

Sankt Hans and Boserup

From this point you can extend the tour to Boserup Skov – or walk back along the coast through Kællingehaven.





Start at the harbour next to the rowing club, and walk pass the beautiful fisherman cottages, Kællingehaven

1 Kællingehaven

Kællingehaven is a beautiful beach meadow rich in birdlife. The name of the beach meadow emerged due to the area being a good place to fish for eel-pout which was thought only to be female eels. The beach meadow was therefore named "Kællingehaven", where "kælling" roughly translates into "old woman".

2 Sankt Hans hospital

The big open spaces of the 65 hectares Sankt Hans is an amazing landscape park. It has – like many of the buildings – been preserved since 1999. In the heart of the area, the medieval town Bistrup was located. Here, the Bishop of Roskilde built a castle and a brickyard. Later, this became royal hunting ground. Today, only the remains of the bank and moats can be seen. Frederik III gifted the area to the city of Copenhagen in acknowledgement for the citizens stamina during the war with Sweden in the seventeenth century.

Sankt Hans hospital operated as a psychiatric hospital for the Municipality of Copenhagen for 200 years (1816-2016). It is Denmark's oldest psychiatric hospital and has played an important role in the history of Danish psychiatry. Today, the hospital only accommodates forensic psychiatry and patients with double diagnosis. The hospital is used as location for the danish tv show *New Nurses*.

3 Sankt Hans Have (Sankt Hans Garden)

The old tractor-workshop of the hospital was rebuilt and is now a café, and the old greenhouses are decorated with furniture and trees. In the garden centre, organic herbs and plants are sold. The vision of Sankt Hans Garden is to promote mental health. Therefore, both patients from the hospital and volunteers work here.

4 Sankt Hans' old chapel and cemetery

At the cemetery patients and previous staff of Sankt Hans Hospital are buried. Today, the chapel is used for art exhibitions and concerts.

5 Kurhuset (The Health House)

Kurhuset was built in 1859 and designed by architect M.G. Bindesbøl. It first operated as a men's hospital, but from 1880 it was turned into a women's hospital. The museum beneath Kurhuset tells the story of Sankt Hans, and artwork made by patients are exhibited here. A great part of the area and buildings were sold to Roskilde Municipality in 2020. It will be used as a recreational area and housing area for 400 families.

The tour can be extended to:

6 Boserup Skov (Boserup Forest)

The forest is known for its profusion of flowers during spring, among others its three different species of the windflower. Drive by Boserupvej and stop at one of the three parking spaces (at Skovly, "the high-lying parking space" or by Boserup Sanatorium. The forest, which is preserved, is located near Roskilde Fjord. The forest is part of Skjoldungernes Land National Park.

7 Boserup Sanatorium

The sanatorium was built in 1901 as a hospital for treatment of tuberculosis. It was merged with Sankt Hans Hospital in 1940. In 1993, the buildings were sold to Tvindskolerne, which used the areas to establish the first international continuation

folk high school. Today, the buildings are used by the schools in Boserup as schools for children and young people with a need for an alternative type of school than the traditional ones.

From here you can take a beautiful walk towards the beach

In the heart of Boserup Forest the Nature Centre Boserupgård is located, operated by Roskilde Municipality.

8 The Midgard Serpent (Midgårdsormen)

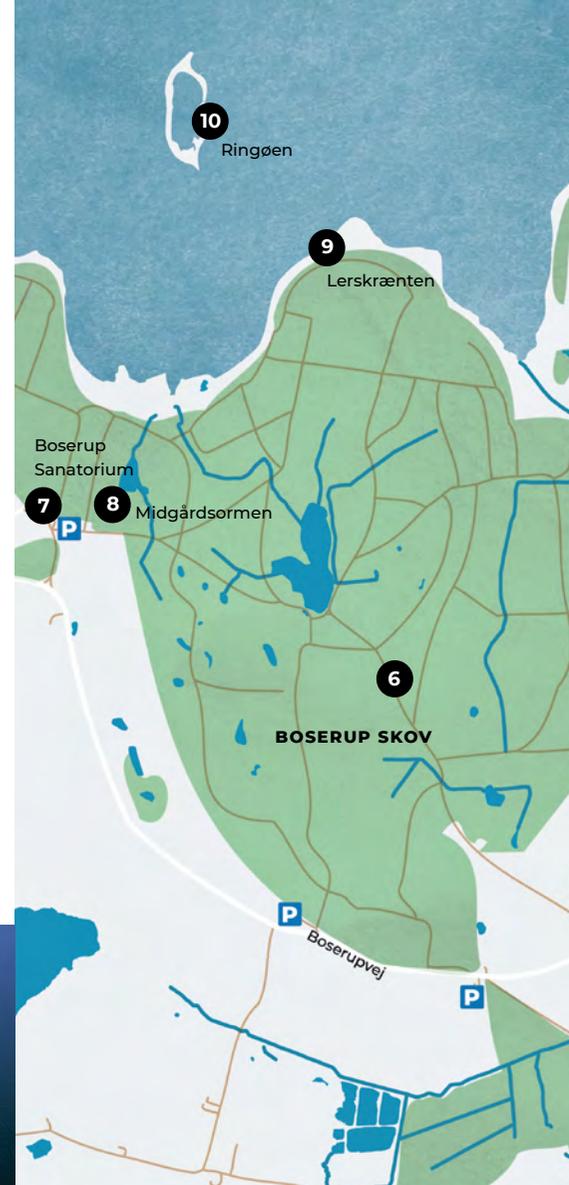
The Midgard Serpent is a 300 metre long obstacle course focusing on challenging the sense of balance. The course is made of logs and other natural materials. It turns and twists through the forest from the parking space down to Kattinge Vig. At the steep slopes downwards Kattinge Vig and Roskilde Fjord it is possible to see the remains of kitchen middens from the Stone Age.

9 Lerskrænten (The Clay Slope)

Lerskrænten is a popular slope to climb and it is one of the most visited places of the forest. From the slope there is a great view of Kattinge Vig and Ringøen.

10 Ringøen

From Lerskrænten you have a view to Ringøen. Ringøen is an island which functions as a bird sanctuary, and it is not allowed to go ashore during the breeding season. The forest seen behind Ringøen is the privately owned Bognæs Forest, where among other things, the white-tailed eagle breeds.



Route 4: Sankt Hans and Boserup

The route takes you to Sankt Hans Hospital, which until 2016 served as the psychiatric hospital of the Municipality of Copenhagen for 200 years. In 2020, Roskilde Municipality bought the buildings in the western part of the area which will be developed into an area with housing, culture and business, and with focus on restoration of the natural environment.

The tour is 3 km long. It can be extended with a beautiful tour in Boserup Forest.

The Roskilde Routes guide you around in the city

The Roskilde Routes are a number of tours of each 2-3 kilometres through Roskilde and the surrounding area, highlighting particularly interesting places along the way. The routes are themed guides for adventures in Roskilde – you can either follow the routes from the first to the last number or use them as inspiration to explore for yourself.

Roskilde offers countless cultural experiences. Roskilde Cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the wild Vikings are remembered at the Viking Ship Museum, and a party is guaranteed at Ragnarock – the museum

of pop, rock and youth culture. The town is situated centrally surrounded by unique experiences of nature in the forests, by the fjord, the lakes and Skjoldungernes Land National Park.

Numerous experiences are awaiting in the city, whether your focus is on the rich history of the city, art and culture, or on the treasure chest of nature.

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