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The Birds' Fjord 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, 27 km The Birds' Fjord

This route takes you through typical West Jutland landscapes to a very special and impressive nature reserve: Vest Stadil Fjord. This is the birds' fjord, and you will soon see them in the sky and hear an increasingly insistent cheeping. Bring binoculars or just sit down on a warm and sunny walkway and listen to the sounds of nature.

### Where the route takes you...

Start the route at any point, but this guide starts at Feriehusudlejning I/S Vedersø Klit (holiday home rental). The wind is mostly southwesterly which means that heading south is best.

Cycle past Vedersø Klit Camping **[1]**. Stop for provisions at the grocery shop. Cross the main road – be patient as the road is very busy during peak periods. Ignore the cycle path sign at Hugvej. You will be returning along this route. Continue straight on past Vedersø Ridecenter **[2]** where you can replace your iron horse with a real horse. Slightly further on along Vesterhavsvej lies Vedersø Præstegård **[3]** (Vedersø Rectory), which houses a small, but exciting exhibition. The garden is unique in the otherwise rugged West Jutland landscape. The exhibition building offers ice cream and soft drinks as well as toilet facilities. The route from Vedersø is flat along large fields with loud lark song. Note the sign to Willer Keramik – gallery, pottery and café. The grocery shop in Stadil is the last shopping pit stop for the next many kilometres.

When you hit Vestkyststruten (West Coast Route), the route continues north with Vest Stadil Fjord on your left. Vestkyststruten - National Route 1 - is part of the North Sea Cycle and EuroVelo Routes. This is a route used by many



**Roads:** gravel roads, nature trails and paved roads with only light traffic. The landscape is flat. Cycling time at 12 km/h (adults) approx. 2 hours.

long-distance cyclists. Vest Stadil Fjord is now a wetlands reserve that was recreated in the 1990s after many decades of dewatering and cultivation. Every spring and autumn, the area is an important stopover for thousands of migrating birds. The cycle path runs partially along the top of the dyke. In the sunshine, the small lakes and bogs become sparkling blue as they reflect the sky and you are viewing them from above. Take a moment to get off your bicycle here. Sit still and you will suddenly discover many more different birds.

Noticeboards can be found at Skelmosevej **[4]** with information about bird life in the area and a walkway to a bird hide in the reed beds. Do yourself a favour and cycle out to the hunting lodge **[5]**. It includes toilets, posters etc. as well as hunting photos and stories. A bird tower **[6]** can be found on the other side of the road. The path goes inside a windbreak – a secret experience in an otherwise very open landscape.

The route continues into Vesterhavsvej, and Vedersø Dune is now just a few kilometres to the west. If you have enough energy left, keep going past Feriehusudlejning Vedersø Klit to the end of the road. The North Sea awaits.



Photo: Municipality of Ringkøbing-Skjern



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### Places to eat and grocery shopping

Vedersø Klit Camping, Øhusevej 23, Vedersø Klit  
Stådil Købmandsgaard, Skelmosevej 89, Stådil

### Gallery and crafts

Willer Keramik, Opstrupvej 1, Stådil

### Bicycle hire

Feriehusudlejning Vedersø Klit, Havvej 6-10, Vedersø Klit  
Klitferie, Havvej 4, Vedersø Klit

### Accommodation

Vedersø Klit Camping, Øhusevej 23, Vedersø Klit  
Vedersø Klit B & B, Bankvej 6, Vedersø Klit, 6990 Ulfborg  
B & B, Bækbyvej 126, Vester Husby, 6990 Ulfborg  
B & B, Hugvej 5, Vedersø, 6990 Ulfborg

- Tourist office
- Church
- Toilets
- Camp site
- Picnic area

