

THE NATURE TRAIL

Detour to the burial place of Svend Fælding

Having passed the old railway bridge on Aakjærvej you will find the burial place of Svend Fælding (See map).

Svend Fælding was attached to the estate of Aakjær and according to the legend he had a strength of 12 men.



P.S. There is a continuation of the nature path!

From Haldrup the nature path continues to Horsens. In Haldrup you turn to the right from the main road, and you are now driving under the main road. The nature path continues from here. This section of the path is a typical cross-section of East and Midjutland landscape sceneries. There is also a beautiful view of the inlet of Horsens, a.o. to the Isle of Vorskø where the cormorant lives. The isle is a bird sanctuary.

Regulations

Mopeds and firearms on the trail are not allowed.

Dogs to be kept on the lead.

Smoking and open fire are not allowed at wood and heather districts within the period of March 1st till October 31st.

Please show proper consideration for the other users of the trail and its neighbours.

Do not leave litter on the nature trail.

According to the nature conservancy law you are allowed to enter wood paths and uncultivated areas crossed by the nature trail with direct admittance from the nature trail. There are, however, certain limitations, a.o. the traffic does not comprise woods below 5 hectare and uncultivated areas with fence. You are not allowed to "stay" (i.e. sit down round a picnic basket) closer to a dwelling than 50 m in wooded areas and 150 m in fallow land. Finally, you are only allowed on the nature trails on foot and in daylight. (On National Park trails, you are allowed to cycle and leave the trail on foot).

The nature trail is administered by the Silkeborg Forest District

ODDER



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- from Åkjær to Hundslund

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The nature trail is established on a section of the previous railway between Odder and Horsens and has a length of about 6 km. The trail leads through a variety of landscapes with a fascinating and varied vegetation. – And according to the season it is possible to find a great variety of fruits and berries. On parts of the route you have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful view over the Åkjær estate with its luscious farm land.

How to locate the trail?

The easiest way to reach the trail is to drive from Odder by the road to Horsens. Halfway between Ørting and Hundslund the trail begins at your right, and at your left a great parking place is located. We recommend you, however, to make the beautiful detour past the Rathlousdal Estate; At the roundabout you turn in direction of Skanderborg through Rathlousdal Allé by Kongshusvej and turn to the left towards Oldrup by Lundhoffvej. After 1 km you turn to the left towards Aakjær by Aakjærvej. You are now passing through a very beautiful landscape, a characteristic sunken road through field and wood. Having passed the areas of Odder Golf Club you get through a typical, Danish beech wood. You now reach the old railway bridge, leading under the nature trail. Just after the bridge you may turn to the left to Bilsbæk, and start your walk at the parking place located at the old railway station or you may choose to turn right and start at the parking place just before

the bend. (See map).

The Trail - cover and conditions of the ground

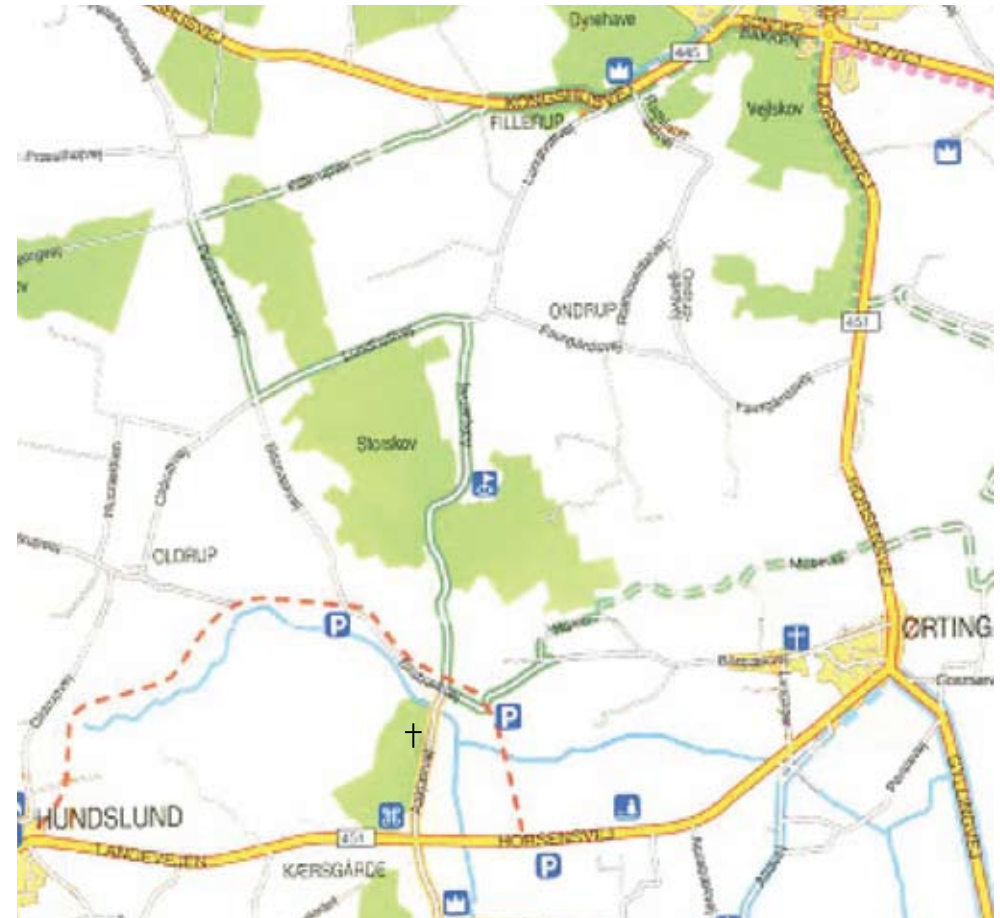
When the trail was established as a nature trail for walkers and cyclists rails and sleepers were removed and the section was covered by stable gravel. However, loose sand and high grass will occur in some places and make biking difficult.



- A bit of history

The nature trail is, as already mentioned, established on a section of the previous railway between Odder and Horsens. From 1904 – 1966, i.e. over a period of 62 years the train "Oddergrisen" covered the distance, but is now replaced by a bus line. To go by train in those days was not a pleasant experience in every respect, which appears from the examples below: When the weather was fine, the ride would last "only" a couple of hours. – The hard wood benches were not comfortable, but it went from bad to worse when you had to obey the call of nature, as you had to advise the conductor accordingly. There

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was no toilet in the train, but the conductor was very understanding and did not give the starting signal until you appeared from the small room with lattice located at every station. There was of course, a compartment of higher standard than the third class wagon mostly used, viz. a saloon car with red plushy furniture. The car was very elegant, and the price was of course rather expensive. But even the saloon cars were not equipped with a toilet. And although you had to pay a higher price for your

ticket, you did not avoid the noise of the wheels on the rails as well as the vibrations. Furthermore you did not avoid the noise when the locomotive puffed and blew forcing the hills on the route. The illumination of the train was also rather primitive. When it darkened, the conductor climbed the roof with a lamp in his hand. He put the lamp into an opening of the ceiling, and a vague illumination was established in the compartment, enabling you just get a glimpse of your fellow passengers.