

# Suggested Tour – Out in the nature

From Tobaksgaarden around in the nature of Westfunen.



Assens

Half or full day biking tour – about 24 km.

## 1. Start - Tobaksgaarden

From Tobaksgaarden turn right of Østergade. Turn left of Søndre Ringvej and then turn right of Torø Huse vej and follow the road.

## 2. Thorø Huse

Thorø Huse is a cozy old fishing village. From Thorø Huse you can walk out on the peninsula Thorø. When you come from Assens and drive into Thorø Huse, it is characterized of the oldest buildings from the mid-1800s with thatched roofs and dense development. Thorø Huse was a fishing village characterized by hard work, wear and modesty. The houses are small and dense. This particular dense settlement with its narrow streets and alleys have created an idyllic urban environment which makes Thorø Huse something special.

## 3. Thorø

Thorø is a small peninsula on 125 acres. Thorø is only accessible on foot. There is a parking lot by the Village Hall of Thorø Huse, where you also find a public toilet. The footbridge to Thorø is 15-20 meters from Drejet in Thorø Huse.

The peninsula is known for its beautiful untouched nature. On the left side of Thorø by the beach you will find a cross. The cross was put up by Harald Plum in 1928 as a memory of 3 skeletons (man, woman and child) found on the peninsula. Thorø was privately owned for some years, fx. by the Plum family. Today it is owned by the Copenhagen Teacher Association. There is public access to the beaches around the peninsula, but please show respect and use the paths on the peninsula.

From Thorø Huse turn left of Jacob Gades vej. Turn right of Saltoftevej and again to the right of Saltofte Strandvej. Turn right of Å Strandvej. From Å Strandvej you can get access to Sønderby Klint (Sønderby Cliff).

## 4. Sønderby Cliff

Sønderby Cliff is almost 30 m. high and made by calcareous glacial deposits.

The flora is very varied here and there is a lot of rare species. The cliff is a great place for stone and amber collectors. At high tide it might be impossible to pass the cliff.

From Sønderby Cliff turn right of Å Strandvej. A bit further down the road you will to your right side find a monument, which looks like a tombstone.

Hampden I P5330 was erected by the citizens of Sønderby in memory of 3 British airmen who crashed the 25th April 1942. The monument was revealed the 22nd July 1945 with participation by representatives by the resistance and from the airbase HAM where the British airmen was from.

Drive further along Å Strandvej and turn left of Langegyde. Turn right of Rybergsvej and shortly after turn left of Søvangen. Turn right of Søstien. Turn left of Kirkebakken. Turn right of Langegyde and thereafter left of Flædekærvej. Turn right of Lerbjergvej and then left of Egebjergvej. Turn left of Dalvænget then turn right of Stejlebjergvej. Follow the road till you reach Vor Frue Kirke.

## 5. Church of Our Lady/Vor Frue Kirke

The Church of Our Lady in Assens is the second largest church on Funen. The Hølevad chapel along the north wall of the church and the towers square lower section are the remains of a Romanesque church.

In addition to the name – after the Virgin Mary – there are reminders of the church's Catholic era in the form of reliquary – now located on the right side of the altar, and a stoup built into the wall of the chapel of rest (mortuary), which was once the church's porch (around 1500s).

In 1488, the church was completed in its present Gothic form – inclusive of the octagonal 48 m. tower (the only one of its kind in Denmark, on a par with the five towers of Kalundborg Church).



### Links:

[www.assenskirke.dk](http://www.assenskirke.dk)

[www.tobaksgaarden.dk](http://www.tobaksgaarden.dk)

# Map of the route

