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Panoramarute

The Ride on Water Route is one of 25 panoramic routes along the Danish coastline. Panorama Routes are premium cycle routes offering places to eat, accommodation and entertaining experiences. The routes provide spectacular views, but also secret hideaways with space for quiet contemplation. The Panorama routes are part of the Powered by Cycling: Panorama project supported by the European Regional Development Fund.

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Cycle Route, 20 km Ride on Water

A chance to experience the most beautiful scenery at Blåbjerg, Henne and Filsø. The route takes you along quiet forest tracks and minor roads to the top of Blåbjerg - and across the water of Filsø. Grab your bike and go!



Where the route takes you...

Start your journey anywhere along the route. This guide starts at Filsø Avlsgård.

Filsø Avlsgård **(1)** (Filsø Home Farm) marks the start of a magnificent route in extraordinary scenery. The farm offers information about this huge restoration project which has created Denmark's sixth largest lake.

Behind the farm runs Dæmningsvejen **(2)** taking you between the two lakes - Mellemsøen on the left and Søndersøen on the right. Cycle slowly on this stretch to enjoy the water and the many birds populating the area.

It may be hard to imagine what life on a farm was like in this area. The following is an extract from a local Filsø memoir: *"We were young when Filsø was. We were there when the lake became farmland. We grew up and took part in the cultivation of Filsø. We earned money. Grass grew on the dry lake bottom. The surrounding farms grew as feed could be found on Filsø. People came from near and far and settled here. They earned a living. The towns around here got going."* Now both locals and tourists enjoy the fact that the lake is back again and offer adventures in magnificent natural surroundings.

Dæmningsvejen runs directly out into Filsøvej. Follow it up to Gammeltoftevej and then Neder Fiddevej. The route continues through farmland and gives you an idea of what Filsø looked like when it was farmed.

At Strandvejen, follow the cycle path to Blåbjergvej which takes you into very different scenery: the dune plantations. Don't miss the outstanding view across Fidsø and parts

of Filsø from the picnic area **(3)** at the top of the hill.

Pedal hard up towards Blåbjerg Dune Plantation. Just after Hennebysvej, take the next left along the road running towards Blåbjerg **(4)** which at 64 metres above sea level is Denmark's highest dune. Just after the car park, steps lead up to Blåbjergstenen (Blåbjerg Stone) with its outstanding view of the dune plantation.

If you prefer a more strenuous ride, some of Denmark's best mountain bike routes can be found here. Take a look at the information boards in the area.

After you have enjoyed the view, get back on your bicycle and head down the road until you get to Syvstjerne Vej. Turn down this road and carry on along the gravel road.

Follow this road through the dune plantation until you reach P Gundesens Vej. Follow this road for a short while and then carry on along Den Røde Vej. When you come to Vestre Hennebys Vej and National Route 1, turn left and follow National Route 1 all the way back to Filsø Avlsgård. The National Route is also known as Vestkyststruten (West Coast Route). It forms part of the North Sea Cycle and EuroVelo Routes and is popular with long-distance cyclists.

Follow Strandvejen to Henne Strand **(5)** for grocery shopping and a wide range of places to eat.

Traffic: on the way to the picnic area (4) there is a large hill to climb. Blåbjerg Dune Plantation has gravel roads and expect hilly terrain. The open landscape on the way to and across Filsø may require energetic pedalling on windy days.

Bicycle hire

Købmand Hansens Feriehusudlejning, www.kobmand-hansen.dk, Strandvejen 430, 6854 Henne Strand, Tel: +45 7652 4311

For more information about other local Panorama routes and cycling packages, please visit www.cykelsafari.com to view maps, videos and much more.

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www.sydvestjylland.com/spoton

Accommodation

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Danhostel Henne Strand, www.danhostelhennestrand.dk, Strandvejen 458, 6854 Henne Strand, Tel: +45 7525 5075

Feriecenter Henne Strand, www.hotel-hennestrand.dk, Klitvej 2, 6554, Henne Strand, Tel: +45 7525 5004

Further accommodation options:

VisitWestDenmark. www.visitwestdenmark.com

Ride on Water Map



Route through Blåbjerg Dune Plantation: follow Syvstjerne Vej. Go straight on at the intersection. Follow P Gundesens Vej before taking Den Røde Vej until it meets Vestre Hennebys Vej. Turn left and follow National Route 1 to Filsø.

