



The Crooked Path Cycle Route



THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Unlike many of the other cycle routes in the region, Den Skæve Bane doesn't have many designated stop-off points or activities. The route is more about enjoying the long, flat country route through the heart of Denmark and stopping off at one of the many pretty views for a spot of packed lunch or water break.

As a cyclist, you will be happy to know the route from Grindsted to Brande is almost all flat, but that's not to say it's nondescript. On the relatively short route, you will pass through a diverse landscape including farmland, forest, heath, marsh and plantation. Most of the route follows an old train line and the path travels over several old bridges built for the locomotives at the turn of the century. You will also ride over a total of seven streams before you arrive in Brande.

There is wildlife aplenty on the route and it's not uncommon to startle a deer or hare as you cycle through one of the more remote areas. You'll also see geese, swans, cows, pigs and maybe the odd squirrel along the way.

If you're riding in summer, you may be able to eat your way along the route, with wild strawberries, blackberries and blueberries all growing on the side of the path. Feel free to stop and sample the naturally grown produce!

One place of note is a memorial stone to a Lancaster bomber that crashed nearby during World War II. A small plaque tells the story of the mission and the crash, which killed two airmen. The Wehrmacht caught four other members of the crew, but one airman escaped and with the help of the Danish resistance, made it to Sweden and ultimately home to England. The memorial is just before the 11km mark, as the route crosses over Vildkjærvej, just outside of Filskov. (This is also a good place to turn around and head back to Grindsted if you don't want to go all the way to Brande.)

Note: This route begins in Grindsted and requires car/transport for bikes from Billund. There is some rough, single track on this route and it is only recommended to be ridden by mountain bike or sturdy commuter bike. As well as bringing enough food and water for the length of your trip, it's also a good idea to bring a puncture repair kit and pump just in case you pop!

SHORT FACTS

26 km (From Grindsted to Brande)

The Crooked Path is a 100 km route from Grindsted to Langå, so you can take a longer ride if you want.

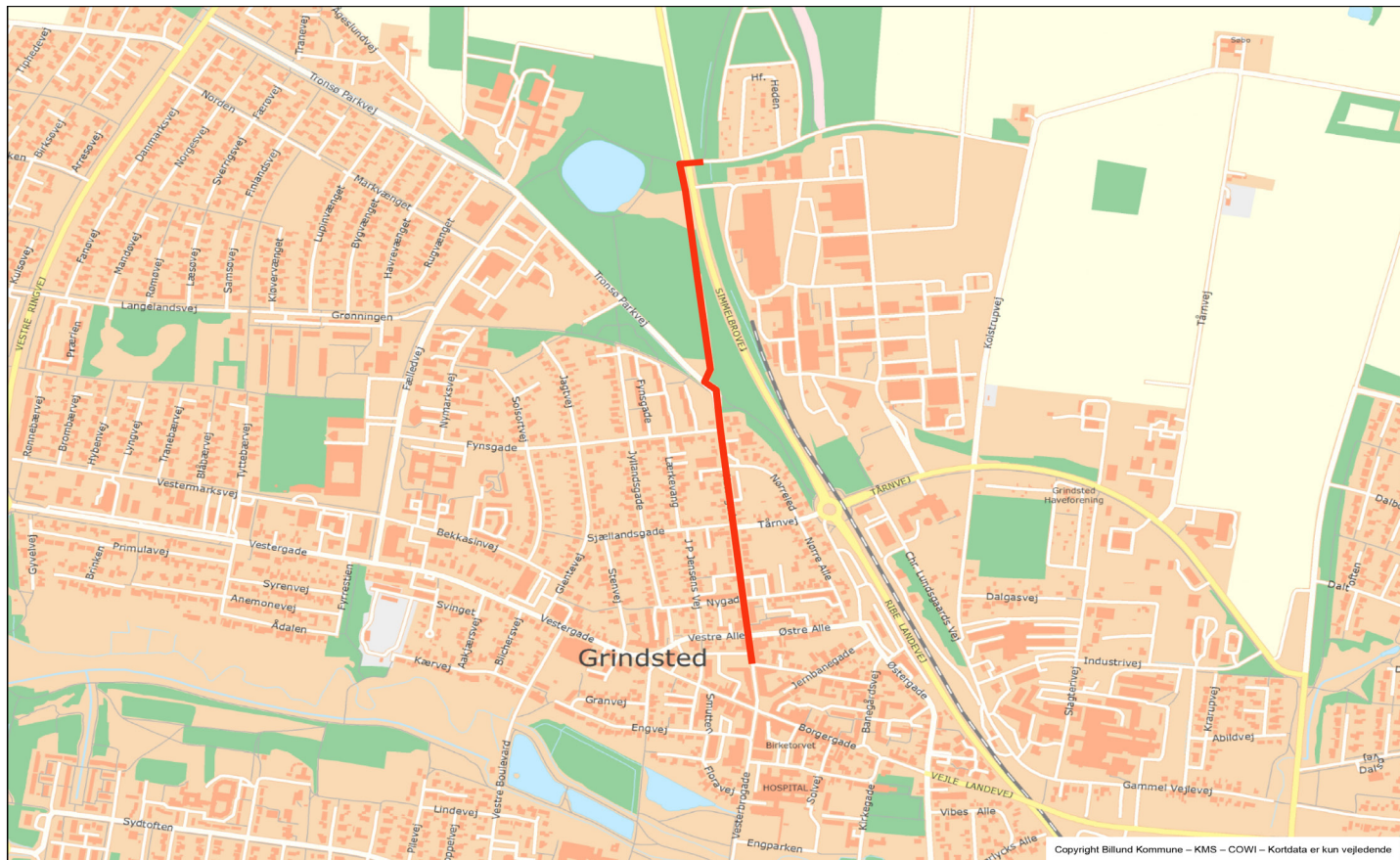
Cycle along the historic and picturesque The Crooked Path that follows the old train line north to Langå. As well as a wide range of scenery and countryside, you can stop off in one of the small villages en route, including Filskov, Blåhøj, Drantum and Brande.

Highlights:

- Landscape of the central Jutland region
- Memorial to a fallen WWII Lancaster bomber
- A variety of old bridges
- The old train line

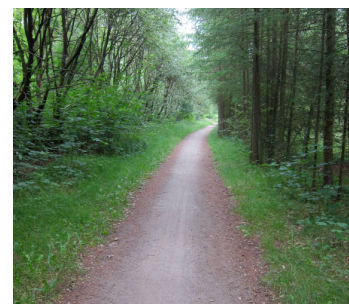


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DIRECTIONS

- In the centre of Grindsted, take Nørregade north until you come to Fynsgade on your left hand side. Continue straight on, and as the road turns to the left, turn right onto Simmelbrovej where you will see signs for the start of Den Skæve Bane.
- Cycle down Simmelbrovej until you reach a junction. Turn right, taking a small tunnel under the main road and turn immediate left to continue along Den Skæve Bane.
- Follow the route that is signposted 'Den Skæve Bane' along the dirt track. At points the track is wide enough for cars to drive: at others it is just single track. The path is well signposted and, as it is relatively straight with no sharp turns, it is very hard to get lost. As a general rule, if you follow the dirt track and signposting, you can't go wrong.



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