

DET LUKKEDE LAND THE CLOSED LAND

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Den sydlige del af Lille Vildmose har siden 1907 været et indhegnet reservat. Selve Tofte Skov er en blandingsskov på fem hundrede hektar. Reservatet består af skoven og et endnu større areal med højmose. Mosearealet er på to tusinde hektar.

For os lokale børn var det et eldorado med adgang forbudt. Vi vidste, at derinde var den virkelige natur. Vildsvinene og krondyrene. En gang var der også rede med sort stork. Vi måtte kigge ind i det forjættede land gennem dyrehegnet, og jeg vil aldrig indrømme, at jeg i smug kravlede over hegnet.

Senere i livet har jeg haft mulighed for at stifte nærmere bekendtskab med dette fortsatte lukkede område af mosen. Jeg har været der som turist i en bus, og et par gange har

jeg haft mulighed for at køre rundt på skovvejene og ikke mindst vandre ude på det kæmpemæssige højmoseområde i reservatets nordlige del.

En dag i juli 2010 var jeg på en sådan vandring. Lad os bare kalde det en ekspedition. I skyggen af skovens træer fulgte vildsvinene interesseret med i vores færd. Jeg kalder dem skovens spøgelser. De evner at bevæge sig rundt, uden at de kan ses eller høres. Pludselig er de der bare, og lige så hurtigt er de forsvundet igen.

I skoven hilste vi på havørnen og på duehøgen. Ude på højmosen ved bredden af den store sø dukkede en flok krondyr op. Skovens konge lod sig se, inden den også forsvandt ind i skovtykningen.

The closed land

Since 1907 the southern part of the bog Lille Vildmose has been a fenced in preserved area. The forest, Tofte Skov, is a mixed forest of five hundred hectares. The reserve consists of the forest and an even larger area of raised bog. The bog area covers two thousand hectares.

As local kids, it was an eldorado with entry prohibited. We knew that, in there, the real nature existed. The wild boars and the red deer. Once, the forest also was the only place in Denmark with a nest for the black stork. We had to look into the closed land through the fence, and I will never admit, that I secretly climbed over the fence.

Later in life, I have had the opportunity to become acquainted with this still enclosed area of the bog. I have visited the place in a bus as a tourist, and a few times I have had

the opportunity to drive around on the forest roads - and not least - hike out on the huge, raised bog in the northern part of the preserved area.

One day in July 2010, I was on such a hike. Let us just call it an expedition. In the shade of the trees, the wild boars followed our journey with interest. I call them the ghosts of the forest. They can move around without being visible or heard. Suddenly, they appear, and just as quickly they are disappeared again.

In the forest we greeted the sea eagle and the goshawk. Out on the raised bog on the shore of the large lake, a herd of red deer appeared. The king of the forest allowed himself to be put in an appearance before again disappearing into the forest thicket.



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