

OLDTIDSMINDER THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS

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Oldtidsminder

De kan ses overalt i det danske landskab. Måske ikke som noget, vi lokalkendte bemærker i hverdagen, men de er der, og har karakteriseret vores land i umindelige tider. Jeg taler om gravhøjene.

Gravhøjene er med til at præge vore landskaber. De får os til at føle os hjemme. Danmark er et af de lande i verden, der har flest oldtidsminder ude i landskabet. Alene i min hjemegn i Østhimmerland er der registreret 2.600 rundhøje og langhøje ude i landskabet. Mange er i dag blevet sløjfet, men der er sjældent et bakkedrag i sognene, uden at det markeres af disse stolte minder om vores forfædre.

Oldtiden er den periode, der rækker helt tilbage til tiden, hvor de første mennesker indvandrede til Danmark for omkring 14.000

år siden og op til afslutningen af vikingetiden omkring år 1100 i vores tidsregning. Gravhøjene blev etableret i stenalderen og frem til bronzealderen.

Desværre er disse oldtidsminders fortælling ikke kendt af mange mennesker i dag. Det er synd – for det er en fantastisk fortælling. Kendskab til lokalområdets historie er et væsentligt element i sammenhold og fortsat udvikling af fællesskabet i lokalområdet.

Skolerne spiller en afgørende rolle i at formidle vores fælles historie, men det er også det enkelte menneskes ansvar: Tag dit barn i hånden og gå op på en af de mægtige gravhøje. Med udsyn til det landskab, som er i evig forandring, kan du fortælle barnet om vores forfædres liv tilbage i for længst svundne tider.

The ancient monuments

They can be seen everywhere in the Danish landscape. Maybe not as something we locals notice in everyday life, but there they stand and have characterized our country since time immemorial. I am talking about the grave mounds.

The grave mounds help to shape our landscapes. They make us feel at home. Denmark is one of the countries in the world with the most ancient monuments in the countryside. In my home region of East Himmerland alone, 2,600 round barrows and long barrows have been registered in the countryside. Many have today been demolished, but rarely do you find a range of hills in the parishes without being marked by these proud memories of our ancestors.

Prehistoric Denmark is the period that goes all the way back to the time when the first people immigrated to Denmark about 14,000

years ago and up to the end of the Viking Age around the year A.D. 1100. The grave mounds were established in the Stone Age and up to the Bronze Age.

Unfortunately, today, the narrative of these ancient monuments is not known to many people. That is a shame – because it is a fantastic story. The knowledge of the local history is an essential element in the local area to create solidarity and continued development of the community.

The schools play a crucial role to pass on the knowledge of our common history, but it is also the responsibility of the individual: take your child by the hand and walk up to one of the mighty grave mounds. With a view of the ever-changing landscape, you can tell your child about the lives of our ancestors from long gone times.



Østhimmerland, august 2005

East Himmerland, August 2005



Østhimmerland, april 2021

East Himmerland, April 2021



Østhimmerland, maj 2004

East Himmerland, May 2004



Østhimmerland, juli 2022

East Himmerland, July 2022



Østhimmerland, juli 2010

East Himmerland, July 2010



Østhimmerland, august 2005

East Himmerland, August 2005



Østhimmerland, juli 2011

East Himmerland, July 2011



Østhimmerland, juli 2012

East Himmerland, July 2012



Østhimmerland, december 2014

East Himmerland, December 2014



Østhimmerland, december 2014

East Himmerland, December 2014



Østhimmerland, juli 2015

East Himmerland, July 2015



Østhimmerland, juli 2017

East Himmerland, July 2017



Østhimmerland, august 2021

East Himmerland, August 2021



Østhimmerland, september 2019

East Himmerland, September 2019



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Østhimmerland, august 2020

East Himmerland, August 2020



Østhimmerland, juli 2007

East Himmerland, July 2007



Østhimmerland, august 2008

East Himmerland, August 2008



Østhimmerland, december 2020

East Himmerland, December 2020

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