

# BEACHES OF MØN

## SCENERIES OF EXPERIENCE



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### Project "Clean beaches on Møn"

The beaches of Møn are to an increasing extent struck by washed-up seaweed and eelgrass. During hot summers these plants may pile up by the water's edge and putrefy - which is a great nuisance to the bathers. The holidaymakers of Møn expect clean and inviting beaches. Some years ago we cleaned the beaches only in exceptional cases, whereas from now on we shall have to do more systematically. Therefore, The Tourist Agency of Møn has entered into cooperation with a number of partners from three countries concerning a project supported by the EU Life Environment Programme, which deals with the cleaning of beaches and the recycling of collected material.

### The cultural history of the seaweed

The collection and utilization of seaweed and eelgrass is far from a new phenomenon on Møn. From 1917 to 1959 the company called "Kalvehave Tangkompagni" collected seaweed and eelgrass at the coasts of Møn and Southern Zealand. The seaweed was gathered, dried and pressed into bales. When the export of seaweed was at its peak, 500 tons were gathered annually. It was mainly used for insulation and as stuffing for mattresses and it was shipped to many countries in Europe. The seaweed has many qualities: it is insulating against heat and cold it is sound absorbing and hard to burn and decompose.

### Beach-cleaning and recycling

Within the frames of the LIFE Project it is the task on Møn to develop methods for a environmentally-friendly beachcleaning, drying, and possibly recycling close to the place of collection. The gathered material is screened. Plastic waste, wood and other waste are separated. Then the best eelgrass is dried on the salt meadows and transported for processing at Dansk Naturisolering in Saksøbing where it ends up as insulation material. Seaweed of inferior quality is used in composting tests and for rebuilding the traditional seaweed dikes. Other uses including containment booms for oil spill cleaning out or for coast protection are tried out, too. Seaweed is also used in a creative way - for production of paper, which you may try out during the summer at the Museumsgården, Skullebjergvej 15, Keldbylille, Stege. Here you may also get more information about the history of seaweed on Møn and in southern Zealand.



Paper workshop at the Museumsgården.

### The beach policy of Møn

The "Praktisk Service" (= practical service unit) of Møn Municipality, who learned how to handle the cleaning-out of beaches after the oil spill accident of Møn in 2001, is in charge of the cleaning-out. Within the frames of the project the organization has had the opportunity to purchase machines and try out methods for systematic and regular cleaning. Environmentally correct cleaning of beaches will in future play an important role in the sustainable beach policy, backed by the

Municipality of Møn, The Danish Society for the Conservation of Nature, and the Tourist Association of Møn since 1997. This beach policy will ensure eventful swims and outstanding experience of nature.

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## BEACHES ON MØN

### 1. ULVSHALE

Lovely sandy beach with Blue Flag; double-checked water quality, handicap-friendly, toilet, shopping and safety facilities. Information board, blue flag activities, guided walks. Camping site directly to the beach.



### 2. KLINTHOLM HAVN

Lovely sand beach on both sides of the fishing port. Many facilities, the marina, good eating, shopping and accommodation possibilities.



### 3. RÅBYLILLE STRAND

Nature beach with many groyne. There may be pebbles and seaweed between the groyne, but you always do find some good bathing spots.



### 4. RYTZEBÆK STRAND

Good parking ground directly at the beach access; no further facilities. Nature beach with sand and a few boulders in the water. Very suitable for walks to Hvide Klint and Fanefjord wood.



### 5. HÅRBØLLE STRAND

Excellent beach with dunes and sand. Public parking with a path leading down to the beach. The camping site next to the beach. Hårbølle port with kiosk and toilet facilities.



### 6. SKÅNINGE JETTY ON BOGØ

Bathing jetty in a cosy port environment with yachts. A peaceful place and a good excursion spot during a biking tour on Møn.



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1 Ulvshale Beach



Blue Flag



Coast fishing at Møns Klint



Kalvehave Port



6 Bathing jetty at Skåninge Bro



Skåninge Bro

Bogø by



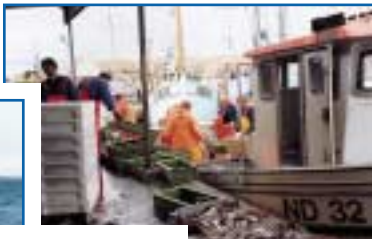
5 Hårbølle Port.



Paradise of Windsurfers



4 Hvide Klint



Klintholm Port 2



3 Råbylille Strand



Seaweed dike at the Stoneage project in Stege.



LIFE project on Møn - environment-friendly beach cleaning.

**THE COASTS AND BEACHES OF MØN**

The isle of Møn is known for its many coast sceneries (140 km of coastal line in total) and especially for its shores, of which many are magnificent bathing beaches. Most coastal lines were created during the Glacial Age, which also created the impressive Møns Klint. Therefore our beaches are rich in fossils and boulders, just as you may find amber - the gold of the Nordic countries - as well. Worshippers of nature will discover quiet, beautiful beaches, rich bird sanctuaries and magnificent views. Anglers have their own coastal places where they may find sea trout, garfish and salmon. Windsurfers operate in Stege Bugt and at Ulvshale. Families with children take great pleasure in our shallow coasts and excellent facilities offered by our beaches.

**Møn has many enchanting bathing beaches**

On Møn we aim at preserving our beaches and their diversity of flora and fauna and at the same time meeting the needs of our guests for clean and beautiful beaches. Therefore we have pointed out beaches with good facilities, which are handicap-friendly and suitable for families with children. On these beaches a professional and environment-friendly beach cleaning of both man-made waste and accumulation of seaweed is carried out. We recommend:

**1. Ulvshale** with a Blue Flag beach. The water quality is double-checked. The safety equipment is up to date; there is handicap-friendly access to the beach as well as toilet and shopping facilities. Apart from that there are quite a few activities in connection with "blue flag", e.g. guided walks, workshops, water games etc. The activities and news items may be read on the information board at the beach. The coast at Ulvshale is shallow and therefore child-friendly.

**2. Klintholm Havn beach**, a lovely sand beach, situated on both sides of the beautiful fishing port. Many facilities: Marina, good eating, shopping and accommodation possibilities.

**3. Råbylille Strand** on the southern coast of Møn is a lovely summer cottage area with a nature beach and many groyne. There may be some pebbles and seaweed between the groyne. You do find some good bathing spots during a walk along the beach, however. It is possible to walk along the beach the whole way to Klintholm Havn.

**4. Rytzebæk Strand** on western Møn has a good parking ground directly at the beach access; no further facilities, however. Rytzebæk beach is a nature beach with a lot of sand and a few boulders in the water. The beach is very suitable for walks to the east to Hvide Klint and to the west to Fanefjord wood with its many tall, beautiful beech trees. A wonderful beach for nature lovers.

**5. Hårbølle Strand** is an excellent beach with dunes and sand. Bathing guests may use the public parking ground, from where a path leads down to the beach. Here you find a camping site next to the beach. Not far from here at the stone quarry there are good and angling opportunities, and Hårbølle port offers atmosphere, a kiosk and toilet facilities.

**6. Skåninge jetty on Bogø** is a bathing jetty in a cosy port environment with yachts. A peaceful place and a good excursion spot during a biking tour on Møn.

*There are many more beautiful coasts for nature lovers of all kinds as well as charming minor beaches at the end of culdesacs. Only, you have to track them down!*