

The North Coast Cycle Route

Regional route 47: 64 kilometers of bicycle and walking route

The North coast route is a sign-posted cycle route that leads you along the north coast of Zealand from small cosy coastal and seaside towns through unique natural areas. From the saddle you have the opportunity to experience places that you normally would not drop by. The north coast of Zealand, also known as the Danish Riviera, has a large variety of restaurants, hotels and sights that attract tourists from all over the world. It is possible to shorten the trip by taking the railway. If you are up for a long bike ride you can follow one of the other connecting bike routes.

Have a nice trip!

Hundested

Hundested is a vibrant port with ferry service, a fishing fleet and a lively marina. On the quay there are restaurants, cafes, Hundested's own microbrewery, and a number of work-shops. The first settlement in Hundested was a maritime pilots home from the 1830's, but with the establishment of the breakwater in 1862 the city grew. In 1916 the railway connection was built and at the same time a ferry connection was established to Rørvig.

Connections:

- Ferry to Rørvig
- Railway to Hillerød via Frederiksværk
- Cycle Route 2, Hanstholm - Copenhagen
- Fjordstien route 40 to Frederiksværk continues around Roskilde fjord and Isefjord

Hundested - Liseleje 10.5 km / 28% gravel

Hundested Battery

North of Hundested you find Hundested Battery. The battery was built during the war with England in 1807 – 14. Together with Skansehage Battery on the opposite shore it guarded the entrance to the Isefjord. During the war with Eng-land many such batteries and entrenchments were constructed for the purpose of defending the Danish coast.

Knud Rasmussen's House

Knud Rasmussen's house is where the polar explorer lived and wrote his books from his expeditions. Today the house is a charming museum and lies with a dramatic view of the Kattegat. On a clear day you can see all the way to the island Hesselø.

Kikhavn

Kikhavn is the oldest fishing village on Halsnæs. It already had its present size in 1582 with houses on both sides of the main street. The fishing was drift-netting for porpoises and herring. Kikhavn has its own unique charm and you can still feel the unity that comes from the days when the inhabitants cultivated the 300 acres agriculture together.

Hyllingebjerg

In 1983 a 8,5 ton stone fell out of Hyllingebjerg Klint after a landslide. This stone turned out to be one of the finest petroglyphs in Denmark. The stone is decorated with 3000 year old ships and cup marks. The stone is now on display in the public library in Frederiksværk. Another 'invisible' attraction at Hyllingebjerg is a newly established underwater reef, which protects the coast and restores good living conditions for fish.



Liseleje

Liseleje was established as a fishing village in 1784 to supply the workers of the gunpowder plant in Frederiksværk with fish. Commercial fishing ended in 1950 and Liseleje is now a seaside village with cafes, restaurants and shopping. Close to the beach there is a big playground (Havtyren) made solely from natural materials.

Liseleje - Tisvildeleje 9,5 km / 84% gravel

Melby Overdrev: Zealand's biggest moor

Melby Overdrev has been in use as a military shooting range for the last 100 years and has thus avoided being developed with cottages. The 145 hectares have now been taken over by the Environmental Protection Agency and is Zealand's largest contiguous moorland. Here you can find plants and animals that are rare in the rest of the country.

Troldeeskoven

In central Tisvilde Hegn is the Forest of Trolls (Troldeeskoven). It may easily spark one's imagination when riding between the gnarled pine trees that are up to 200 years old. The gnarled trees are a result of wind, poor soil and pest infestations. If you are lucky you may see deer or trolls in the woods.

Tisvildeleje

Tisvildeleje is currently the most fashionable seaside resort in North Zealand. This is where celebrities often mingle in summer and meet up at one of the many cafes and restaurants. Tisvildeleje has a seaside hotel, camping facilities and even a cinema. At the popular beach you can see the classical beach huts in charming colours.

Connections

- Railway to Hillerød
- Cycle Route 32 to Hillerød

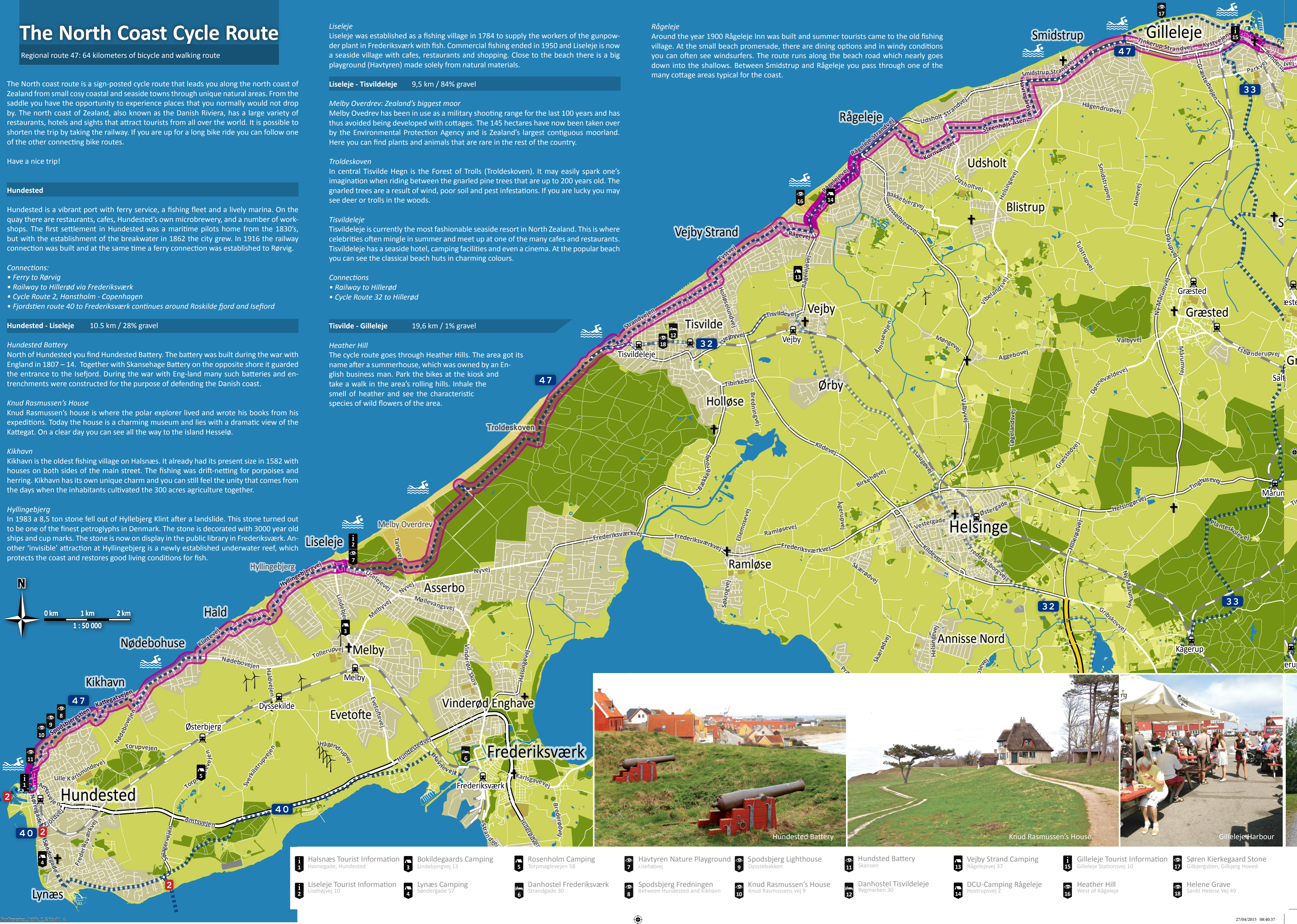
Tisvilde - Gilleleje 19,6 km / 1% gravel

Heather Hill

The cycle route goes through Heather Hills. The area got its name after a summerhouse, which was owned by an English business man. Park the bikes at the kiosk and take a walk in the area's rolling hills. Inhale the smell of heather and see the characteristic species of wild flowers of the area.

Rågeleje

Around the year 1900 Rågeleje Inn was built and summer tourists came to the old fishing village. At the small beach promenade, there are dining options and in windy conditions you can often see windsurfers. The route runs along the beach road which nearly goes down into the shallows. Between Smidstrup and Rågeleje you pass through one of the many cottage areas typical for the coast.



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Hundested Battery



Knud Rasmussen's House



Gilleleje Harbour



Gilbjerg Hoved
 The cycle route follows Tinkerup Strandvej where it is possible to take a detour to Gilbjerg Hoved which is a unique natural area at the northernmost point of Zealand. Here one can see a memorial stone commemorating philosopher Søren Kirkegaard (1813 - 1855).

Gilleleje
 Gilleleje is on top of North Zealand and is a lively tourist and fishing village. Gilleleje offers ample opportunities to taste a vast variety of seafood as well as experience an authentic harbour. The wide array of specialty shops and eateries make it possible to find something for everyone. See the fishing vessels arrive with the catch of the day, pull your bike through the pedestrian zone or take a stroll between the historical houses.

- Connections**
- Railway to Hillerød and Elsinore
 - Cycle Route 33 to Hillerød

Gilleleje - Hornbæk 11,5 km / 5% gravel

Nakkehoved
 In Nakkehoved there are two lighthouses. One of them is still in operation and marks the entrance to the Sound together with the lighthouse on Kullen in Sweden. Originally the two lighthouses on Nakkehoved were used to distinguish Zealand from the single Lighthouse placed on Kullen. Today, the western lighthouse is a lighthouse museum. The former Lighthouse inspector Kristian Faber (1775- 1845) lies buried in an old Bronze age burial mound.

Munkeruphus
 Munkeruphus is a protected country house in a magnificent park, right by the sea. Throughout the year there are changing art exhibitions and in the cafe you can buy food and refreshments.

Esrum Channel
 Esrum channel was among others excavated by Swedish prisoners of war. The canal was used to transport timber from Gribskov Forest via Esrum to Dronningemølle where it was shipped to Copenhagen. In winter you can see the wagons of Circus Benneweis in storage.

Rusland, Tegners Museum
 In the middle of the protected heath landscape Rusland lies the monumental Tegner Museum. The museum houses the collection of Rudolf Tegner. On the moors around the museum a series of his bronze statues are exhibited creating a sublime unification of nature and culture.

Hornbæk
 Large yachts and open sports cars testify that Hornbæk is still one of the most popular beach towns in Denmark. Here is one of the best beaches in North Zealand and a rich variety of restaurants. Hornbæk like other coastal cities grew from fishing, which throughout the 1800's attracted a number of artists who looked to nature and the locals for inspiration. After the artists came the summer visitors and Hornbæk became a seaside resort of the Copenhagen bourgeoisie. In Hornbæk Church you can see an altarpiece by C. W. Eckersberg.

- Connections:**
- Railway to Hillerød and Elsinore

Hornbæk - Helsingør 14 km / 40% gravel

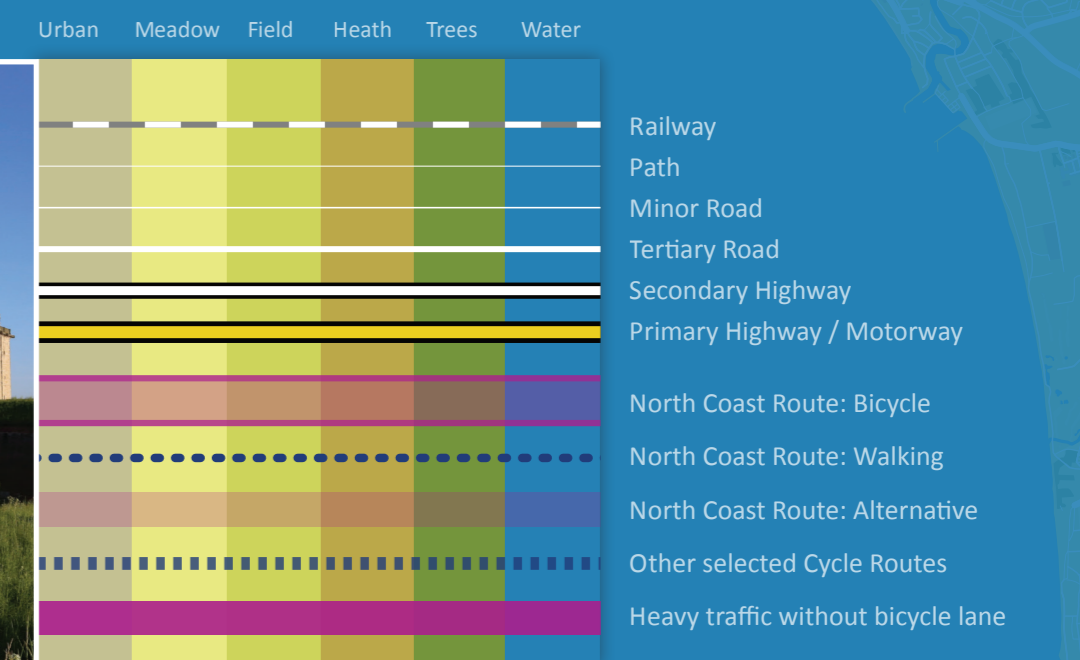
Hornbæk Plantation
 The plantation was established in 1793 to combat sand drifting resulting from animal grazing. The part of the plantation located north of Strandvejen (Beach Road) is elevated seabed where Scots pine and Austrian pine are the dominant species in the forest. In the plantation south of Strandvejen, beech and oak are the most common.

Hellebæk
 Hellebæk is probably the oldest industrial city in Denmark. It has produced cannons, guns and textile. Today there is no industrial production left, but the former workers' housing and the old hammer mill testify to its historical heritage. The Hammer mill café is located on the route, and you can sit by the millpond and enjoy some refreshments while the water wheel rotates.

Elsinore (Helsingør)
 "I place my hope on the Sea" was the motto of King Eric of Pomerania (1382 – 1459), referencing the introduction of the Sound dues in 1427. By introducing the toll and founding of the Carmelite Monastery in 1430, he laid the groundwork for the current Elsinore. The sea has brought Elsinore wealth ever since by trade, shipbuilding and ferry services. Today Kronborg Castle is still the main attraction surrounded by the former ship yard that now houses the Culture Yard and the Maritime Museum of Denmark. At the Øresund Aquarium you can discover the amazing flora and fauna of Øresund.

- Connections:**
- Regional Trains to Copenhagen and Malmø, Sweden
 - Local Trains to Hillerød and Gilleleje
 - Ferry to Helsingborg, Sweden
 - Cycle Route 9 to Copenhagen
 - Cycle Route 105 between Højstrup and Snekkersten
 - Cycle Route 107 between Alsgårde and Espergærde

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| 9 Elsinore - Copenhagen | 105 Højstrup - Snekkersten |
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