

DEN DANSKE LANDEVEJ THE DANISH COUNTRY ROAD

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I de gode gamle dage... Hvordan var oplevelsen af at lade sig transportere rundt på den danske landevej i 1800-tallet? Et godt indblik får man, hvis vi kigger nøjere på vores kulturarv i form af malerier fra den tid.

Måske lidt for romantiske billeder. Solen skinnede tilsyneladende næsten altid. Der var måske mange flere uden for husene ved landevejen dengang? Små, trange og måske fugtige huse gjorde det mere attraktivt at tage en passiar med naboen uden for ved landevejen? I dag sidder vores generation af mennesker ofte inden for i veltempererede huse foran fjernsynet eller computeren.

Dengang i 1800-tallet var selv større landeveje kun befæstet med grus, og de snoede sig igennem landskabet. I dag er vejene asfalterede, og de er rettet op, så lange strækninger forekommer lige så langt øjet rækker. I dag er vejene også blevet bredere end førhen.

Dengang var vejene ofte i dårlig stand. De vigtigste veje forbandt landsbyer, markeder

og herregårde, og transporten foregik typisk med vogne trukket af heste eller okser eller også vandrere til fods. Der var mange ophold undervejs, hvor dyrene skulle vandes, og måske skulle de rejsende også have en tår til ganen på en landevejskro.

I dag sidder vi typisk i hver vores lille kasse af en bil. Isoleret, travl, målrettet og ser måske slet ikke landskabet, vi farer forbi. Vi hilser måske med en håndbevægelse til medtrafikanten, der viger, så vi kan komme hurtigt frem, ellers træffer vi sjældent fremmede undervejs. Måske lytter vi til radioen, der i en evig strøm hælder musik og ligegyldigt snak ud til vores ører. Vi hører ikke lærkerne på markene langs landevejene.

Ugens billeder er dels billeder af landeveje i Himmerland i år 2024, dels kendte malerier fra 1800-tallet med samme tema. Sidstnævnte er hentet fra Statens Museum for Kunsts webside.

The Danish country road

In the good old days... What was the experience of being transported along the Danish country roads in the 19th century? You get a good insight if you take a closer look at our cultural heritage in the form of paintings from that time.

Perhaps the images are a bit too romantic. The sun apparently almost always shone. Were there back then may be many more people outside their houses by the country roads? Small, cramped, and perhaps damp houses made it more attractive to chat with the neighbour outside by the road? Today, our generation often sits indoors in well-heated houses in front of the TV or the computer.

Back in the 19th century, even major country roads were only consolidated with gravel, and they twined their way through the landscape. Today, the roads are asphalted, and they have been straightened out so that long stretches appear straight as far as the eye can see. Today's roads are also wider than they were before.

Back then, the roads were often in poor condition. The most important roads connected villages, markets, and manor houses, and transportation typically took place with carriages pulled by horses or oxen or walking on foot. There were many stops along the way to water the animals, and maybe the travellers also would have a drink at a roadside inn.

Today, we typically sit in our own little box of a car. Isolated, busy, focused, and perhaps we do not even see the landscape we rush past. We might wave at a fellow driver who turn aside so we quickly can move ahead, but otherwise, we rarely encounter strangers along the way. Maybe we listen to the radio, which endlessly pours out music and meaningless chatter into our ears. We do not hear the larks in the fields along the country roads.

These images of the week include both pictures of country roads in Himmerland in the year 2024 and well-known paintings from the 19th century with the country roads as the theme. The latter are sourced from the website of the National Gallery of Denmark.



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P. C. Skovgaard, 1849



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L.A. Ring, 1898



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Otto Bache, 1878



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Johan Thomas Lundbye, 1844



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