

Explore Amager



Welcome to Amager - the island that connects Copenhagen to the rest of the world. With many bike paths in beautiful surroundings, Amager is perfectly toured by bike. Explore Amager's nature reserves, urban gardens, allotment gardens, old residential areas, and new and innovative architecture - everything within a few kilometres. Go for a swim at Amager Beach, try urban mountain sports or simply enjoy the view of Copenhagen from the rooftop of a spectacular waste-to-energy plant. Amager is beautiful, diverse and full of contrasts - and just a bicycle bridge away from central Copenhagen. All routes are child-friendly with experiences suitable for all ages.

Copenhagen is the World Capital of Architecture 2023. Discover why with the "On 2 Wheels" bike map series.

If you want to learn more about Amager and the places you pass on your way, find fascinating stories and great background information on **Know Your 'Bro** and **Copenhagen Architecture Guide**.

World Capital of Architecture

Copenhagen has been officially designated as World Capital of Architecture in 2023 by UNESCO-UIA. Experience world-class architecture, innovative urban planning, sustainable solutions and see for yourself what makes Copenhagen a liveable city. In 2023 there will be many possibilities to join talks, city walks and other events.

Find more information and events at copenhagenincommon.kk.dk

Family fun with the little ones

Copenhagen is a child-friendly city with plenty of events and activities for families and children. In Amager, you'll find interesting thematic playgrounds with a variety of fun activities and child-friendly beaches where children can swim in shallow water. You can even find an indoor activity house for children. Amager offers great opportunities for enjoying both sunny and rainy days. This bike route introduces you to some of the best places.



- A Remiseparken/ Bondegården/ UrbanPlantan**
Right in the middle of a large social residential area, UrbanPlantan, you'll find fantastic playgrounds with a wealth of activities for children. See, touch and learn about Danish farm animals at Bondegården (The Farm), try out the cool skate ramps and explore the thematic playgrounds.
- B Børnekulturhus Ama'r (Children's Culture House Ama'r)**
The public children's culture house is designed for - and in collaboration with - children. Børnekulturhus Ama'r is a wonderful place with fun activities for children. It is free to use the house as an indoor playground, but some workshops and activities require user payment and registration. Opening hours at børnekulturhusamar.kk.dk.
- C Bredegrund Byggelegeplads**
A part of Bredegrund Byggelegeplads is a manned playground with treehouses and slides. Here, children can build and create things during opening hours, when the staff is present. The other part is a classic public playground without staff.
- D Amager Beach Park**
At Amager Beach Park, you find activities and fun for everyone - also smaller children. Enjoy playing in the shallow lagoon or jump into the water from the popular bathing establishment Helgoland. On weekends and holidays, Nature Center Amager Beach offers activities for families. Opening hours at naturcenteramagerstrand.dk.
- E Lergravsparkens Legeplads**
Copenhagen has more than 125 public playgrounds spread across the city. 27 of them are manned playgrounds staffed by childcare specialists. Lergravsparken Legeplads is a large manned playground where the staff initiate both urban gardening and creative workshops. Join the fun!
- F Prags Boulevard and Kvarterhuset Cultural Centre**
The once busy traffic road Prags Boulevard has been transformed into a green car-free recreational park with biking lanes and urban gardens. Pass the architectural gem, Kvarterhuset, a cultural centre with a library and citizen service.
- G Sundholm Urban Garden**
Continue through the gates into Sundholm, originally established as a forced labour institution. Today, Sundholm accommodates Sundholm Activity Centre, a nursing clinic, a homeless shelter and many different types of start-ups.

The greenhouse and planter boxes in Sundholm Urban Garden are filled with crops, vegetables and fruits. The planters belong to locals from the area and municipal institutions.

Architecture, Art and Liveability Contemporary Architecture

The urban development in Amager is constantly evolving. The island has innovative, contemporary architecture, and the focus on sustainability sets out new standards for eco-friendly design.

Amager also has old neighbourhoods with a real village feel, cobblestone streets and secret gems. Follow this bike route and enjoy the architecture, art and liveability in Amager and experience why Copenhagen has been designated World Capital of Architecture 2023.

- A BLOX - Copenhagen Architecture Center**
On the busy harbourfront right in front of the bike and pedestrian bridge Lille Langebro, you will find one of the more controversial buildings in Copenhagen in recent times. BLOX is a hub for sustainable architecture, design and urban development and houses Danish Architecture Center, Danish Design Center, the co-working space BLOXHUB, rental apartments, a workout studio, a playground, and a great urban space. Find out more about this building in the Copenhagen Architecture Guide.
- B Islands Brygge Harbour Bath and Park**
The water in Copenhagen harbour has been clean enough for both swimming and fishing since 2001. The Islands Brygge Harbour Bath opened in 2002 and was the start of a new era for the once industrialised and polluted Copenhagen Harbour. Today, the harbour has more than 10 swimming zones. Learn more about the harbour park on Know Your 'Bro and Copenhagen Architecture Guide.
- C Stadsgraven**
Bike along the remains of Copenhagen's old fortification, Copenhagen Ramparts. Listen to more stories on Know Your 'Bro.
- D Syddysse**
Follow the bike path through a colourful and lush part of Christiania - with Copenhagen's first allotment garden society, Vennelyst, to one side and the ramparts to the other.
- E Copenhill**
Leave your bike at the foot of the "hill", follow the paths to the top of the waste-to-energy plant known as Copenhill, and enjoy a fantastic view of Copenhagen, Sweden and the Øresund Bridge. It is also possible to take the elevator from which you have a great view of the interior of the plant. If "Himmeltrappen" is open in the next-door power station, Amagerværket, you should try to walk up the stairs underneath more than 7000 tree trunks for a great view.
- H Karen Blixens Plads and Tietgen's Hall of Residence**
The hilly landscape in the campus square - resembling a floating carpet - solves bike parking playfully and innovatively. Overlooking the Karen Blixen Plads is the Tietgen's Hall of Residence - a student dormitory. A circular construction that supports the ideas of equality, inclusion, and community. Explore this sight while learning more in Copenhagen Architecture Guide and Know Your 'Bro
- I DR Koncerthuset**
Learn more about this award-winning concert hall in Copenhagen Architecture Guide.
- J Cattle Grazing and biodiversity**
Ride your bike through the small paths of Nature Park Amager to Ørestad. The nature park is home to many different animals, both wild and domestic. Stop by the grazing cattle. They do not only enjoy themselves grazing in the field; they also help to stop weeds and invasive plants from spreading, regulating the ecosystem and promoting biodiversity in this part of Copenhagen.
- K Bella Sky and Bellakvarter district**
The district Bellakvarter is both a residential and a business area situated next to the large congress venue Bella Center. Relax in Bella Urban Garden, check out the activity rooftop on Emma Gads Vej 11, and try the 16-meter-long slide on your way down! Find out more about this area in Copenhagen Architecture Guide
- L Ørestad City**
Ørestad is the largest urban development project in Copenhagen to this day. New residential areas are still rising in Ørestad City, where you can experience iconic and award-winning buildings by BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group - recreational urban spaces and corporate headquarters.
- M Byparken**
Byparken in Ørestad is a huge green area in the middle of Ørestad Syd. Here, many of the buildings are frontrunners for sustainable construction, recycling and upcycling. An Ørestad classic is the award-winning 8 House, but recently more buildings of interest have been constructed; the Resource Rows, the circular Kalvebod Fælled School and the UN17 Village (to open in 2023) just to mention a few. Let the Copenhagen Architecture Guide take you around the neighbourhood.
- N Ørestad Syd**
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- O Nature Park Amager**
Nature Park Amager is right before your eyes. If you have time, you can bike across the Amager savanna, enjoy a beautiful sunset, or simply relax under the birch trees. You can even camp out under the stars or in bookable shelters. Experience wildlife close to the city yet with the feeling of being far away from the hustle and the bustle.
- P Nokken and Havnevejen**
Havnevejen is an exclusive residential area with a small beach, Strandvejen. Next to Havnevejen is Nokken; allotment gardens with creatively self-built houses with artistic flair. Have fun exploring the area.
- Q Bryggebroen**
Bryggebroen is Copenhagen's first bicycle bridge. Before you continue straight along the bike path, go to www.knowyourbro.dk and learn more about Bryggebroen and the Islands Brygge neighbourhood.
- R Nature Park Amager and Ballonparken**
At the entrance to Amager Nature Park, you find Ballonparken - a small housing community with red wooden houses dating back to 1872. Right next to it, you find a historic air balloon hangar (no public access) functioning as a riding hall for the local riding school today. Find more information on the interesting story behind this unique area of Copenhagen on Know Your 'Bro.

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www.knowyourbro.dk

Copenhagen Architecture Guide
Danish Architecture Center's (DAC) free app puts the city's best contemporary design in your hand. Click on the map in the app and see all the highlights near you. Or put the app on "explore mode" and receive notifications when you pass interesting architecture in the city. Copenhagen Architecture Guide is an essential tool for exploring world-class architecture in Copenhagen.

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Amager On 2 Wheels

Explore Copenhagen by bike



How to bike in Copenhagen

With more than **386 km** of bike lanes to explore, Copenhagen is best experienced on two wheels. Make sure to read the following tips before exploring.

- 1.** Always keep right - except when passing - and don't bike on pavements and pedestrian crossings


- 2.** Raise your hand to signal a stop. Signal right or left before turning.


- 3.** When turning left in a traffic light, bike through the intersection - stop - then wait for green light before you cross to the left.


- 4.** Walk your bike across pedestrian squares and crossings


- 5.** Any use of handheld mobile phones while biking is prohibited.



Urban Nature

Great nature in Nature Park Amager awaits you, and it is just a 15-minute ride from Copenhagen city centre. Getting here by bike is easy, but the metro will also take you and your bike right to the doorstep. The area is a very popular preserved wide-ranging nature park.

The area is in a league of its own - located close to the futuristic neighbourhood Ørestad. Wild birdlife (more than 300 species - many of them are migratory birds), deer, horses, sheep and cows live here. You can bring your sleeping bag and spend the night under the stars. Nature Park Amager has bookable shelters and campsites where you can sleep for free.

- A Gemini Residence to Byskoven (City Forest)**
Follow the bike route "Havneringen" from Bryggebroen, riding through the residential area Havnestaden and passing through Nøkken - an allotment society with creative and colourful houses. Ride underneath Sjællandsbroen and the railway bridge and continue approximately 4 kilometres with the water on your right-hand side until you reach Byskoven.
- B Byskoven**
In 2017, 25,000 trees were planted here to form a new forest in Copenhagen, Byskoven.

While the trees are still small, the area is a field of blooming flowers during summer. You are welcome to pick flowers here and go for a swim from the floating jetty at the new bathing zone.

From Byskoven, follow the bike path across the highway into the birch forest and continue into Nature Park Amager across the vast Kalvebod Fælled until you reach the nature playground, Himmelhøj.
- C Himmelhøj**
The nature playground Himmelhøj "sails" out at Amager Nature Center in the shape of a 60 meter-long longship, Amagerarken. Also, don't miss a visit to the Insect Forest next to Himmelhøj.
- D Nature Center Amager**
Nature Center Amager is the perfect starting point when exploring Amager Nature Park. Stop here for some great tips on how to enjoy the beautiful nature. Relax at the picnic tables or by the bonfire. It is possible to rent bikes here.

Kløverstierne, the network of walking and biking trails that guide you around Amager Nature Park, all start here.

From Vestamager Station you can get the metro back to Copenhagen city centre or simply follow the bike paths back.



- Re** Regional trains
- M** Metro
- T** Toilets
- P** Playground
- D** Drinking fountain
- S** Swimming zone
- U** Urban Garden
- F** Fishing
- Sh** Shelter
- C** Campfire site

Nature Park Amager
Visit Nature Park Amager's website for practical information about nature trails, activities, flora and fauna in the nature park.

Bring your bike on public transport
You can bring your bike on trains, metro and harbour buses. You are required to buy a ticket for your bike when you bring it on public transport. It is free to bring a bike with you on S-trains and harbour buses. Please note that certain restrictions apply during rush hour.

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