

DISCOVER THE TRAILS AT JEGUM FERIELAND

The yellow route is approx. 1.6 km and the red route approx. 1.4 km long. The numbers on the map refer to the descriptions below. Enjoy your walk!

HISTORY OF JEGUM

The fabled Jegum is situated in the municipality of Varde. Historically Jegum was connected with the mainland only during the summer season, where a poor and often muddy road served as the only connection to the parish town of Janderup. Until the drainage of the lake Fiil Sø just over hundred years ago, Jegum was a peninsula in Fiil Sø, which was huge at the time.

The name of JEGUM is among the oldest Nordic place names with its ending "UM" which means home or residence. The first syllable "JEG" means oak and refers to the fact that in ancient times this used to be an oak forest. The first human beings settled in Jegum in the 3rd – 4th centuries.



4 BÅDSØ BÆK

The draining of Fiil Sø has had the effect that today the water volume of Bådsø Bæk is small. During the winter half year, the land adjacent to the stream is still watery, but not flooded.

RED ROUTE

5 BURIAL MOUNDS

The burial mounds tell us that the area has been inhabited for more than 5,000 years. The mounds date back to the period from Early Stone Age to the Bronze Age. The burial mounds used to be even more plentiful in this area – some of them have previously been levelled out during ploughing and cultivation of the heath. Stone tools have been discovered in the area, bearing witness to habitation – a shaped flint axe with sharpened edge, a sharpened sandstone axe, a small, smoothly ground axe and a pointed flint tool as well as the handle and lip of a clay pot.



6 WILD WOOD

Østskoven at the burial mounds is a mixed wood ranging from beech to larch and ending up in fir. On your walk through the wood, you will also see a few oak trees. From the fir and beech wood, there is an excellent view across the meadow with the burial mounds and what is left of the heath.

7 BÅDSØ BÆK

When looking at the small stream Bådsø Bæk (and Søvig Bæk at the northern fringe of the area), it may be difficult to imagine that just over hundred years ago, Jegum was a lonely place that was difficult to access. Jegum is located on a "peninsula", the point of which is called Engelsodde.

1 FACILITIES CENTRE

Here you find a shop and a café. Next to the parking lot – where the tours start – you find the facilities centre with toilets, playground and activity area.

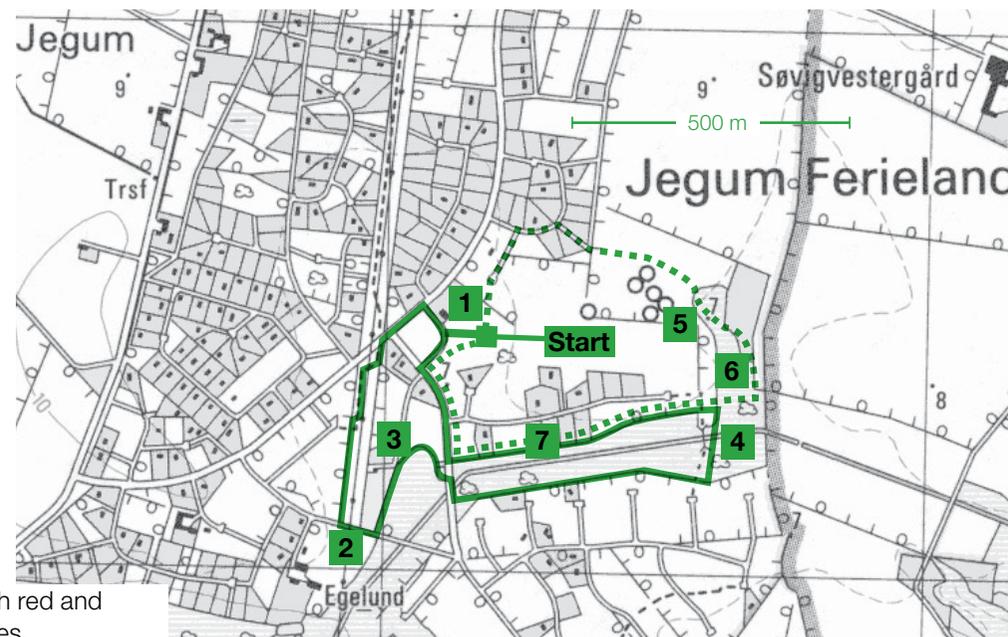
YELLOW ROUTE

2 ANIMALS AT FARM EGELUND

The nature trail goes along pastures with grazing animals. The farm Egelund is one of the few local farms dating back to the 1800s. At that time, the Jegum area was a landscape predominantly characterised by heath with only little cultivated land.

3 BANK BETWEEN GROVE AND MEADOW

Throughout the times, the stream Bådsø Bæk has carried larger volumes of water and taken up significantly more space in the landscape than today – as indicated by the bank.



Look for the yellow leaflet box - here the trail starts



The tour is marked with red and yellow triangles on poles.



Pedunculate oak (*Quercus robur*)

The pedunculate oak can grow into a large and sturdy tree of more than 30 m and with a girth of several metres, highly varied in appearance. The trunk varies from very crooked or twisted to almost straight – old oak trees are often strongly crooked. Free-standing oaks often develop a short trunk and a wide, spreading crown, whereas oaks in woodland areas can have a tall almost branch-less trunk and a narrow crown.



Heather

(*Calluna vulgaris*)

A strongly ramified dwarf bush with upright branches. It is most often 20 – 40 cm high and in rare cases up to 50 – 70 cm. When old, the bush is often crooked and twisted, with branches rarely more than 1½ - 2½ cm thick. Heather was previously often used as especially winter fodder for domestic animals, thatching of houses, ground cover in beds and not least as fuel.



Downy birch

(*Betula pubescens*)

Birch is first of all known for its characteristic white bark. Birch is often one of the first trees to grow up in forest clearings and after a forest fire. Birch is used for furniture and as firewood. A lot of people find that birch looks nice in front of the fireplace.



Ash

(*Fraxinus excelsior*)

Ash trees are easily recognizable on their black buds and smooth bark. In winter it is difficult to distinguish ash from maple. However, maple has green buds. Ash wood is pliable and resilient and is therefore often used for tool handles.



Hare

(*Lepus capensis*)

A large and well-known rodent with large eyes and very long ears which is common all over Denmark and tied to the open cultural landscape. Its fur is grey-brown on its back and sides whereas its belly is white. It grows to about 50 – 70 cm long and weighs approx. 4 kg. The hare has 3 – 4 litters every year of 1 – 5 leverets each.



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You find the trails at Jegum Ferieland approx. 6 km north of the town of Oksbøl. You can go by the railway Vestbanen, which stops at a flag stop just outside the Jegum Ferieland. The green box indicates the section shown as route map inside the leaflet.

GPS coordinates for the starting point: 55.66689°, 8.31676°.



Dogs to be kept on leash

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

You are a visitor at the private property of the landowners who have opened the trail to walks on foot. The trail consists partly of natural trails and may therefore be affected by the changing seasons and the growth of plants. The trails in Jegum are not roads or paths, but rather a marked route. You are advised to wear wellingtons during the winter half year.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you need further information or have any questions to which you would like an answer, please contact the shop in the facilities centre or send an email to: post@jegumferieland.dk.

The project "Trails in the landscape" opens marked trails all over Denmark.

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The trails at Jegum Ferieland



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MAP SYMBOLS – ROUTE MAP

- Hedge row
- Slope
- Railway
- Road
- Yellow route
- Bank
- Path
- Gravel road
- Red route

4 Reference to explanation

