts of salt flooded out, which is why the waters surrounding Fanø and Mandø are saltier than other oceans.

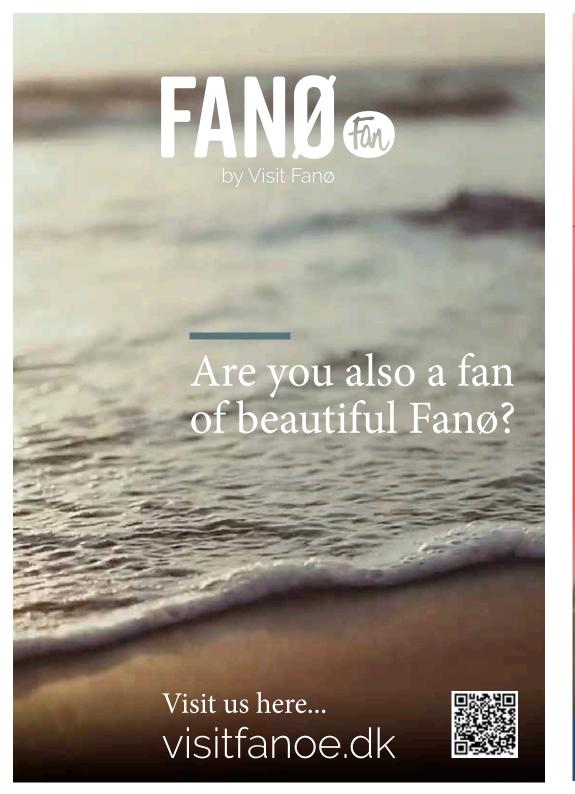
NORDBY AND SØNDERHO

Midway between Nordby and Sønderho you will find a square boulder with the names Nordby and Sønderho carved into it. It is a landmark that marks the old parish boundary between Fanø (Nordby) and Sønderho parish.

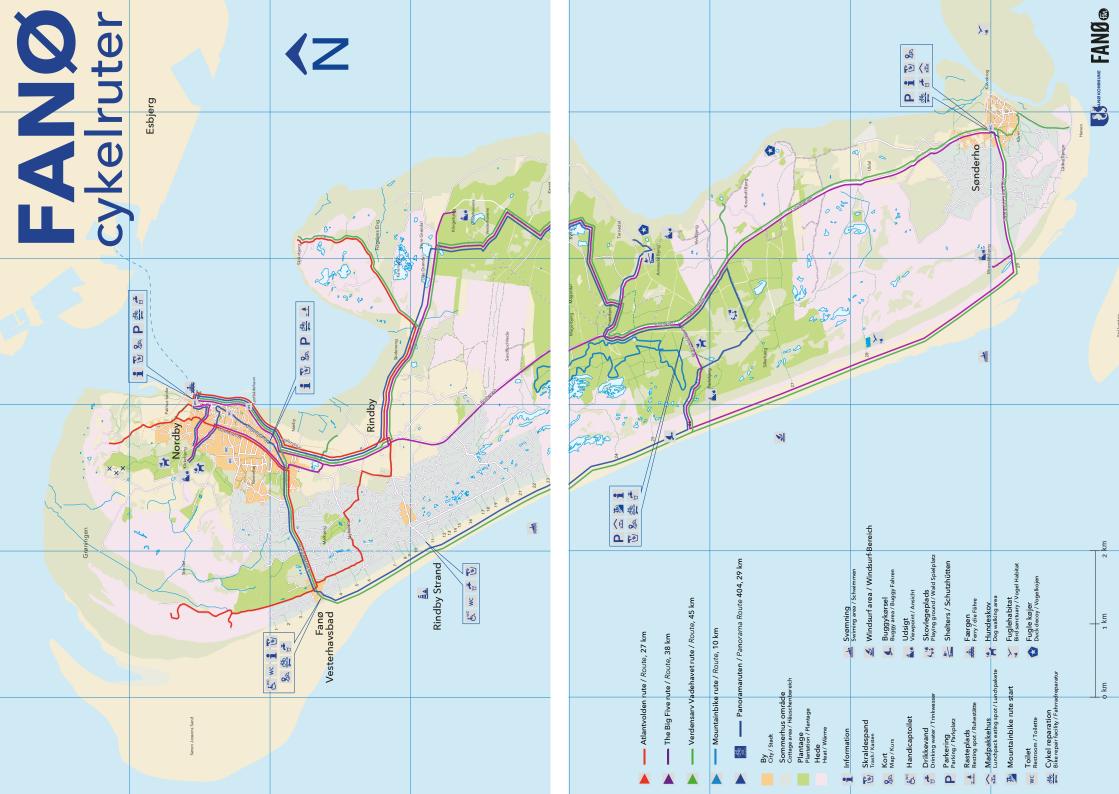
From 1742 until 1970, the island was divided into two parishes, each with its own parish council. There are many stories about the rivalry between the 2 parishes. There is therefore no general term for people who live on Fanø. A person from Nordby is called a Fannik, while a person from Sønderho is called a Sønderhoning. The main road between the two towns also changes name at the old parish boundary, to the north it is called Postvejen, to the south it is called Landvejen.

The stone used to stand outside the road itself, but in 2014 was moved to the cycle path so that it became more visible. Fanø's highest point, Pælebjerg, also got its name from one of the milestones that were set up to mark the border between the 2 parishes.

A Fannik is also called a Gojer, while a Sønderhoning is called a Japper. What is the name of a person (often from Copenhagen) who owns a summer house in Sønderho town? A "Københoning" of course.







LIFE FEELS GREATER ON A BIKE

The bike is the ideal way to get around Fanø. The whole island is only approx. 15 km long and approx. 5 km at the widest point, so the distances are short. There are cycle paths between all the urban areas on Fanø (Nordby, Fanø Bad, Rindby Strand and Sønderho), so it is safe and secure to cycle on Fanø - for children and adults.

If you want to venture further away from the main thoroughfares, there are plenty of beautiful nature experiences by following the gravel and dirt roads at the northern and eastern ends of the island. Even in the dune plantation there are roads and paths on which it is possible to cycle. Others are more suitable for a mountain bike. Cycling around the small roads in the holiday home areas in Fanø Bad, Rindby Strand and Sønderho is definitely an experience too.

As something very special, it is easy to cycle on the beach on the west side of Fanø. Right out by the water, the sand can be loose, but closer to the dunes, the beach is hard and comfortable to cycle on.

We are happy that cycling has become so popular. This results in fewer cars on the road and thus less pollution and noise. That is why we do everything we can to improve the conditions for cyclists. A few years ago, Fanø Municipality made an agreement with the ferry company that it would be free to get the bike on the ferry. It has been a great success. At the same time, we are continuously expanding the trail network and improving the facilities along the way.

There are 5 resting spots around the island, at the harbor in Nordby, next to Nordby Church, by the public toilets in Fanø Bad, in Fanø Klitplantage and next to Sønderho Church. As a minimum, the rest areas have a large map of the island, garbage racks and bicycle pump. The rest area in the dune plantation at Mågekolonivej also has a covered picnic area and hammocks if a little nap is needed. There is bicycle rental in Nordby, Fanø Bad, Rindby Strand and Sønderho

There are lots of beautiful experiences when you cycle on Fanø. Some are very eye-catching, such as the beach and the 2 small romantic towns of Nordby and Sønderho, others you have to look for a little more and like to know something about to get the full benefits.

That is why 5 leaflets with suggestions for cycling tours on Fanø have been published. In each folder there is a map, a description of the route and a briefing on what you may encounter underways. You can either download maps and descriptions at www.visitfanoe.dk or acquire the leaflets at Club Fanø.

Route 1: The World Heritage Wadden Sea route is 42 kilometres long. This route takes you all the way around the island, and while cycling you will experience some of the most important landscapes that has helped Fanø and the sea around Fanø to achieve national park and World Heritage status. From the flat meadows to the northeast, via the dunes, the dune plantation and the North Sea beach to the southeastern tip south of Sønderho, called Hønen.

Route 2: The Atlantic Wall route; it is 26 kilometres long and will take you to several of the most interesting bunkers on the island. These bunkers were built during the 2. World War. Most of the more than 300 bunkers on Fanø today are completely covered in sand, but this trip takes you around to some of the bunkers that can still be experienced.

Route 3: The Panoramic Route 404 is the only one that has been marked by signs. It is 26 kilometres long and provides an opportunity to go to some of the best viewpoints and landscapes on the northern part of Fanø. The mountains are obviously not as big as the mountains in the Alps and the Himalayas, but the view from the top of the dunes is fantastic.

Route 4: "The Big Five" takes you to the 5 viewpoints made up of the 5 largest hills on Fanø and is 37 kilometres long. The 5 "mountains" are Kikkebjerg, Klingebjerg, Annedalsbjerg, Pælebjerg and Mosedalsbjerg.

Route 5: The Mountain Bike trail is 7 kilometres long and is located in a beautiful area in the western part of Fanø Klitplantage. The route is relatively flat with a few small inclines. It is a very beautiful ride that is suitable for beginners.











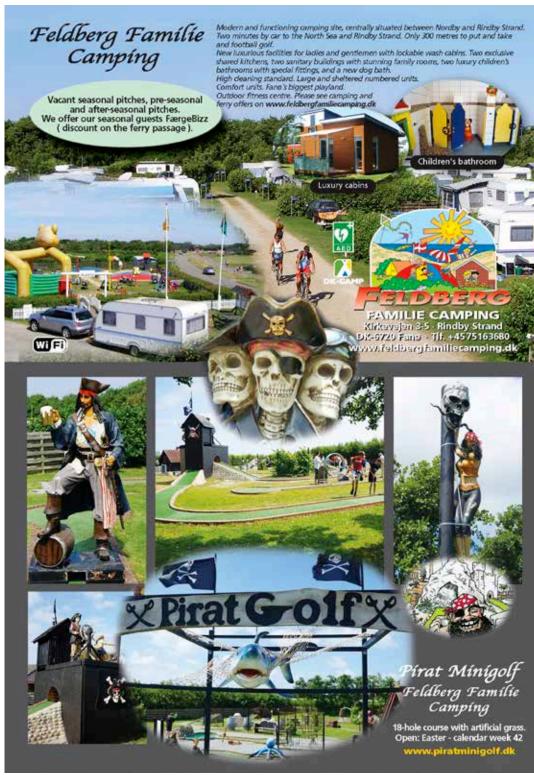


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HIKING ON FANØ

Go exploring in nature and the landscape on Fang or in the 2 idyllic villages of Nordby and Sønderho. experiences around the corner

You can go on guided city walks in both Sønderho and Nordby, as well as the very popular walk on the seabed out to the large seal bank west of Sønderho. See more at www.visitfanoe.dk. Of course, there are also many options for trips on your own

SØREN JESSEN'S SAND

The beach is by far the most popular place to walk. whether it's a short walk along the water's edge or a longer walk along the 15 km long North Sea beach. A very special experience is Søren Jessens Sand, which is the large beach area north of Fanø Bad. At its widest point, the beach here is almost 2 km wide, so here it is more like a sandy desert than a beach. It is a fascinating place where you can experience what you think are large merchant ships coming sailing in the sand. Of course they don't, from the middle of the beach you can't see the water and it therefore seems as if the ships are sailing in the sand. Read more about Søren Jessens Sand on page 44

FANØ DUNE PLANTATION

The area at Fanø Klitplantage is a very varied and exciting landscape, which is criss-crossed by forest roads and paths that you can walk on. It is a good idea to have the experience card "When we cycle and hike on Fanø" with you on the trip if you move outside the marked routes. The maps on mobile phones do not include all roads and paths.

There is a marked hiking route in Fanø Klitplantage of approximately 10 km in total. The route can be divided into 2 trips, one east and one west of approx. 3.5 and 6.5 km respectively. The routes are marked with poles. The route east of the main road goes through both forest and open dune areas with heather. At the end of summer. the heather blooms and makes these routes something very special. In several places there is a nice view of the Wadden Sea to the east. The route west of the main road goes through forest and open dune areas, where there is a view of the beach and the North Sea. The forest playground and the island's highest point Pælebjerg are located along these routes. During the winter, it usually rains so much that parts of the path network are flooded. This applies especially to the dunes in the western part, but also to other low-lying places.

THE BIRDHOUSES

On the marked walking routes the plantation to the east. you will pass several duck decoys. The 2 birdhouses which are best preserved and open to the public are Albue Fuglekøje and Sønderho Gl. Bird nest. In the same area are 2 more birdhouses, Ternedal Birdhouse and Sønderho Birdhouse. Signs of another bird's nest have been found in the area, so perhaps there were once 5 bird's nests in this area.

A duck decoy is a facility that was formerly used for catching wild ducks and other migratory birds. An artificially created hexagonal pond is provided in each corner with 6 channels, which are covered with nets.

The duck decoys were built in the middle of the 19th century following the Dutch model, where they have existed since the 16th century. In 1931, it was forbidden to catch birds in this way and they have since functioned as small open-air museums and natural gems.

KIKKEBJERG PLANTATION

In the plantation west of Nordby, there is a marked walking route in the slightly hilly dune area. Close to the route is Kikkebjerg itself, which is a dune peak with a small house on top. From here there is a beautiful view over both the landscape to the west and north, as well as over Nordby and in the background Esbjerg and Esbjerg Harbour. Originally it was used as a vantage point for the pilots in Nordby. The building at the top is not the original pilot building. It was destroyed by the storm in 1999.

Just north of the dune plantation is the best-preserved defense installation from the Second World War, the so-called "Flak Nord", where you can see a number of bunkers and flak positions in the dune landscape.

The most popular hiking route at Sønderho is the trip around the southern tip of Fanø. You can advantageously start the trip at the old harbor and go south to Hønen. Sanding of the old navigation channel to Sønderho has created this small salt marsh, where you can find a large part of the Wadden Sea's flora in a very small area.

From Hønen, follow the beach to the northwest with views of Mandø and Galgerev with the large seal colony. Follow Sønderho Strandvei back to Sønderho.









THE MOUNTAINS ON FANO

Mountaineering on Fanø? It sounds like a joke and maybe it is. But we have made a route that we call "The big 5". 23 The big 5 are Kikkebjerg, Pælebjerg, Klingebjerg, Annedalsbierg and Mosedalsbierg. It is possible to do it both as a bike ride or as the destination for a hike in the areas where one of the mountains is located. They are all located in some of the most scenic areas on Fanø and offer a fantastic view of the landscape. It's a fun treasure hunt for the whole family, leading to places not normally discovered.

The mountains on Fanø are in reality dunes which have been created by sand and wind through hundreds of years. The oldest dunes on Fanø, ie. Annesdals Bjerg and Klingebjerg, are on the east coast whereto they wandered during the Small Ice Age in the 1500's and the 1600's. The farther towards west we go, the younger the dunes are. On the beach between Fanø Bad and Rindby Strand, you can see a new generation of dunes being created.

CITY WALKS

Most visitors to Fanø naturally come to Nordby and Sønderho, either to shop or take a walk through the main streets. However, there is a lot to experience if you venture into the side streets. Many of the streets were originally paths and therefore wind in an almost labyrinthine pattern. Despite their size, you can actually get lost.

As something special, part of the old paths, which connected the larger roads, are still preserved. They are marked with poles with a small blue sign. Sometimes it looks like you are entering private property, but these are publicly accessible trails that show the 2 cities from a completely different side

SEA FOG

The fog, or sea fog as it is called, is a true spring phenomenon. It is created on the ocean when warm and moist air pumped up towards Denmark from southwest meets a cold ocean. When at the same time, the sun shines inland. the ground and the air is warmed up and this results in a sea breeze, an onshore wind that drives the sea fog towards the coast.

It happens incredibly fast! It is almost as though the sea fog surprises you while your back is turned. The fog can be so close that is it is impossible to see anything. Nothing! And if you are wandering in the Wadden landscape, sea fog is a danger you had best beware. So, keep an eye on the weather report.

THE BEACH AND THE SEASIDE VILLAGES

Fanø Bad and Rindby beach are really typical Danish seaside resorts. A small town center close to the beach and then the large areas with holiday homes, campsites and hotels. Right down to the beach.

FANØ VESTERHAVS BAD

With the golf course, 2 miniature golf facilities, tennis and Paddle tennis, Club Fanø's activity centre, candle workshop and several exciting shops and restaurants, Fanø Bad is well on its way to recreating the place's heyday.

It was in the 1880s that the initial ideas of creating Denmark's first spa emerged. Spa tourism in other parts of Europe had become a great success, which made Denmark's Tourist Association scout for a place to build our own luxurious spa. The choice fell on Fanø Bad, partly because of the beach and the nature, partly because it was possible to buy both land, beach and beach front here.

In 1892 the spa hotel, 'Kurhotellet', was opened, and also a number of large private holiday homes were built. In the following years, the hotels 'Kongen af Danmark' and 'Strandhotellet' were built along with other facilities which were meant to cater to affluent guests.

'Fanø Vesterhavsbad' had its most success in the years between 1st and 2nd World War. As early as 1901 the first golf course of Denmark was established in the dunes just north of the hotels. The course, 'Fanø Golf Links', remains the only real links golf course in Denmark.

Between 1919 and 1924 international motor races took place directly on the beach. However, a tragic death during a race and an attempt to reach a new world record, put an end to races in 1924. The 2nd World War ended tourism and 'Fanø Vesterhavsbad'. When the war ended, the whole area was in a poor state. Despite attempts to renovate and revive it as a holiday spot, it never reached its former popularity and the hotels replaced by the holiday apartment complexes that characterise Fanø Bad today.

Only few remains from the luxurious days are left. The original 'Kellers Konditori' is still standing, and today it is known as 'Kellers Badehotel og Spisehus'. Some of the

large holiday homes can still be seen, and the golf course is doing well; today it is the main attraction of Fanø Bad.

RINDBY BEACH

Rindby beach is the largest holiday area with holiday homes beautifully situated in the dune landscape. The development really took off in the 1960s, when the area went from a few hundred summer houses to the current around 1,400 holiday homes.

Rindby Strand is also the center of camping life on Fanø. 4 of the island's 7 campsites are located in a row along Kirkevejen and create lots of life in the area. All the campsites were established in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Fanø was such a popular camping destination that in the early 1980s there were 13 campsites on the island. The 6 places have since either been closed or merged with another place.

In Rindby Strand there are two minigolf courses, a foot-ball golf course and an indoor playground in connection to the campsites. There is also a supermarket, cafes and shops here. The old Rindby lies east of the holiday home area. Originally, a few farms were located here, but today there is a village hall, a restaurant and large shop that sells crafts.





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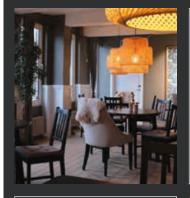
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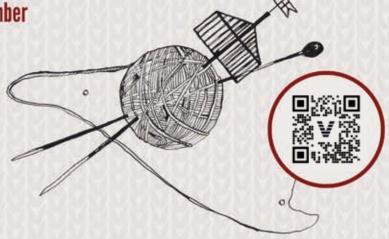
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BEACH LIFE

The beach is big enough that there is space for everyone, whether you wish to swim, sunbathe, fly kites, drive a Blokart or Kite-Buggy, wind- or kitesurf, look for amber, go for a walk, observe the sunset, or watch the birds. There is also space for dogs and their owners, but please remember to be considerate. From 1st April to 31st September all dogs must be on a leash. The part of the beach situated between Fanø Bad and Rindby Strand is the most popular part for those visitors who like to swim in the ocean.

It is one of the most family friendly beaches, shallow and with less current than most other places. Despite this, one should still take heed and follow the bathing advice: Learn to swim, never bathe alone, go only to the navel, swim along the shore, never bathe with alcohol and narcotics in the blood and go up when you start to freeze.

The beach is a dynamic piece of nature, constantly changing. Contrary to many other places on the West Coast. the beaches on Fanø are getting ever wider. The currents of the sea bring sand with them, which is then deposited by Fanø, Mandø and Rømø. The 3 islands are sheltered by Horns Rev. located north of Blåvands Huk.

At Fanø Bad, the beach is now more than 700 metres wide. The farther south you go, the narrower the beach gets. The beach by Fanø Bad and Rindby is now so wide that new rows of dunes are forming in the middle of it. In the Fanø Bad stretch, the area between the new and the old dune row is transforming into salt meadow as the sand gradually becomes muddy soil. West of the new row of dunes, we thus have the 'new' North Sea beach with fine white sand.

It is permitted to drive on the beach between Fanø Bad and Sønderho. The speed limit is 30 km/h. The beaches at Fanø Bad and Rindby Strand are the most popular beaches for swimming. Farther south, you have the so-called 'Buggy beach' where surfing and Blokart racing is permitted. North of Fanø Bad is a special area Søren Jessens Sand. The area is car-free and "unofficial" naturist beach. Read more on page 44.

KITE FLYING

Fang is the kite flyers' El Dorado. The wide beach and stable wind conditions make Fanø one of the best places in the world for flying kites.





Kite flying is for everyone. There are several shops that sell ready-made kites for both beginners and advanced users. If you feel like building your own kite, Club Fanø arranges kite-building workshops for children all year round. Kite flying is also a sport. Most of the summer season from April to October, kite flyers come to Fanø to set up their kites. These come in all shapes and sizes. from small traditional handheld kites to huge kites that are fixed to the ground.

Every year in June, about 5,000 kite enthusiasts from all over the world gather on Fang. Many of the participants design and build their own kites, often shaped as people, cartoon characters, animals and, of course, kites. The old tradition of decorating the kites can also be experienced on Fanø.

FOR THE NEW KITE FLIER

You can start by judging the size of the kite compared to the strength of the wind. You can do this before you start 31 flying it by holding the kite up by hand; you can then feel how much the wind pulls the kite.

Connect the kite with the flying line and then, against the wind direction, roll out approximately 40 metres of the line. Get a good hold on the handle and then ask mom or dad to hold the kite up against the wind before letting it go. The kite should not be thrown into the air but rather catch the wind by itself and then rise up. Now you should be able to enjoy the amazing view of your kite against the sky. If the kite starts falling, you should be able to solve this by pulling slightly on the flying line or alternatively by walking a few steps against the wind direction.

Blokart and kite buggy. Whirling across the beach in a wind-powered beach racer is awesome! Fanø has one of Europe's best beaches for land sailing. There is a marked area, approximately 3 km south of Rindby, for this type of activity.

There are many different types of land sailing vehicles. One of which is a small, three-wheeled, open carriage. Some types are powered by a mounted sail, others by a handheld kite. Some vehicles require expansive knowhow, others you can learn to operate in 10 minutes.

Blokart is the most popular type for rental. It is easy to ride and perfect for beginners. There is also a two-seater version, so even smaller children can experience the rush. It is a sport for all ages, for children aged 8 or 10 years and up to 88-year-olds. Blokart lessons and rental takes place on the beach from ester to October.

Kite buggy is the name of another very popular type. It is driven with a handheld kite and requires more practice. Fanø attracts some of the best kite buggy drivers.

For the beginner, as well as for the more trained surfer who seeks to perfect their style and tricks in the waves, this is a really good place to learn wave surfing.

The ocean at Fanø is easily accessible and user friendly. This means that you can drive all the way down to the water, and, contrary to many other places, you do not have to drag your equipment several 100 metres. At the beach south of Rindby, there are lessons in both blokart, kitebuggy, kitelandboarding, kitesurfing and one-wheelers.

AMBER - WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

In the winter, you can experience a lot of violet light dots on the beach. It is not creatures from space that have come to visit. It is amber hunters who are looking for amber with their lamps with ultraviolet light. It is clear to see the amber that lights up when the ultraviolet light hits it. The amber lamps have meant that more amber is found than ever on Fang

However, it is neither necessary to use amber lamp nor to be on the beach at night to find amber. Also during the day it is possible to find amber. If you have been skilled enough or lucky enough to find a beautiful piece of amber at the water's edge, then you are irrevocably sold to the hunt for amber. Most people are caught by the hunting instinct and an increasing "gold fever" when they discover that it is actually possible to find amber. At the same time, hunting for amber is a great activity, when the weather is not warm enough for sunbathing. Actually, raw and cold weather is best, which is when the amber is swept towards the shore.

Everything, also amber, floats best when the water is cold, and that is why summer is not a good season. During the winter, the weather is naturally marked by stronger wind and more storms, which is when amber as well as other substances are washed ashore.

The secret, as most people know, lies partly in the direction of the wind. On Fanø, the right wind direction is from the southwest, but this will vary from place to place. As well, the wind can also be too fierce!

Only when the tide has pulled back is the hunting ground revealed. Many separate events have to fit together, but this is a large part of the pleasure. It is not a coincidence that the most experienced amber collectors find the best pieces, for they know exactly when and where the conditions are just right. However, there are no guarantees.

A good tip is to keep an eye out for seagulls. Where large flocks of seagulls gather on the shore chances are that mussels, vegetable matter and, very likely, amber have washed up on the beach.

The prehistoric rivers in the Baltic Sea areas have moved the amber from one place to another. Especially the Ice Age glaciers have transported the amber to the North Sea, where storms and currents wash the amber ashore so we can collect it on the beaches. Just like people have done for the last 9,000 years.

A few years ago on Fanø, a German guest found a piece of amber jewellery made in the Stone Ages. The jewellery probably came from one of the now flooded North Sea settlements. The chances of finding such a piece of jewellery or perhaps just a nugget with an embedded insect or leaf naturally increase the fascination for finding and collecting amber.

















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THE SEALS ON FANØ

The seals are one of the main attractions on Fanø. Here. we can experience the harbour seal and the grey seal in their natural environment. Several places in the sea around Fanø, the seals can be seen basking in the sun on the sandbanks or bopping their heads up in the water.

There are guided tours to Galgerev, a large sandbank, south west of Sønderho, where it is possible to see up to 700 seals. At low tide, you can walk approximately 1.7 km on the seabed all the way to Galgerev. This is a sandbank that isn't flooded at high tide. Between us and the seals is a channel with a width of approximately 100 metres. so the seals are not disturbed by us. Sometimes, a seal will jump into the water and swim closer to see what is going on.

THE HARBOR SEAL IS HALE AND HEARTY

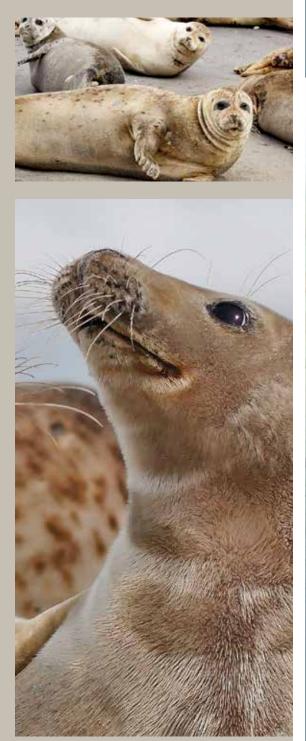
You can experience the harbor seal in all Danish waters. The population is especially large in the Wadden Sea. The harbor seal has, since 1977, been totally protected. Slowly, the seals have grown accustomed to mankind no longer being so dangerous, which means that it is possible to get close to these fascinating animals, thus observing their impressive adjustment to life in the ocean.

Although seals are specialized for a life in the ocean, they are totally dependent on being able to reach land where they can rest and feed their young. The many mudflats in the Wadden Sea are therefore as important as the shallow ocean with its rich diversity of food.

THE GREY SEAL. A GIANT RETURNS

Throughout the Wadden Sea, it has been possible in recent years to enjoy the sight of not only the common harbor seal, but also the more rare grey seal. During the last ten years, the groups of grey seals congregating on the sandbanks have increased, and on Langjord, opposite Fang, it is not unusual to count 50 animals in May when the seals molt. The bulls can weigh up to 300 kilos and are often very dark, almost black.

The smaller cows can be difficult to distinguish from the harbor seal, but they are markedly bigger with the grey seal's characteristically cone-shaped head. The habour seal's head is much rounder.



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FOOD ON FANØ

Fanø is a small island with few opportunities for largescale agriculture and food production. However, the recent decades' focus on slow-food and local foods has given Fanø a boost, so that today the island is known as a place where a number of high-quality niche products are produced.

On Fanø, meat is produced from both cattle and lamb from the island's farm shops, as well as hams, sausages and other charcuterie from the award-winning butcher Christiansen. When we talk about award-winning foods, we must also mention the smoked salmon from the company Fanø Laks.

In recent years, the production of beverages has also started. Fanø Bryghus has been in existence for a number of years and is winning more and more awards and has been named microbrewery of the year in Denmark. Later, an old tradition from the sailing ship era with Rum has been resumed by Fanø Skibsrom. In addition, there is also a smaller production of gin and other types of spirits.

This diversity of good ingredients has also had an effect on the restaurants on Fanø. Today, there are a great many cafes and restaurants that serve dishes with locally produced ingredients, often supplemented with in-house production of various foods.

NATURE'S TABLE IS SET

There are plenty of possibilities for exploring the nature and gathering your own wild-growing produce.

Some of these on Fanø include herbs, berries and flowers. Since Fanø is surrounded by the sea, it is of course also possible to try to catch a fish or two. However, the large amount of seals will compete with those who make the attempt.

Salicornia, or marsh samphire, is a tasty and salty vegetable used as garnish for fish or in a salad. The plant is also found on the east coast and on the beach in Sønderho.

In the dune heaths and in the plantations in autumn, you will find a variety of berries and mushrooms. Beware that not all mushrooms are edible. Bring a guide or a guidebook, and if you are in doubt, don't eat it!

LOCAL DISHES

Bakskuld is a salted and smoked flatfish – usually dab, but flounder and plaice are also used – which is fried in a pan and served with rye bread and coffee punch (coffee with schnapps). In the past, it could also be served with a dollop of rice pudding. Bakskuld is served in most restaurants on Fanø.

Open-faced Fanoe sandwiches (Fanøsmørrebrød)

These are made of thin slices of bread covered with six different kinds of cold cuts. Each slice is cut into three pieces and the sandwiches are laid on a plate in a layer cake pattern consisting of three layers. There are differences in how they are made in Nordby and Sønderho. In Sønderho there are always sausages and salted meat, cheese and chopped eggs and homemade meatballs.









ARCHITECTURE ON FANØ

One of the distinctive features of Fanø is the beautiful and well-preserved urban environments in Nordby and Sønderho.

The many old houses on Fanø are characterized by two things: Firstly, the rough nature along the North Sea coast and, secondly, the wealth the island accumulated during the maritime era from the mid-18th century to the end of the 19th century.

The very special farm buildings and skipper houses in Nordby and Sønderho are usually one-winged, one-storey houses with living quarters and stables in the same building. Due to the freezing west winds of winter, most of the houses' gables are placed east to west, with the stables placed at the end of the building closest to the road / path.

Leftovers of timber frames, small windows and gables reveal the age of the houses. The oldest houses from before 1800 have wooden siding all the way down to the eaves. From 1800 to 1850, it became more popular with wooded siding in the upper gable triangle. From the mid-19th century, the houses were usually built without the wood siding and were sometimes also tiled.

Above the entrance, there is an arched gable access hatch to the attic, which is called an arkengab. The hatch leads into the attic where straw was stored. Simultaneously, the arkengab had the function of providing greater protection in the case of fire, giving the residents more time to escape the house. The fire hazard was great in that the houses were mostly made of reeds.

Another characteristic detail is the green, black and white painted bricks above doors and windows (eyebrows). The three colours symbolize hope, grief and life. This tradition is mostly found in Sønderho.

In Hannes Hus, a museum in Sønderho, it is possible to see how a typical Fanø house was furnished and decorated. With curved gables that are pulled above the roof surface, various houses built in the 1860s and 1870s are clearly inspired by Dutch architecture. The roofs are made from slate or brick and the windows have sills.

Most of the houses are built in dark red bricks. On Fanø, it is a traditional characteristic feature to paint white lines on the joints between the bricks. This is done to protect the joints from erosion caused by wind and water, and to make a repaired facade appear more beautiful. Moreover, a portion of houses are plastered in grey, yellow and red

From the end of the 19th century, the houses became bigger, deeper and taller – and the architecture influenced by historicism. Some of the houses are constructed with a 'trempel' roof that gives the house a taller facade, a less steep pitch on the roof and better opportunities for exploiting the 1st floor space. The facades are often very decorated and have large, Danish windows. The roofs may have eaves and the rafters are often decoratively moulded.

There are very many well-preserved houses in both Sønderho and Nordby.

SELECTED HOUSES

Fanø Museum on Skolevej 2 Nordby. One of the oldest houses where parts of the half-timbering are still preserved

Hovedgaden 25a, Nordby. Is good example of a house with curved gable comb can be found on

Kikkebjergvej 12-14, Nordby. A beautiful example of a Historicist temple house











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WHAT DO WE FIND ON THE BEACH?

The sea washes up many things on the beach. It is primarily in the winter that the sea is rough and therefore washes up a lot on the beach.

The most well-known and sought-after wash up is of course amber, which you can read more about on page 30, there are also many other interesting things that wash up on the beach and which are often much easier to find than amber. Shells from cockles and knife clams can be found everywhere on the beach.

THE CONCH IS THE WONDER OF THE BEACH

The conch always brings joy when you come across it at the water's edge. The large, beautifully twisted snail shells are eye-catching and almost exotic in appearance. After a windy weather there can be hundreds of snail shells on the beach in some places, and time goes by quickly when you keep spotting an even more beautiful specimen than the one you picked up a moment ago. The conch is actually a popular collective term for a multitude of species, each with their own name. The conch shells we find in the Wadden Sea are either from the common conch or red conch species. They can both grow to about 10 cm. They can actually be told apart by the shape of the mouth. The red conch has a longer, extended mouth shaped like a gutter, the so-called keel. Both species lay eggs in large clumps, which may collect eggs from several females. The egg lumps are often seen washed up on the beach in a dried state. In total, such egg masses can contain 300,000 larvae. However, many are eaten by predators before they develop into adult snails.

Few people are aware that conch snails are real predators, constantly on the hunt for prey. After all, snails are not fast hunters, but still manage to catch living mussels by surprise and slide the edge of the snail shell between the mussel's open shells, so that these cannot be closed. A rough tongue is then inserted between the mussel shells, and the conch begins to devour the mussel's soft parts. The Konken also uses a slimy nerve agent that paralyzes its prey. The konken sniffs out its prey and also often feeds on carrion.

The red conch's Latin name Neptunus probably sounds familiar to many. It means god of the sea! The conch is truly one of nature's wonderful creatures.

On Fanø we also notice many years of use of the sea as a landfill. Especially in the winter months, rubbish washes up on the beach, mostly plastic. Fortunately, there are many guests who would like to help us remove the waste. The association Ren Strand Fanø organizes the collection of waste from the sea. In many places, you can receive red bags to collect waste in. The bags are left on the beach and subsequently picked up by Ren Strand Fanø. It is now many tons of waste that we have removed from nature.







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THE WADDEN SEA NATIONAL PARK - WORLD CLASS NATURE

Fanø is located in the middle of The Wadden Sea National Park, which is the largest national park in Denmark with its 1459 km².

The Danish part of the Wadden Sea stretches about 100 kilometre from Blåvandshuk in the north to the German border in the south. The Wadden Sea, however, continues through the German and Dutch coastline, and ends in Den Helder in the Netherlands. Altogether, the coastal landscape is about 500 kilometer's long.

About 80 percent of Nationalpark Vadehavet is made up of sea. The land areas take up about 300 km2 and include Fanø, the neighbours Rømø, Mandø and Langli, as well as the Marbæk area north of Esbjerg, the peninsula Skallingen, some river valleys and several marsh areas. Ribemarsken and Tøndermarsken are among the largest marshes. As such, Nationalpark Vadehavet contains some characteristic types of landscape: mudflats, salt meadows, beaches, dune landscapes, heaths, tidal canals and marsh.

The Wadden Sea is especially known for the dried-up sea floor. These mudflats, or tidal flats, are revealed during ebb, and the Danish word for this, 'vaden', has given the natural area its Danish name. Vadehavet.

The tidal flows are the big drivers of the Wadden Sea. The difference between ebb and flow is on average 1.5 metres. Twice every 24 hours, a billion cubic metres of water flow in and out of the Danish part of the Wadden Sea through the deeper canals between Sild, Rømø, Mandø and Fanø as well as Skallingen. The flow floods the mudflats, and together with sun light it creates an impressive biological production. It produces microscopic algae which is the main food source for lots of worms, mussels, snails and crayfish.

The mudflats may look dead and monotonous at first glance, but this is not at all the case. Most animals dig themselves into the sea floor and have adjusted to large fluctuations in temperature, currents and humidity. The mass (weight) of live animals in the mudflats is 10 times higher than in the general sea floor.

The large amounts of mudflat animals form the foundation for a rich animal and bird life in the area. As such, about 12 million water birds, geese and ducks pass by the Wadden Sea each year on their journey between their breeding grounds in the north and their winter habitats towards the south. The Wadden Sea is also important as a start of life for many of the fish living in the North Sea. On top of the food chain are seals and humans.

One of the best places on Fanø to experience the characteristic nature of the Wadden Sea is the area south and west of Sønderho. Here, the water is firm and hard, as it lies on the North Sea, whereas on the east side it is muddy and can be difficult to move around in. In any case, it is a good idea to go on one of the guided tours, if you are not used to sailing in the Wadden Sea.

RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE

Nationalpark Vadehavet is more than nature. Historically, there are traces of human presence dating back to antiquity, and one of the key places in the national park, Ribe, is Denmark's oldest town. Overall, there is a richness of living culture and heritage within the Wadden Sea area. The folk music and dance from Fanø are a good example. In terms of maritime heritage, the flat-bottomed boats and ships made especially for the shallow waters, along with the tradition for sailing, create an important historical chapter. Another special thing is the architecture of the houses and buildings, found both on Fanø, the other islands and on the mainland.

WORLD HERITAGE WADDEN SEA

The Wadden Sea is not only a national park – it was also given status as World Heritage. In fact, the UN-organisation UNESCO appointed the German and Dutch part of the Wadden Sea World Heritage in 2009. It was, however, only 5 years later in June 2014 that the Danish part was appointed World Heritage, too. It is an important point; we share this World Heritage with Germany and the Netherlands. 3 nations – one World Heritage.

UNESCO appointed the Wadden Sea World Heritage because they deemed it of 'unique universal value'. It is also a recognition of the conservation work, that Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands have put into the area. The value of the Wadden Sea lies in the protection of biodiversity as well as the ecological and geolocial processes taking place here. The landscape is extremely dynamic – and it is the world's largest, connected system of tidal flats.











THE FOREST PLAYGROUND

On the western edge of Fanø Klitplantage is a nature playground, colloquially called the Forest Playground. The forest playground is at once a magnificent natural area, a resting and picnic spot and, not least, a fantastic playground.

From Landevejen, a concrete road from World War II, Mågekolonivej, leads directly to the Forest Playground. However, be aware that in the summer it can be difficult to find a free parking space if you come by car. Alternatively, there is a gravel path from the country road from the parking lot at Sønderho GI Fuglekøje, where you then have to walk 800 m to the forest playground.

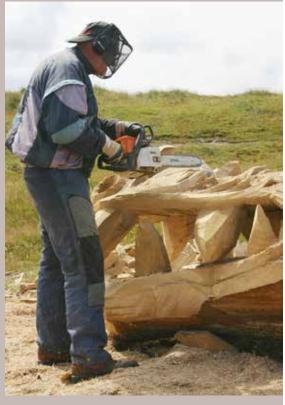
The playground consists of a wide range of play equipment, made from materials from the plantation. Many of the play equipment are made by international wood sculptors and are often designed as trolls and other fantasy figures. New play equipment and different games are added all the time.

There is also an obstacle course, and in the Sherwood forest there is the opportunity to play Robin Hood and his merry men.

Adjacent to the forest playground, there is a large picnic area with fire pits, both outdoors and under a semi-roof. The roofed building has space for approx. 50 people. There is also a toilet at the forest playground.

The forest playground is run by volunteers from Fanø and if you want to support the association's work, there is information on the site about how you can donate an amount for the maintenance and renewal of the site.









SØREN JESSENS SAND. WHERE LANDSCAPES **MERGE**

Søren Jessens Sand is a high sand that has merged with Fanø. From Fanø Bad, the beach spreads out to the northwest, and the sand stretches as far as the eye can see towards Grådyb and the southern tip of Skallingen. Today it is almost impossible to see the traces of the tidal flow between Fanø Bad and Søren Jessens Sand. But it was not more than a generation or two ago that you could sail close past Fanø Bad within Søren Jessens Sand. The tidal stream Hamborg Dyb today ends blindly and already runs "into the sand", so to speak, a few kilometers north of Fanø Bad.

There is access for pedestrians all year round at Søren Jessens Sand. Motoring is not permitted. You can cycle a short distance in a northern direction along the foot of the dune from Fanø Bad. But due to sand drift, it is not possible to cycle on the central parts of the high sand. It is precisely the impassable landscape that makes Søren Jessens Sand a great natural experience.

During the last 10-15 years, the landscape development at Søren Jessens Sand has been really strong. The plants and dunes have gained a foothold on the inner part of the high sand, which is best protected against high water levels. Every year you can follow the changes. The new dunes build up in the summer and are fed by dry flying sand from the central parts of the sand bank. In winter, the dunes must be able to withstand storms and high water levels, and it really looks like it's two steps forward and one back for the dunes. Which is actually an apt description. Overall, the sea delivers more sand than it takes with it from this place. So even though the dunes erode strongly during a storm, Søren Jessens Sand has got more sand to live on. The sand simply needs to dry and be transported towards the dunes. As you know, the wind does it.

At Søren Jessens Sand, you can experience the endangered pygmy tern during the summer. The species is known for its small size and whirringly fast wing beats. Next on its yellow beak and white forehead. The terns can be seen fishing at the water's edge along the beach, but some years also try to breed on the high sand itself. There is no doubt if you get too close to the small colony. The birds do everything they can to scare away troublemakers, and they can be very approachable. In such cases, you should move on quickly and experience the birds from a suitable distance.

SAFETY

Søren Jessens Sand is not overwashed at high tide. So you don't have to be afraid of the tide here. If the wind is very strong from the west, however, you must keep an eye on the tide. When the wind pushes the water over Søren Jessens Sand, it flows into the eastern, otherwise immediately invisible depression along the old Hamburg Deep. and washes the area over from the inside.









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NORDBY FANØ'S CAPITAL

Already on the ferry from Esbjerg you get the first impression of the island and of Nordby. A small, cosy town characterised by the many lovely houses from the 19th century and surrounded by beautiful nature.

The closeness to nature is already felt at the harbour. From the promenade, one can sit and enjoy the many birds. Moreover, seals often lie on the small sandbank only 50 metres from the harbour.

In comparison with old photographs, you can see that many of the small streets and paths have not changed significantly for centuries. You shouldn't let yourself miss out on the great experience it is to walk about in the narrow streets in Nordby.

Nordby is also a modern and active little town. With its 2,800 inhabitants, Nordby is the commercial and administrative centre on Fanø. Town Hall, the Health Centre, the Public Library, the Sports Centre, the Tourist Office and other institutions are located here.

FANØ SHIPPING & COSTUME COLLECTION

The museum shows the history of the history of shipping on Fanø, which has been of crucial importance for the island's development. At the exhibitions, you can experience both ship paintings and fine ship models on the same scale 1:48. The building was originally home to the Fanø Shipowners' Association.

On the 1st floor you get an insight into the women's life on the island and their characteristic Fanø costumes. From confirmation dress to the fine party dress in colored silk, colorful embroidery and buttons in silver or amber.

Here is also the Riggerloftet. In the days of sailing ships, sailors used their meager free time on board ships to make handicrafts. At the rigger loft, the museum's guests can try to make handicrafts out of ropes, well helped by the volunteer sailors.

FANØ MUSEUM

The museum is housed in one of Fanø's oldest houses from the end of the 17th century. The museum is designed so that you can get an impression of the living conditions of a skipper family in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The museum also tells the story of the house's last occupants, the Mortensen family. Their story is a typical story of the hard and dangerous life of a skipper family in the late 19th century.

Outside the entrance to the museum is a copy of one of the traditional bathing carts that were used on the beach by the guests in Fanø Bad.

NORDBY CHURCH

Both churches on Fanø are unusual for Danish churches. These are so-called hall churches, where the church room is transverse and without division into nave and chancel. This means, among other things, that Nordby Church has approx. 700 seats. Nordby Church was built in 1786 as a replacement for the original church, which was located in Rindby.

The altar and pulpit, both from 1622, are centrally located in the middle of the south wall and the first thing you see when you enter the church. The baptismal font is an ore font and probably dates from the last half of the 15th century. At the corners of the north wall the breastfeeding chairs are located, benches reserved for nursing mothers.

The church has 9 nave hanging from the ceiling. These model ships were made between 1700 and 1966. There are both models of flagships and warships. The Fanø bark "Princess Marie" sank in 1910 south of Australia and all 18 sailors perished.



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SØNDERHO DENMARK'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE

A visit to Sønderho is a "must" when visiting Fanø. It is not without reason that Sønderho won the award as Denmark's most beautiful village. When you walk in the narrow streets with the fine old houses, you feel relegated to another time. Park the car in the parking lot by the church and spend a few hours on a city walk. The many old, well-preserved buildings date mainly from the middle of the 18th century and 100 years onwards, when Sønderho was the dominant maritime town on Jutland's west coast.

Small paths lead in behind the houses. The paths are publicly accessible and marked with a small blue sign. A map of the trails can be downloaded at visitfanoe.dk.

The harbor and shipyard area were located in a small. sheltered bay at the northeastern end of Sønderho. But the entrance gradually became sandier and a new island has been created east of Sønderho. Now the entrance has been cleaned up and there is life again at the harbor with small boats and kayaks

At the southern end of Sønderho, an old sea mark has been rebuilt. From "Kåveren" there is a fantastic view of Sønderho, the Wadden Sea and the special small nature area on the southern tip of Fanø, called "Hønen". The old dunes are very vulnerable, so remember to only walk on the marked paths in the area.

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SØNDERHO WINDMILL. Vesterland 44

In the old days, the Sønderhonings had to use the King's mill in Ribe when the grain was to be ground. But in 1701 the priest was given permission to build the first mill. The current mill was built in 1895, operated until 1923.

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The house was built in the 1750's. The old environment has been preserved, so one would think that the skipper and his wife had just left home. Here you can see the original furniture, the oven box, pictures, the stable for the sheep and the things the skipper brought home from his travels.

SØNDERHO FIRE HOUSE MUSEUM, Nordland 12

The spray house is one of Denmark's oldest and best preserved. The building has housed Sønderho's fire extinguisher since 1868. The sprayer is from 1895 and originates from Schackenborg. It is of the same type as Sønderho's original fire extinguisher.

THE OLD RESCUE STATION Sønderho Strandvej

Is fully equipped with lifeboat and rescue equipment. The boat was pulled to the shore by 6 horses. Furthermore, there are a number of posters with old photographs, descriptions and crew lists.

THE TILE COLLECTION

At the restaurant, Nanas Stue, you can see a large exhibit of Dutch wall tiles, also known as Fanø tiles. The tiles were brought home by the sailors in the 19th century and used as both decoration and to reflect the heat from the houses' ovens.

SØNDERHO CHURCH

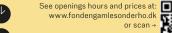
Like Nordby church, Sønderho is a hall church with one large church room. It was originally built as a narrow longship with a transept. Later it became an almost square building. In 1782, the old building was replaced by the current one. The church today has room for 450 people, even though there are only 300 people living in Sønderho.

One difference between the 2 churches is that the altar is located in the southeast corner of the building, whereas the pulpit has been moved and placed in the middle of the south wall. The baptismal font from the 13th century, the altar, the pulpit and a pulpit along the north wall of the church are believed to originate from the hospital church in Ribe. The pulpit, which is an enclosed gallery, was used by the poor and not permanent residents.

Sønderho church has 15 church ships, the largest number in a Danish church. These are primarily models of merchant ships and a single model of a frigate, which was found on the shoreline in the early 19th century.



















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FANØ – AN ISLAND WITH PROUD MARITIME TRADITIONS

The tiny sandy island on the west coast was once a maritime "superpower" – even with the same population size as we have today. Fanø has always been a place for sailors. In the 1500s, a small fishing village was located at 'Odden', today known as Nordby. Later, the sailors went to other places to seek employment on larger fishing boats and merchant ships. They went out sailing on foreign seas, thus gaining experience and expertise in sailing the large oceans.

THE 1741 BUY-OUT

Until 1741, Fanø belonged to the Danish Crown. Fanø was administered from Ribe which, at the time, was an important commercial centre and had monopoly on trade. The inhabitants of Fanø were skilled fishermen, but all fish export had to go through Ribe to be declared. Therefore, there was a strong desire to buy out the island and thus be freed from the ties to Ribe.

After an unsuccessful attempt to buy out the island in 1719, another chance arose in 1741, when King Christian VI wished to sell off his possessions to be able to finance various castle building projects. Together, the people from Nordby and Sønderho went to Ribe where the auction took place on July 10, 1741. There are many stories about the tricks that were put into operation to secure the purchase. In the end, the people of Fanø succeeded in buying the island and boost the development that led Fanø to become a maritime island of great significance.

THE MARITIME FRA.

In the 1760s, the people of Fanø started their own shipping companies and started building ships on Fanø. It was a difficult task as they had to import all wood from the mainland. The shipyards – in both Nordby and Sønderho – were situated directly on the beach, near the deep waters. It isn't difficult to imagine the life and activity this brought to the island.

The 1850s were the golden age of shipbuilding on Fanø. There were nine shipyards, and all together they employed 100 workers and a number of sub-contractors.

From 1768 to 1896, a total of 1100 ships were built on Fanø – in the beginning a lot of small ships, but gradually they became bigger. From the mid-1860s, the local shipyards were no longer able to meet the demands. At the same time, the harbour in Sønderho was beginning to have problems with silting.

In the 1880s, the shipping companies went from

wooden ships to iron and steel ships, and the last Fanø ship was built in 1896. The size of the ship also made it impossible to use Fanø as harbour. Sailing ships were also replaced by steam ships, and by 1919, all shipping companies had moved to other harbours.

The maritime era brought wealth and inspiration from other parts of the world to Fanø.

THE STAFFORDSHIRE PORCELAIN DOGS ON FANØ

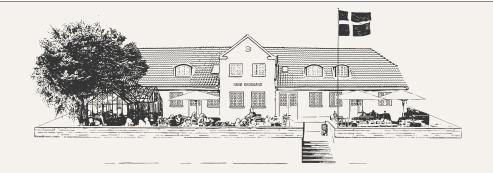
In many of the windows here on Fanø, you will see the two porcelain dogs. During the period 1860-1900, the dogs were the souvenir to bring back home from England. And it was expected that every sailor brought home at least one pair.

The dogs always come as a pair, looking towards each other. Traditionally, they symbolize loyalty and security. When they look out of the window, the man of the house is at sea; when they look into the house, he is at home.

At the harbor front in Nordby, you'll find a sculpture with the pair of dogs – made by the artist Poul Isbak.







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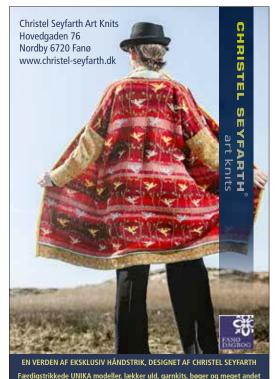
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ART, CRAFTS AND DESIGN ON FANØ

During the last 100 years or so – right up until today, Fanø has experienced a vast influx of artists who more or less settled here. The environment, the landscapes and the nice light have attracted painters in particular. Especially in Sønderho, there were times when you could consider the place a complete colony of painters – similar to Skagen, the northernmost town of Jutland. Artists on Fanø included Julius Exner, Carl Johan Forsberg, Johan Rohde, August Wilckens, Reinhard Heinemann and August Dohm whose works are displayed at Fanø Art Museum.

This attraction of artists is now bigger than ever, which means that Fanø today still has a rather large colony of artists. Among the current artists, the island has Margit Enggård, Marie Louise Exner, cand Johnny Madsen. Most of them have their own galleries.

The basis for the art collection at Fanø Art Museum was created by Ruth Heinemann, who from the 1960s started collecting art from Fanø. In 1992, Fanø Art Museum was set up in Kromanns Hus, which had originally been a grocery and ship supply store. Today, the collection contains more than 1250 works connected to Fanø. In terms of time, the collection ranges from paintings from 1850 to the present.

The art from Fanø has not been characterized by special art directions or art association, so it is more a number of individual artists who over time have been inspired by the dramatic landscape and distinctive culture on Fanø. The exhibition thus spans the earliest depictions of folk life and naturalistic painters to the more abstract tendencies that spread after World War II.

In addition to the permanent exhibition, the museum has 2 halls with changing special exhibitions, also with Fanø and the Wadden Sea as a recurring theme. See an overview of special exhibitions on the museum's website:

Fanø also has many designers and craft artists. They find inspiration in Fanø's nature. There is also an obvious international orientation. Most workshops are located in Nordby and Sønderho, but, in Rindby, the 'Kunstladen' (meaning 'the art barn') also offer exciting products.









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THE FANØ DRESS

The traditional women's dresses from Fanø is one of the most characteristic aspects of the island. For more than 200 years, also well into the 20th century, these dresses were worn on an everyday basis. The last woman from Fanø who wore the Fanø Dress daily passed away in 1972.

These days the dress is only used for special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, celebrations and the annual events of "Fannikerdagene" in Nordby and "Sønderhodagen" in Sønderho. During these occasions there are up to hundreds of women who will show themselves in these beautiful outfits. Every so often a dance is also thrown which has the traditional music and dance and where traditional clothing is also worn.

The Fanø Dress cannot be boiled down to one type of dress but is rather an overarching term for a set of different dresses, each with their own purpose. All stages of life had a dress associated with it. The first dress was the so-called 'Kristenpose', which is what the children wore on their baptism day. This was the same for both boys and girls. Next was the children's dress used by little girls until the age of 7 years, the dress for the girls who were school age, the special confirmation dress, the wedding dress to the widower's dress - and even more. What dress to wear also depended on which function the women had on Fanø. Since the men were largely on the sea and therefore away from home for long periods of time, it was the women who dealt with everything at home. Aside from the daily working day dress, there was also a special dress for those women who were out digging for worms - and a dress for the women who were harvesting crops. "Struden" was a remarkable part of the last two dresses. "Strude" is a mask which covered most of the face, serving as protection against wind and weather.

It was thanks to the seafarers travels and wealth that the dresses from Fanø stood out amongst most other dresses on the westcoast of Jutland. Most of the people were dressed in frieze but the everyday dresses on Fanø were made out of cotton and the special occasion dresses were made out of silk - items which the seafarers brought home with them.

At the museum "Fanø Skibsfart & Dragtsamling" there is a large and interesting exhibition of both everyday and special occasion Fanø dresses, all of which have actually been worn by local children and women. In the 1700s the Fanø Dress came into shape, and around year 1800 it was modernised. From 1800-1850 new elements and variants were added. The Dress that we know today found its final form between 1850-1890











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[SPECIAL ARTICLE]

CHRISTEL SEYFARTH ART KNITS

You don't have to have stayed long on Fanø before the name Seyfarth comes up. Christel and Jørgen Seyfarth have for many years been entrepreneurs and enthusiasts with many exciting projects.

The store in Nordby opened in 2005 in the same location as it is today. In the beginning it was yarn kits (yarn and pattern) and machine-knitted models to order, but

today it is exclusively hand-knitted models and yarn kits.

Christel says: "I am best known for my yarn kits with brightly colored models in a fantastic wool yarn that I buy in Scotland. If you are a skilled knitter, you can buy a yarn kit and get started yourself, but for the past 12 years I have also been able to offer a wide range of my designs as ready-knitted models. I also have a wide range of other wool-related goods, such as felt coats, morning shoes, socks, unique knitted clothing from selected designers and a lot of accessories for knitting."

Christel is a "real" fannik and can trace her family on Fanø back to 1647. So her family history is full of captains, sailing ships, circumnavigation, the women and children who waited at home on Fanø, dramatic stories with drowned sailors, shipwrecks, etc. Yes, the whole package, because it was real life then, and not just a romantic island life.

Christel became interested in knitting as early as age 5, when her grandmother taught her to knit. "I started knitting with scraps of yarn that grandma got from her friends. There was no one else in my family who knitted. This meant that I got a lot of small scraps of yarn in all sorts of colours. So it was very colorful things that I knitted. A joy of color that has characterized all my knitting productions ever since."

The nature, colors and culture on Fanø play a big role. "I get a large part of my inspiration from here, from the sea, the light, the waves, the storm, the birds and the powerful nature. But also from the hundred-year-old tradition



of the Fanø island costume". Combined with impressions from many travels and a passion for old costumes, Turkish coats, the simple cut of clothes of the East and the voluminous richness of detail of the Rococo." I love to combine organic forms with graphic patterns."

The professional career with knitting started when Christel first traveled to America in the 80s and made home parties with finished knitting." I had been an exchange student in the USA at 16, and my host family helped me with a big set-up. I have worked in all branches of the travel industry, but it was actually only when I turned 50 that I really pursued the dream of making a living from my knitting".

"When I went "all in" with my company, I quickly got a shop in Nordby, I took the first step to the "Fanø Knitting Festival", I participated in fairs and artisan markets in Denmark, but also had an eye abroad, and was, among other things, a. in New York, where I sold my designs on Park Avenue at Scandinavian House. There was no one who knitted like me, so the interest in my designs was very high".

KNITTING FESTIVAL

To many people, Christel and her husband Jørgen are known as the creators and organizers of the knitting festival on Fanø. From a small start in 2005, the festival developed with explosive speed and became one of the beacons of tourism on Fanø.

"Jørgen and I lived and worked in Canada when we were newly engaged. Here I got to know quilting and sewing



patchwork, as I couldn't find anyone who knitted. They made some festivals, they called quilt festivals, and I made some of them on Fanø when I got home. But my heart lies in knitting, so many years later I thought that you should be able to use the same concept, but only for knitters. This gave me the idea to create a knitting festival, but the driving force was that I wanted to share Fanø with other creative beings and then see where it could take us. It was never my intention for the festival to become as big as it did".

But it quickly turned into an international festival, where knitters from all over Europe and further afield came to Fanø to enjoy the completely unique atmosphere. "It resonated in many places, and I was invited to many events both inside and outside Denmark's borders, to talk about the success of the festival. This led, among other things, to the fact that for 4 years we made a similar knitting festival in Inverness in Scotland. We have also helped start knitting festivals in Norway and Iceland.

After a few years, with the knitting festival, Fanø got the new brand of being the island of knitters, and TV-Syd seized the interest in knitting and together we made what came to be called "The Great Knitting Contest", a TV program in which the participants competed in be the best creative knitter. I was a judge and the TV show ran for 3 seasons and was a huge success.

But in 2023 it was over. "We were getting a little worn out from the big work with the festival, and in addition we had started new initiatives, such as annual knitting retreats, incoming groups from all over the world and knitting trips to Shetland, besides of course running the shop and a lar-

ge international webshop. We are also getting older, and it was therefore a question of prioritizing our time and effort. We were very clear about the sale, and our hope is that a new way of cultivating the knitting community will emerge here on the island. But with new powers.

Over the years I have had more than 100 dealers throughout Scandinavia, Europe, China, Turkey, Canada and the USA. This has meant that the knowledge of my designs has been widespread far beyond the borders of Denmark, but it has also had the side effect that curiosity about Fanø has been aroused, and over the years many knitters have made their way past the shop on Fanø, they have had Fanø as their starting point and have then organized their holiday around it. It has often surprised me how far my customers have traveled to come and visit my shop, and everyone has fallen in love with Fanø".











































THE ATLANTIC WALL ON FANØ

Grey bunkers can still be seen in many dunes around Fanø. These are a remnant of the Atlantic Wall, which was a huge defensive system stretching from northern Norway to Spain. This fortification of the coast was started by the Germans during WWII, aiming to prevent an invasion from the Western allies. Denmark was occupied by the German forces from 9th April 1940 until 5th of May 1945 (Bornholm was freed in 1946). The occupation took place without any major acts of war in the country, and was mainly a step in the plan towards conquering the strategically important Norway as well as to control the sail routes going into the Baltic Sea

The establishment of the enormous defensive system along the entirety of Europe's coast was sped up in order to prevent the coming invasion from allied troops (the UK, Canada and the US). In Denmark this system was especially focused around Hanstholm and Esbjerg as these were considered the most strategically important areas to defend. As a result a larger number of defensive buildings and measurements were constructed around these harbours. From December 1942 until the end of the war, approximately 1300 bunkers were constructed between Ringkøbing Fjord and Ribe.

Due to Fanø's placement at the entrance water way to Esbierg harbour, around 300 bunkers, concrete roads. canons, railroads (?), anti-armoured vehicle trenches, personnel buildings and more were established. These were mainly placed on the northern and middle part of the island. The fortress strategy consisted of a larger amount of coastal- and air batteries from Pælebjerg (the Pælebjerg position) towards north at the Western Sea-battery and the Grådyb-battery, as well as the Anti-marine Battery North position (located north of Nordby). In addition to this, coastal defence positions, radar stations and barracks for the troops were built to the west. Furthermore, some 49000 mines as well as large marine minefields were laid out to the west. The German occupational force on Fanø consisted of around 2300 soldiers and of 1275 Danish workers who aided in building the bunkers.

Denmark and Fanø remained a relatively peaceful place to be during the entire war. However, the anti-air batteries whose intended use were to fire at enemy air crafts, came into use multiple times. One such notable time was on the 27th of August 1944 during a day-attack on the military airport by Esbjerg. On this day, 5 allied aircrafts were shot down.

Many of the Atlantic Wall bunkers have been partly or wholly hidden under the sand today, and have as such became part of the dune landscape. A few of the bunkers in the area between Rindby Strand and Sønderho are still fully exposed and free from the dunes on the beach and can be observed up close. Among these bunkers is the well-known "Be Free" bunker, which has been painted with graffiti. A visit to the positions on Halen is definitely also worth taking the time to do. The best place to get up close to the bunkers is at the Fanø North position. This is also where the organisation "Fang in the Atlantic Wall" has their weekly tours around the bunkers. Please be aware that the area is privately owned and that the position is located in a fragile natural area, therefore we kindly ask that respect is given to these facts. Riding a bike or walking out there on the gravel road, Vesternasen, is entirely possible and recommended!







The museum cellar is open by appointment and in connection with paid guided tours. Look at the website www.fia.dk



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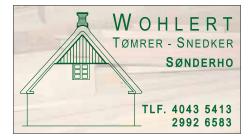
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The stated times apply to the Port of Esbjerg. Fanø Bad ÷ 60 min. Sønderho ÷ 30 min.

GOOD TO KNOW (practical information)

DEFRIBILLATORS

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NORDBY:

On board the ferry

Kallesbjergvej 24A

Danibo, Langelinie 9b

Fanø Sports Hall, Stadionvej 11

Fanø Bank, Hovedgaden 51

Lindevei 3

Fanø School, Stadionvej 17

Town Hall, Skolevei 5-7

Medical Center, Vestervejen 1

SuperBrugsen, Hovedgaden 87

Tempo Superspar, Strandvejen 27

Fanø Golfklub, Golfveien 5

Feriecenter Vesterhavet, Strandvejen 59

RINDBY:

Novasol - Dansommer Vestertoft 2A

Life Guard Tower, Kirkevejen 79

SØNDERHO:

Sønderho Bus Station Gl. Byvej 20

Crafts Shop, Sønder Land 8

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste management and recycling glass, paper, tins and chemical waste must be sorted and delivered to the Refuse Recycling Centre or put into the recycling containers provided. Medicines should be handed in at the chemist. When in doubt, please contact the personnel at the Recycling Centre.

Opening hours:

Monday: 14.00 - 18.00 / Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

WATER PLANT

The drinking water on Fanø is of highest quality. The water is clean and bacteria free and you can safely drink it directly from the tap.

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DOGS

According to the law, dogs must ALWAYS be on a leash in the towns, the holiday cottage areal, the dunes and the woods. Dogs must always be on a leash on the beach from April 1 till September 30.

Dog park: At the parking space at Pælebierg in the Fang Klitplantage, a six-hectare off-leash dog wood park has been established. Provided that you have full control of your dog, it may run free in the dog wood park.

Please remove droppings: show consideration! Always bring a bag for your dog's droppings. At several places on Fanø you find stands with free bags for dog's droppings.

Camping on Fanø is not allowed outside authorized camping sites. Motoring and camping is forbidden in dues and dune plantations.

Tents, caravans, mobile-homes and other vehicles furnished with sleeping arrangements may neither be parked in streets, on roads, at parking and picnic sites, nor on the beach from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

ILL OR INJURED ANIMALS

BLM Veterinarian: Hæsset 1. Rindby

+45 2899 7557

Fanø Veterinary Clinic:

Hovedgaden 126, Nordby. Consutation by appointment only. Please call +45 2924 7663 eller bente@fanonet.dk

Veterinary clinics on the mainland:

Esbjerg Animal Hospital, Dortheasvej 27, 6700 Esbjerg, tlf. +45 7512 2167.

Horses: Ansager Dyrehospital, Gartnerhaven 5, 6723 Ansager, tlf. +45 7529 7066. Emergency veterinarian: from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. plus weekends and holidays. Please call +45 7070 2335.

There is no local wild animal management station. All wild matters is dealt with by the forester or the police.

Fanø Local Police: 114

The Danish Animal Protection Agency also has an emergency phone number: 1812. Further developments in a case will be decided by the Animal Protection Agency. Runaway cats are to be reported to the vet, while runaway dogs are to be reported to the police.

DRIVING ON THE BEACH

It is allowed to drive motor vehicles on the beach. The speed limit is 30 km./h. It is not allowed to let minors and persons without a driver license to drive motor vehicles or let them sit together with an adult at the drivers seat. Violation of these rules will result in penalty fines.

PARKERING PLACES IN FANØ

P-pladser Nordby

Langelinie, Færgestrand 6

Lystbådehavnen, Postveien

Kærnevei 2

Suensonsvej 1

Sprøjthuspladsen

Fanø Hallen, Stadionvej 11

Fanø Skole, Stadionvei 17

Nordby Kirke, Hovedgaden 103

Rådhuset, Skolevei 7

Realen, Niels Engersvej 5A

Ved Skibsværftet 4

Fanø Færgen

Hovedgaden/Strandveien

Niels Engersvej (Vestervejen 37)

Kroslippe 4

Færgevej (Hovedgaden 15)

Strien, Lindevej 5

Buegangen (Lindevej 6)

Museumspladsen, Skolevei 2

PARKERING PLACES IN SØNDERHO

Sønderho Kirke, Sønderho Strandvej 2 Busstationen, Landevejen 35

Digevei 17

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