



### The old inn

The Green Route leads past the old inn, and just below it lie the ruins of an old stable. The parking area lies at the former ferry landing, used when steamships plied the fjords. This is the junction for the Red Route. The tour continues along the beach past a small lake, separated from the inlet by a low ridge. Here you may see both coot, shelduck and ringed plover.



### Time to rest

At both the car park and by the dock, there are tables and benches where you can sit and have a well-earned rest or enjoy your packed lunch.

### Stevning Nor

Here, you will pass one of the many idyllic places on Als. Stairs lead up over the cliff, and you will see how a coastal cliff develops and becomes part of the forest – until it crumbles again and the process begins once more.

The little thatched house that nestles in the cove is “The Fisherman’s Hut” where a fisherman used to live.



# Stevning Nor path

## Walking trail



### Edible snails and tree stumps

The rest of the tour goes through Stævning Forest where you can see large edible snails and fungi growing on the tree stumps. There are a number of burial chambers in the forest, but they are quite difficult to find as the forest undergrowth is very dense.

On early summer evenings, you can enjoy the rest of your walk accompanied by the hooting of night owls.



### Stevning Nor path

The Stevning Nor hiking path is located close to the village Stevning on the west coast of Als. The route leads through varying natural surroundings, through old farmers' woods and with beautiful views over fields, bays and the fjord. In early summer, it is especially interesting to walk here, when many songbirds such as blackcap and icterine warbler raise their voices in song from the treetops and hedgerows.

The long route (Red Route) goes all the way around Stevning Næs, where the view from the end of the point leads to three waters: Als Fjord, Als Sound and Augustenborg Fjord. As the route goes along the beach below the cliffs, it is not always possible to walk without getting your feet wet. It is, however, worth trying, and you will be rewarded with a very beautiful view of the water. The short route (Green Route) does not include walking out to the point, and is recommended for those who may be less agile.



### Sandvig

The walk begins at the parking area near Sandvig. Here, you will already get a good picture of the surroundings that await you along the route. From the edge of the forest, there is a view over the bay, waterside meadows with grazing cattle and many types of flora during the summer months. Sandvig is popular with the locals for sea bathing, and there is also good angling here, especially for sea trout.

### Stævningsskov (forest)

The walk begins through an old coppice with much undergrowth, almost giving the impression of being in a jungle. The name "Stævning" refers to the fact that the tree stumps are sawn to a height where they can shoot up again and, in this way, form trees with multiple trunks on a broad base, known in Danish as "trunter". This form of forestry gives a varied undergrowth and flora comprising many interesting plants such as early purple orchids, wild garlic and yellow woodland anemones.



### A view across the bay

Outside the forest, the landscape suddenly opens with a wide view over fields and across the bay. There are benches in several places where you can relax and perhaps watch a red-breasted merganser swimming with its long line of chicks, maybe with one sneaking a ride on mother's back.

Foxes and badgers have dug burrows in the wooded banks down to the water, and if you look carefully, you can find some of the entrances in the hedge close to the path.

The hedge is a mixture of spindle tree, wild apple, ash, oak, hazel, aspen, blackthorn, cherry plum and many others. There are many small birds, and you may see a redstart by its nesting hole.

### Stævning Næs

On Stævning Næs, the route divides into two. The Red Route leads around the headland along the beach, while the Green Route eliminates the more difficult part of the route and goes directly to Stevning Nor along a path with a firm base. On the walk around the headland (Red Route) there is a beautiful view over the water, which divides into several branches. You can see Arnkil which cuts its way into Als Fjord, dividing further into Als Sound and Augustenborg Fjord. If the walk along the beach becomes too difficult, you can turn back and take the Green Route.



Along the headland, there are high cliffs which in wet winters, or during storms, sometimes crumble and fall into the sea. The new exposed surfaces provide places for new forms of life, called pioneers – to flourish. This includes different species of insects which favour a dry and sunny slope, as well as plants such as coltsfoot, the herald of spring. On the more vegetated slopes, plants such as knapweed and kidney vetch grow, and here on Stevning Næs, you can see species not usually found in Southern Jutland, such as hoary plantain. On the beach, you may be lucky enough to see a natterjack toad scampering along like a mouse.

