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BIRDS

The Hejlsminde Nor (Cove) Wildlife Reserve offers a rich birdlife that can be studied from the birdwatching tower at the southwest end of the cove. You can experience large flocks of swans, geese, mergansers, grebes and ducks, which stay at the cove all year.

With a little luck, you will see the marsh harrier soar above the meadows and reeds, and maybe you will catch a glimpse of Denmark's largest bird of prey, the white-tailed eagle, which is known as "the flying door" among ornithologists.



MAJ-GÖGEURT

PLANTS/VEGETATION

From late May to mid-June, walking along the walkway is a particularly grand experience. Along this short trail, you will find several, large occurrences of the protected western marsh-orchid and early marsh-orchid, the very rare marsh lousewort, tusted loosestrife, meadow vetchling and many more for the discerning connoisseur.

CULTURAL HISTORY

Hejlsminde is an old fishing village with a nature harbour, which developed into a commercial area in the 18th and 19th century. Later, a wharf was built, and the harbour shipped grain and clay tiles and later chicory roots for coffee addition. After the war in 1864, Hejlsminde was a border city between Denmark and Germany and, in 1911, a railway was built between Kolding and Hejlsminde. Today, the area is a tourist pearl with a campsite, summerhouses and a Blue Flag beach, with clean water and lifeguards in the summer.

PROTECTED NATURE AREA

The cove is a Natura 2000 area, and therefore part of the network of protected nature conservation areas in the EU, which preserves unique natural habitats and rare animal and plant species. At the cove, plans have been made to protect and promote the salt marshes and the special natural habitat Riggær through grazing, primarily with cattle.

The trail, the birdwatching tower and the information effort have been established in a private-public cooperation and are supported by the Danish Nature Agency and the Hunting Permit Funds, as well as: The Danish Outdoor Council (Friluftsrådet).



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Hejlsminde Nature trail

Around the cove

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Hejlsminde Nor is a unique nature area with a rich bird and plant life. Experience the white-tailed eagle and the marsh harrier soaring through the air or enjoy the flowering orchids in early summer as you walk along the wooden walkway through the reeds.

The trail also contains many cultural-historical experiences. The two border stones show how the Danish-German border intersected the cove after the loss of Schleswig-Holstein in 1864. The seaside hotel in Hejlsminde town as well as the traces of the railroad show that, early on, Hejlsminde evolved from a fishing village to a popular tourist attraction.

THE TRAIL

The trail is 12 km long and consists of a mix of footpath, established path and asphalt road. You can both walk and bike the trail, but it is hard to bike a 1.3 km stretch between Åkærvej and Skovhusevej where, however, you can pull your bike instead. The trail was established in cooperation with local landowners and covers both private and public land. Dogs on a leash are welcome. If you do not have the time or energy for all 12 km, the trail can be divided in to shorter trips. Here are suggestions for three shorter trips:

HEJLSMINDE CITY, PARKING LOT NO. 1

From the harbour in Hejlsminde, you can go on a small city tour by using the trail in either directions. It is possible to have a picnic by the beach or at the sunset square.

THE WALKWAY, 2 KM, PARKING LOT NO. 2

An exciting trip through the reeds on a wooden walkway, where you get closer to nature. In the summer, there is grazing cattle here. It is possible to have a picnic at the tables and benches set up along the walkway.

THE CAUSEWAY AND THE OLD CHURCH PATH, 6 KM, PARKING LOT NO. 1 OR 3

This stretch follows the old causeway and the church path between Hejls church and Hejlsminde Seaside Hotel. It is possible to have a picnic at the tables and benches set up along the trail.

Have a great trip around the cove!

