Plane Sailing Cycle Route



THINGS TO SEE AND DO

1 km: It might be too early in the ride to take a break, but Lalandia's waterpark and entertainment centre sure is tempting. Fun in the shape of bowling, mini golf, video games and a world-class waterpark makes for the perfect place for all the family.

3.5 km: As you ride past the airport, you will see a raised piece of ground that offers a great view of the planes making their way into Billund. Stop for ten minutes for a water break and a bit of planespotting.

8 km: As you enter Grindstedvej in the direction of Vandel, you can take a right turn onto Vandel Park and head towards the Vandel Bunker Museum (open Sat & Sun 12-4pm, May to Sept, www.bunkermuseum.dk), situated on an airfield built by the Germans during WWII and subsequently used by the NATO Danish defence force. The museum is housed in an old bunker and has some great examples of German war memorabilia including uniforms and equipment of the occupying Wehrmacht.

17.5-23 km: When you enter Gødsbølvej, you will be cycling along the regional cycle route No.34 (Engelsholm rute). With some twists and turns, as well as a couple of inclines, the road is part of the Margueriterute – a national tourist route – and this stretch takes in farmland and forestry in equal measure.

23.5 km: Båstlundvej is the long, open road that runs down the western side of the airport. After freewheeling downhill for a couple of hundred metres, pick a place to stop midway and watch the planes fly overhead as they descend onto the nearby runway.

SHORT FACTS

27 km

Cycle out along the edge of the airport and stop for a while at the raised 'observation area' and watch the planes circle in for landing at Billund Airport. Then head down to Vandel and check out the Bunker Museum, which details the history of the area during Nazi occupation. Head back through the Danish countryside along the picturesque Engelsholm cycle route.

Highlights:

Planespotting on Firehøjevej Vandel Bunker Museum Vandel - the Danish countryside alone the Engelsholm cycle route.





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DIRECTIONS

- Begin on Hans Jensensvej by Billund Church, take a right onto Åstvej and ride for a kilometre to the first set of traffic lights.
- Go straight over the lights (Lalandia water park will be on your right) and continue down Firehøjvej for just over 4 km.
- At the junction with Åstvej, turn right and ride 2 km towards the junction with Billundvej (main road). Cycle straight ahead on the cycle path that will bypass the roundabout and enter Grindstedvej.
- **DIRECTIONS TO VANDEL BUNKER MUSEUM** (Open 12-4pm, Sat & Sun, May to September) On Grindstedvej, take the first right onto Vandel Park and cycle a kilometre to Nordlige Parallelbane, where you turn left and cycle 200 m on the old airstrip to the Vandel Bunker Museum. **Note:** The airfield is closed to the public during weekdays.
- After visiting the museum, take the same route back until you reach the junction with Grindstedvej. Turn right and cycle 500 m through town until you reach Hans Thomsens Vej.
- Turn left onto Hans Thomsens Vej and cycle 500 m towards the roundabout, taking the cycle path on the right-hand side to go straight ahead and join Mørupvej.
- · Cycle just over 1 km on Mørupvej until you reach the junction with Gødding Skovvej.
- Turn left onto Gødding Skovvej and cycle 1.5 km to the junction with Åstvej.
- Turn right onto Åstvej and cycle for 400 m, then turn left onto Gødsbølvej.
- After 2 km, turn left at the T-junction onto Granlundvej.
- Cycle 2.5 km along Granlundvej until you reach the main road, Billundvej.
- Turn left onto Billundvej, and after 200 m, stay right and join the cycle path (which will allow you to avoid the roundabout) and continue straight.
- Continue on the Båstlundvej cycle path (the airport will be on your left) until you reach the roundabout.
- Turn left onto Granvej, and after 500 m, turn left at the next roundabout (staying on Granvej).
- Take the first left onto Solsortevej, which turns into Hans Jensensvej, and follow for around 1 km to arrive back at the starting point.





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