

### Engelsholm Castle - Engelsholmvej 6, DK-7182 Bredsten.

A Renaissance castle, Engelsholm enjoys a beautiful lakeside location and is surrounded by forest and parkland. The castle was built by Knud Brahe – brother of astronomer Tycho Brahe – in 1592. In the 1730s, Gerhard de Lichtenberg began an extensive restoration and rebuilding of the castle. He added the distinctive onion domes, built a large three-winged farm and landscaped the estate in the French style. The castle is today used as an arts and crafts college.

### Viewpoint – Nørup Church De Lichtenbergs Vej 1, DK-7182 Bredsten.

Make a stop at the parking lot at Nørup Church. Walk across the cemetery and enjoy views of the lake and Engelsholm Castle. Also visit the beautiful church itself. Like most Danish village churches, it is built in the Romanesque style. But later alterations and extensions have made it quite unique, not only regarding the exterior but in particular also the well-preserved Baroque interior. Historically, the church served the nearby Engelsholm Castle to which it belonged from 1586 to 1935.



Nørup Church

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### The Ancient Road

Before motorways and railroad, the thoroughfare along the Jutland peninsula followed the Ice Age ridge. For centuries, the road was a humble network of gravel lanes and sunken roads, which together formed what we today call the Ancient Road. It was populated by merchants travelling in oxcarts, cattle drivers and their herds as well as pious pilgrims. In times of unrest, it was also a marching route for armies, hence the Danish name Hærvejen (the Army Road). Along the road you'll get a close-up experience of Danish history, including the grave of the Egtved Girl. You'll also wander through some of Jutland's most beautiful landscapes, including the heathland of Randbøl Hede.

### Vejle Museums – The Randbøldal Museum

Dalekildevej 1, DK-7183 Randbøl.



Randbøldalmuseet

Scenic Randbøldal in the river valley of Vejle Ådal is the closest you get to a mountain village in Denmark. Randbøldal Museum, located in a former storage building from 1918, relates the story of waterpower. Here, there are historic workshops for paper and textile milling as well as hydropower. The 20 open-air waterpower experiments allow children and the young at heart to learn how to harness the power of water by means of millwheels and sluices just as in olden days.

### Bindeballe Købmandsgård and Vejle Museums - Bindeballe Station - Bindeballevej 100-101, DK-7183 Randbøl.

This merchant's house first opened for business in September 1897. It is still in full operation as an old-fashioned countryside general store offering personal service. The merchant's house is also the largest grocery store museum in Denmark and features an exhibition of old grocery goods, signs, inventory, etc. The collection contains more than 3,500 different items, many more than 100 years old. Just across from Bindeballe Købmandsgård you find Bindeballe Station, an old station building from 1897 (on the now disused Vejle-Vandel Railway), which today is a small museum.

### Frederikshåb Plantage and Randbøl Hede

The road between Egtved and Billund, Bøgvadvej, DK-7183 Randbøl.

The forest of Frederikshåb Plantage is located north of Randbøl Hede, one of Jutland's largest and most distinctive inland heathlands where the mighty sand dune of Stoltenbjerg offers a great vantage point. Frederikshåb Plantage is also home to a unique inland dune area. The low parts, called Syvårssøerne (i.e. The Seven Year Lakes), are periodically covered with water to become a

unique wetland dotted with dune islands with heather and pine trees.

In 2013, the visitor's centre of Naturrum Kirstinest opened on Randbøl Hede, offering a range of facilities for an exciting visit. Here you will find exhibitions as well as picnic tables and benches, shelters and camp-fire sites.



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Randbøl Hede

### Store Rygbjergstenen

Store Rygbjergstenen is a rune stone that was discovered in 1874. Standing on a small mound, the rune stone carries the inscription (in translation): "Bryden Tue erected this stone for Thorgunn, his wife. Long may these staves live." The inscription has been called Denmark's first love poem. The stone was once split but now stands in its original place.

### Vejle Museums – The grave of the Egtved Girl

Egtved Holt, DK-6040 Egtved.

The Egtved Girl is one of the best preserved Bronze-Age findings. The young woman was buried in an oak coffin in 1370 BC. When she was discovered in 1921 she was wearing one of the world's best-preserved ancient female gowns. Today, the site has a reconstructed barrow and a small museum with a copy of the Egtved Girl's tomb, including clothing, jewellery and belt buckle, etc. The originals are on display at the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen.



The Egtved Girl



Vejle Ådal

Vejle Ådal offers many cultural attractions and natural experiences. The river valley is also home to abundant wildlife. Red kite is only one of many bird species that can be experienced in the area.



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Front photo shows the view of Runkenbjerg - Design and layout: Vejle Kommune 2014

# Vejle Ådal River Valley -on four wheels



**Viewpoint – Refsgårdsvej** – Vejle Ådal river valley, as far as the eye can see.

One of the best viewpoints of Vejle Ådal. Park in the parking lot at the bend. The view here is magnificent, but follow the path up to the top, on the same side of the road as the car park, and get a special treat. Not recommended for those with walking disabilities.

### Vejle Museums - Robert Jacobsen - Jean Clareboudt Land Art

Tørskindvej 68, DK-6040 Egtved. Sculptor Robert Jacobsen in collaboration with his former student, sculptor Jean Clareboudt, transformed the former gravel pit in Tørskind into a sculpture park. Four of the sculptures are made by Egtved's honorary citizen Robert Jacobsen, five by Jean Clareboudt. The land art sculptures are made of concrete, iron, stone and wood and are considered a total artwork in dialogue with nature.



Robert Jacobsen - Jean Clareboudt Land Art

### Runkenbjerg

Slotsbjergvej, DK-6040 Egtved. Exciting natural area formed during the Ice Age. Runkenbjerg is a long, narrow ridge created by residual material left behind by the watershed when the glaciers melted after the Ice Age.

### Viewpoint – Vorkvej

– by the waterworks. Park by the TREFOR waterworks. Follow the path down the hillside and experience one of the most beautiful views of the river valley. The viewpoint is located on top of the wellfield, which supplies the entire Triangle area with water.

### Vejle Museums – The Raving Bridge and Raving Station

Ravningvej 25, DK-7182 Bredsten. Ravning Enge is home to a reconstruction of two pier heads of the mighty bridge across the Vejle Ådal river valley built by King Harald Bluetooth in 979. The bridge was about 1 km long and 5.5 metres wide and had a carrying capacity of 5-6 tons. The bridge consisted of about 1,700 carrying posts, 800 struts and timber for the roadway. The nearby former station on the Vejle-Vandel Railway is today home to an exhibition about the bridge and the archaeological finds. Let your imagination wander back in time 1,000 years. Was this Denmark's largest seaport? The station also relates the story about the now disused railway line.



Ravningbridge



### Route description

(length: about 35 km) Follow the road of Bredstenvej (28) from Vejle. At the roundabout just before Bredsten follow the road towards Sdr. Ommé (the old road to Billund). Just before Ny Nørup, turn right onto Engelsholmvej.

- You will pass **Engelsholm Castle**.

Continue left along Engelsholmvej until you reach a T-junction and turn right at De Lichtenbergs Vej.

- You will now reach the **viewpoint at Nørup Church**.

From Nørup Church drive back along De Lichtenbergs Vej and turn right onto Schæferhusvej. At the subsequent T-junction, turn left onto Hærvejen (the Ancient Road). Follow the road south through **Gødding Plantage**.

In Randbøl, turn left at the intersection at Ahornvej and then, at the T-junction, turn left onto Dalekildevej towards Randbøldal Museum.

- You will now arrive at **Randbøldal Museum**.

Return along Dalekildevej past the inn and turn left onto Bindeballevej. Continue along Bindeballevej until you reach Bøgvadvej.

- along the way you will pass **Bindeballe Købmandsgård and Bindeballe Station**.

To visit **Frederikshåb Plantage, Randbøl Hede** or **Store Rygbjergstenen** turn right onto Bøgvadvej and follow the road until you reach Store Rygbjergstenen or one of the parking lots on Bøgvadvej or Frederikshåbvej.

Alternatively, turn left onto Bøgvadvej and follow this road until you reach Peder Platz Vej. Turn left onto Peder Platz Vej and then turn left onto Egtved Holt. – You will then pass the **Grave of the Egtved Girl**.

Continue along Egtved Holt, which after Spjarupvej becomes Refsgårdsvej. Follow Refsgårdsvej to Vorkvej. – You will now pass the parking area at Refsgårdsvej, **viewpoint at Refsgårdsvej**.

Turn left onto Vorkvej. To visit the **sculpture park in Tørskind Grusgrav** or the **nature area Runkenbjerg** turn left onto Tørskindvej and follow the road until the gravel pit. Drive past the gravel pit and turn left onto Slotsbjergvej to get to Runkenbjerg.

Turn the car and follow Slotsbjergvej/ Tørskindvej back to Vorkvej. Turn left onto Vorkvej.

- You will now pass the **viewpoint on Vorkvej – at the waterworks**.

Follow Vorkvej some kilometres towards Vork. Turn left onto Ravningvej and follow the road. – You will now pass the **Ravning Bridge and Ravning Station**.

Continue along Ravningvej, turn right in Ravning town onto Bredstenlundvej. Follow the road until you reach Bredstenvej (the old Billund road). Turn right and follow the road back to Vejle.