



## Enjoy the beautiful countryside at Ferring Lake

### Make an excursion

A hike around Ferring Lake takes you through a vast number of different types of landscape and countryside. On the west side you're walking across the windblown dunes with the roar of the sea in your ears. There are also meadows and extensive moors.

On the east side the marked hiking route takes you through the hilly Ice Age landscape with steep slopes and the so-called "sheep's trails" and the type of landscape called a common.

The steep slopes on the east side of the lake formed the coastline in the Ice Age. Since the Ice Age, the land has risen and become the flat landscape in which Thyborøn, Harbøre, Vejlbj and Vrist are located.

### Sea thrift

The many different types of countryside at Ferring Lake are the habitat of a myriad of plants and animals. One of the most common plants at Ferring Lake is sea thrift, whose fragrant flowers give the meadows a pink tinge from May to September. The plant thrives on the sandy, salty soil at Ferring Lake.

### The natterjack toad

At evening time, beside the small shallow lakes and puddles, you may have the good fortune to see the rare natterjack toad – the small toad is easy to recognise by the yellow stripe on its back. Its spawning time starts at the end of April, and its croaking sounds like the drilling of concrete.



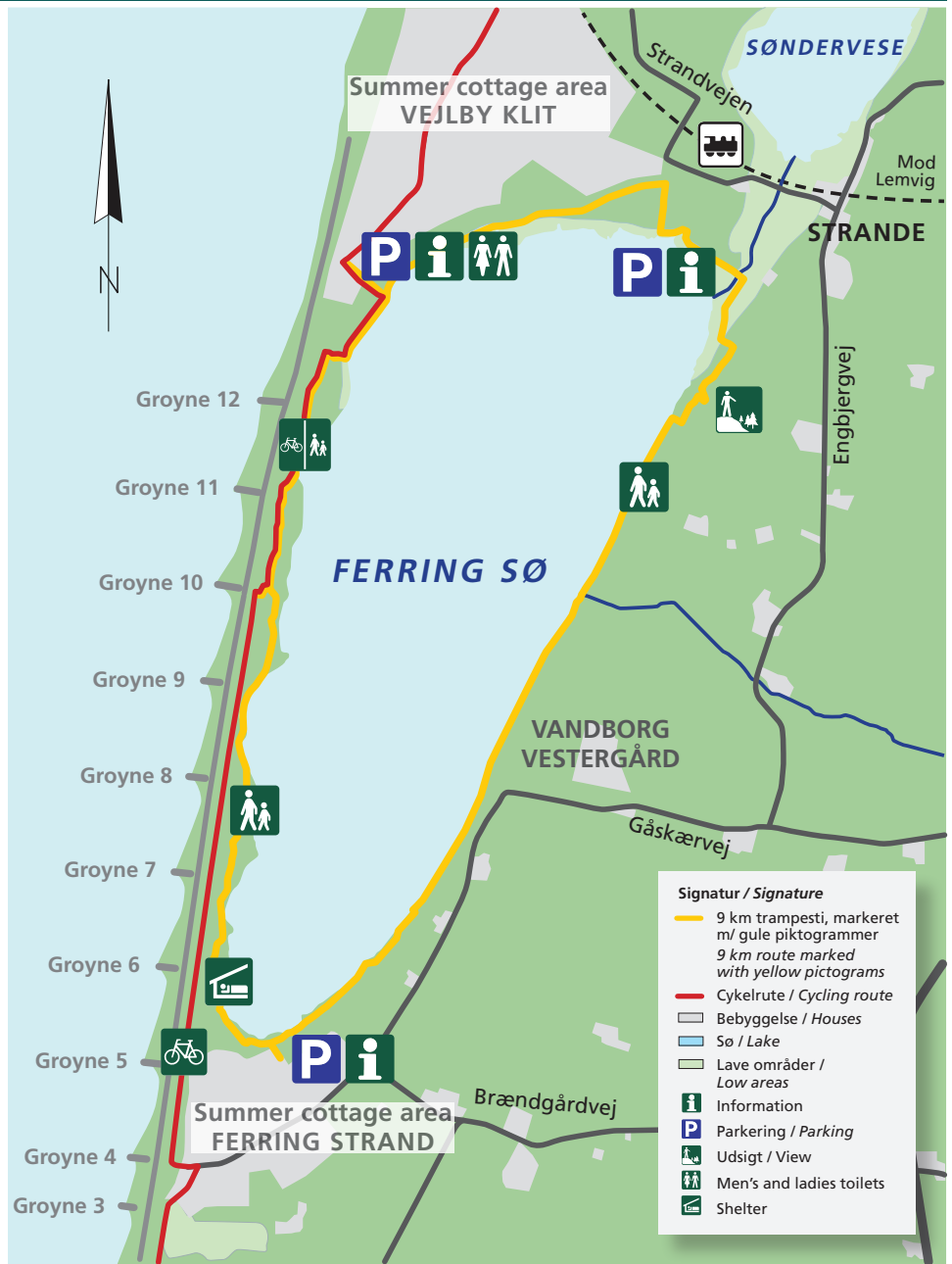
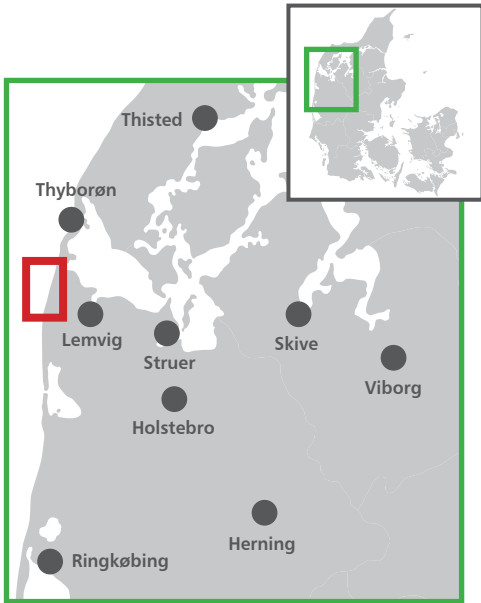
### Bicycle trip on the railway track

It was an enormous task for the water construction authorities to build breakwaters along the coast. The breakwaters were built by hand with the aid of simple tools.

The breakwater blocks were often cast on site, but the materials were transported to the site from the harbour in Thyborøn. A small quarry train was used for the transport. Sleepers and rails have now been removed, and a bicycle track has been established on a long stretch of the old railway.

The bicycle track is part of the 6,000 km long North Sea route stretching from England to Norway.





### GENERAL INFORMATION

The hike around Ferring Lake is approx. nine kilometres. A short stretch of it takes you through an animal enclosure. Don't frighten the animals – they won't do anything to you if they're left in peace and quiet.

When there has been heavy rain, the water level in the lake can be very high and it would be a good idea to wear waterproof footwear. Unfortunately, Ferring Lake is not clean enough for swimming.



### Spend a night in a shelter

The shelters cannot be booked, but may be used on a first come, first serve basis. You are welcome to spend one or two nights at the site. If you have already spent one night in the shelter, newcomers will have priority to the site.

Please leave the site and the surrounding nature in the condition in which you would like to find it. The use of radios, generators or

other devices making unnecessary noise is not allowed at the site!

There is a public toilet at the Jens Søndergård Museum – just follow the bicycle track 1.5 km south. You will also have access to water there. You must bring your own firewood or buy it from local vendors.

**CLIMBING ON THE ROOF IS NOT ALLOWED!**

