



Country to Castle 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.

6 km-11 km: Gøddingvej and Gødding Skovvej highlight the regions's landscape perfectly. Beginning in rolling farmland, the quiet country road then heads into the lush Gødding forest, with tractors and tall trees in equal measure. Just after the 11 km mark, there is a parking bay where you can find brochures on local forest walks.

13 km: You could be mistaken for thinking Christmas has come early as you ride down Schæferhusvej, with the pine tree plantation giving off a distinctly yuletide feel no matter what time of year. If you've ever wondered where Christmas trees come from, the rows of hundreds of green shrubs should give you a clue.

14 km: As you head over the junction between Schæferhusvej and De Lichtenbergs Vej, the road opens up to reveal the beautiful Engelsholm Sø (Engelsholm Lake) and Engelsholm Slot (Engelsholm Castle). In the summer, fields of dandelions fill the vista as the sun dances off the lake.

17,5 km: After circling the lake, you will arrive at the entrance to Engelsholm Slot. While the grounds are private, there are several walking paths that take in the surrounding lake and castle. You can also hire boats and buy a fishing license at Dagli' Brugsen supermarket in the nearby town of Ny Nørup.

19-27 km: After catching your breath from the slight uphill on De Lichtenberg Vej, you will arrive at the beautiful Nørup Kirke (Nørup Church), which dates back over 500 years. Then it's country Denmark at it's finest along the Engelsholm Cycle Route 34, as you ride past secluded farmhouses on sweeping roads and into the picturesque Åst forest.

28-33 km: Yet more countryside but with a few more ups and downs, twists and turns as you make your way back to Billund parallel to the airport.

34 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

37 km

Cycle out past the airport into the countryside to Engelsholm Slot. Take a loop around the lake and then back through Mørup and Åst Skov to Billund

Highlights:

Billund farmland
Engelsholm Slot and Lake
Åst Skov

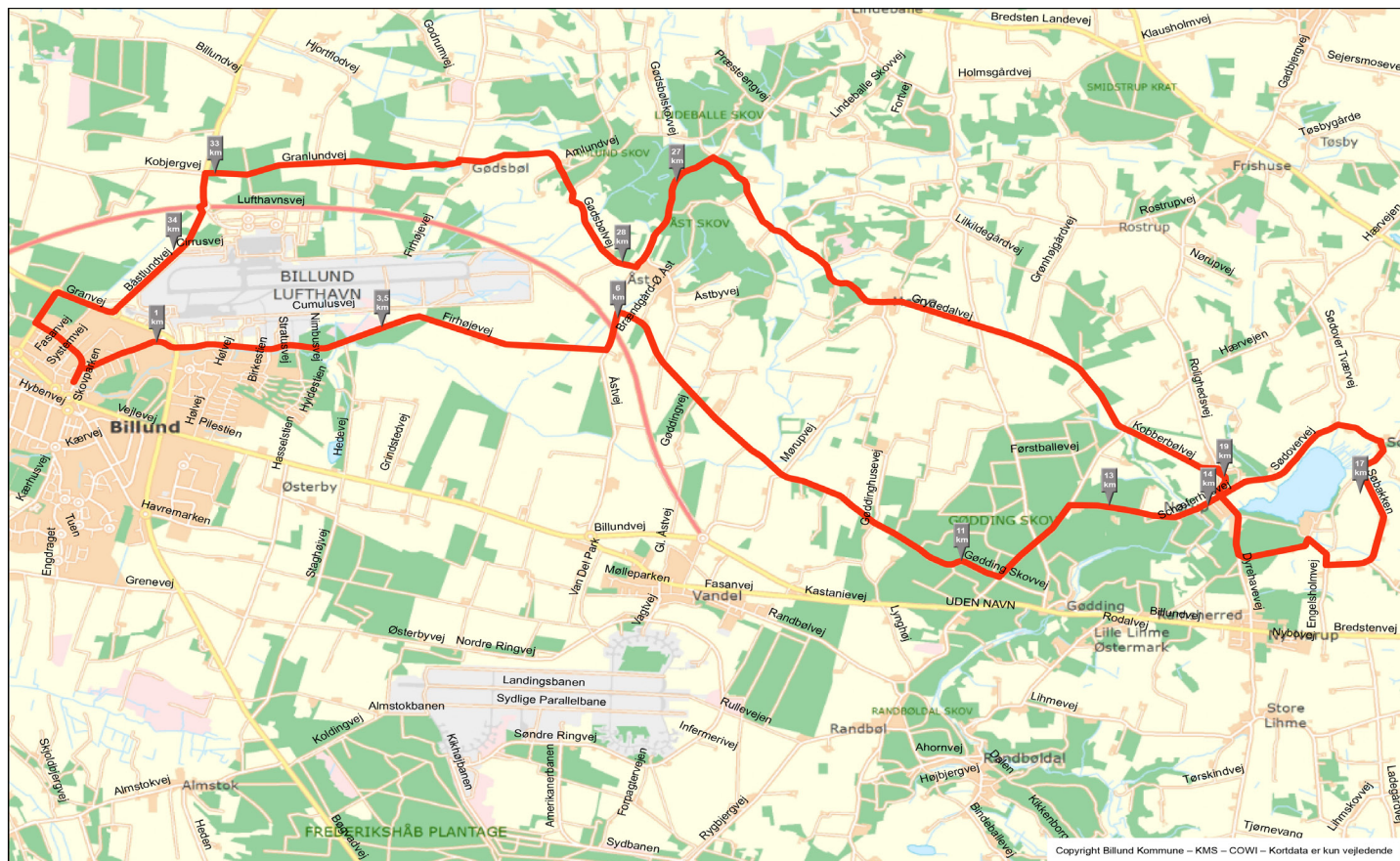
.. And if you're lucky a plane taking off/landing as you cycle past the airport.

Car alternative:

Park at the corner of Gødding Skovvej and Hærvejen and do a loop to the castle.



Map and directions next page!



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 Firehøj vej for just over 4 km.
- At the junction with Åstvej, turn left, ride under the motorway flyover and take the next right onto Gøddingvej.
- Ride along Gøddingvej for just over 5 km until you reach Hærvejen.
- Turn left onto Hærvejen and cycle for a kilometre, then turn right onto Schæferhusvej (second right turn)
- After just over a kilometre, you will arrive at a junction with De Lichtenbergsvej. Continue straight onto Sødovenvej (this is the beginning of a 4.5 km loop around Engelsholm Sø), following the road clockwise until you reach Søbakken.
- Turn right onto Søbakken and continue straight as the road becomes Engelsholmvej. After 1 km you will arrive at Engelsholm Slot (Engelsholm Castle). Continue following the road clockwise until you reach De Lichtenbergsvej.
- Turn right onto De Lichtenbergsvej, and cycle for 1 km (past the junction with Schæferhusvej where you began the loop) until you reach Købberbølvej.
- Turn left onto Købberbølvej, which turns into Grydedalvej. Cycle through Mørup and stay on Grydedalvej towards Åst/Åst skov.
- Grydedalvej will turn into Stavnkærvej, and after 1 km you will reach Åstvej.
- Turn left onto Åstvej and cycle for just under 2 km before turning right 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 metres, 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 metres, 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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