



## Broballe

On the way to Broballe the wealth of hedgerows represents a typical Als field landscape. The hedgerows dot the hills and are a real feast for the eyes, and this pleasure is not diminished by the knowledge that the hedgerows provide vital homes for wild animals and plants of many kinds. Broballe offers a pleasant country village atmosphere before you continue on your route towards the fiord at Lusig. In the midst of the village the former cooperative dairy has now opened as a brewery worth a visit.

## Brandsbøl Forest

The old coppice forests have been maintained in many places on Als, and Brandsbøl Forest is a good example. Coppice forestry is a special kind of forestry that was used for centuries in many farming forests. In a coppice forest, trees are felled at a sufficient height above the ground and new trunks grow out of the stump.

## Havnbjerg Kirke and Mølle (Havnbjerg Church and Mill)

The church is located high up on a hill and the view of it is beautiful from all sides. The altarpiece was painted by the well-known Golden Age artist Eckersberg, who lived in Sundeved on the other side of Alsfiord.

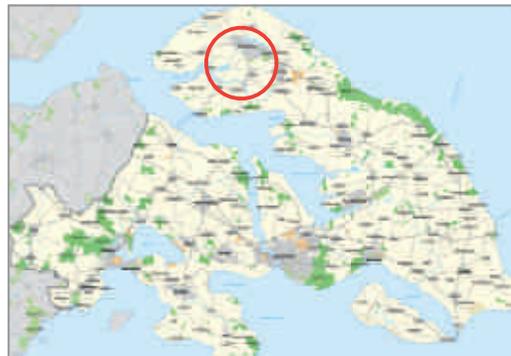
The mill is from 1835 and for many years it was covered in tin plate, but it once again has a straw roof just as it originally did and looks interesting, magnificent and unusual. The mill is now a museum.

From Møllebakken there is a beautiful view to the Little Belt, and down the hill the vicarage is located close to an old political meeting place.

## A special note for mountain bikes

Provided that consideration is shown for pedestrians, cyclists on mountain bikes have the opportunity to take a few very interesting detours on this route.

From the parking lot near Oldenor leads a rather steep path down to the left along the lakes to Mjelsvig. From Mjelsvig, follow the "Æ Gavl" to Mjels, where you once again return to the cycle route near the harbour. This route is demanding, but particularly beautiful.



# The lake and fiord landscape of Als

– a cycle route





## The lake- and fiord landscape of Als

This cycle route through the lake and fiord landscape of Als is 27 km in length and can be completed in an hour, but set aside 2-3 hours if you can so that you may enjoy some of the many beautiful views along the way. The route is varied with both asphalt and unpaved roads and is suitable for a regular bicycle, but if you have a mountain bike you can take a couple of very interesting alternative routes. The route is hilly and filled with scenic surprises. You will ride along tunneled paths where the foliage creates a roof effect over narrow gravel roads and you will see incredible fiord views, fields, canals and lakes as well as winding roads through idyllic country villages. And if you take a ride on a warm summer evening in May or June, you may be fortunate enough to hear a choir of green tree frogs or natterjacks by the ponds near the beach.

## Nordborg

The route starts at the parking lot near Nordborg Castle. Up the hill a bit you will find the local historical archive which – just like Sandbjerg Castle – uses the same style of architecture as Augustenborg Castle.

## Oldenor path

Oldenor is a lake which was once drained and cultivated. In 1993 it once again was filled with water and it is now a true paradise for birds of all kinds. From the vantage point to the right of the parking lot you may see grey lag geese, cormorants, pochards and tufted ducks. During winter, interesting birds such as large mergansers, golden eyes, whooper swans and huge flocks of widgeons can also sometimes be viewed.

## Møllebakken (Mill hill)

The highlight located soon after Oldenor along the asphalt road is known as the mill hill, because a windmill was once situated here. From here you can enjoy a commanding view over Mjelsvig and Als Fiord. The tall chimney in the background belongs to the Enstedværket at the base of Aabenraa Fiord.

## Mjels

At the foot of the hill lies Mjels with its atmospheric harbour. To the right is Mjels Lake which was recreated after having been drained for 150 years. More information on the nature recreation project can be had in the interesting and picturesque pump house with its canal system on the left side of the road.

Mjelsgård, with its red bricks, has a very old foundation which can be dated all the way back to the Middle Ages.

South of the cove is Røde Næb (Red Beak) with its fairytale pollarded trees bordering the side of the road.

## Stegs Gab

The beautiful passage at Stegs Vig (Stegs Cove) is called "Stegs Gaf" in the local Als dialect. It features incredibly beautiful nature and is the perfect place for a rest with a view of the water. During summertime the boats sail close by on their way to the harbours in Dyvig or Mjelsvig.

