

## 1. Hovborg Kro

The old cattle road with the large herd of bullocks being driven to Holstein/Hamburg formed the basis for Hovborg Kro. There was a ford for crossing the River Holme, making it an ideal place for cattle drovers to take a break for the night and have a meal.

It is said that there was space for up to 30 drovers and up to 1,000 bullocks on the inn grounds. The inn's origins date back to before 1750, and the current thatched farmhouse was built in 1790. Today the inn is used as a restaurant, hotel and conference centre.



## 2. Hovborg Church

Hovborg Church was built in 1895 in red brick and decorated with limestone columns. Its floor plan is shaped like a Greek (symmetrically armed) cross with an apse in the east. The corners between the four arms of the cross feature four quarter-round buildings, three of which have an exit.



The altarpiece dates from 1895 and is by Olga Schmidt, inspired by Carl Bloch's painting of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The baptismal font dates from 1984, and is carved out of red granite and shaped like a cubic column.

## 3. Hovborg Plantage (Hovborg Plantation)

Johan Christoffer Steinmeier, who was the owner of Hovborg Kro from 1835, was a very enterprising man who could see the business sense in planting trees and plantations. In 1866, he started up the limited company Hovborg Plantage. Shares could be bought for 25 rix-dollars, which was a lot of money for ordinary people.



The plantation was founded in the same year as the Danish Heath Society and is therefore listed as plantation no. 1 in the Danish Heath Society's protocol. The memorial stones were erected in honour of the many people who worked hard for the plantation.

## 6. The stretch from Hovborg to Okslund

Today this area is used as farmland, but 200 years ago it was a heath with strong winds and sand drifts. During the 1800s, cultivation of the heath was initiated thanks to hard working farmers and forward-thinking people like E.M. Dalgas.



Three ideas were put into action:

- 1) A strong and deep plough was used to break the heath's hard earthy layers.
- 2) The sandy and acidic soil was improved by marling.
- 3) Windbreaks of white spruce were planted in a north-south direction to help reduce the strong winds and sand drifts. Many of the conifer tree hedges have now been replaced by multiple rows of hardwood fences.

## 7. Holmeådalens Grønne Aktivitetspark (Activity Park)

A short detour along an asphalt, handicap-friendly path will lead you to an activity area where you can enjoy the following activities: Play area, football pitches, croquet courts and scout area.

The hut was built in collaboration with the school's twin town in Burkina Faso and is inspired by huts in Burkina Faso. You are welcome to use the area and facilities.



## 4. Høllund Søgård – Dalgas statue

E.M. Dalgas (1828-1894) is portrayed here in Anders Bundgaard's granite sculpture. He played a major role in the cultivation of the heath during the second half of the 1800s. The whole region was basically covered by heath, only interrupted by river valleys with surrounding green meadows.

In 1866, he was co-founder of the Danish Heath Society and in 1877 he bought the moorland farm Lundgård (later Høllund Søgård) with the intention of creating a plantation.

Holger Petersen (Baldersbæk) was a good friend of Dalgas. He provided the capital for Søgården's construction in 1907. It is now privately owned. Holger Petersen was also responsible for the erection of the Dalgas statue in 1916 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Danish Heath Society.

Leave your bike by the asphalt road and follow the small path to the statue.



## 5. Holme Å (The Holme River)

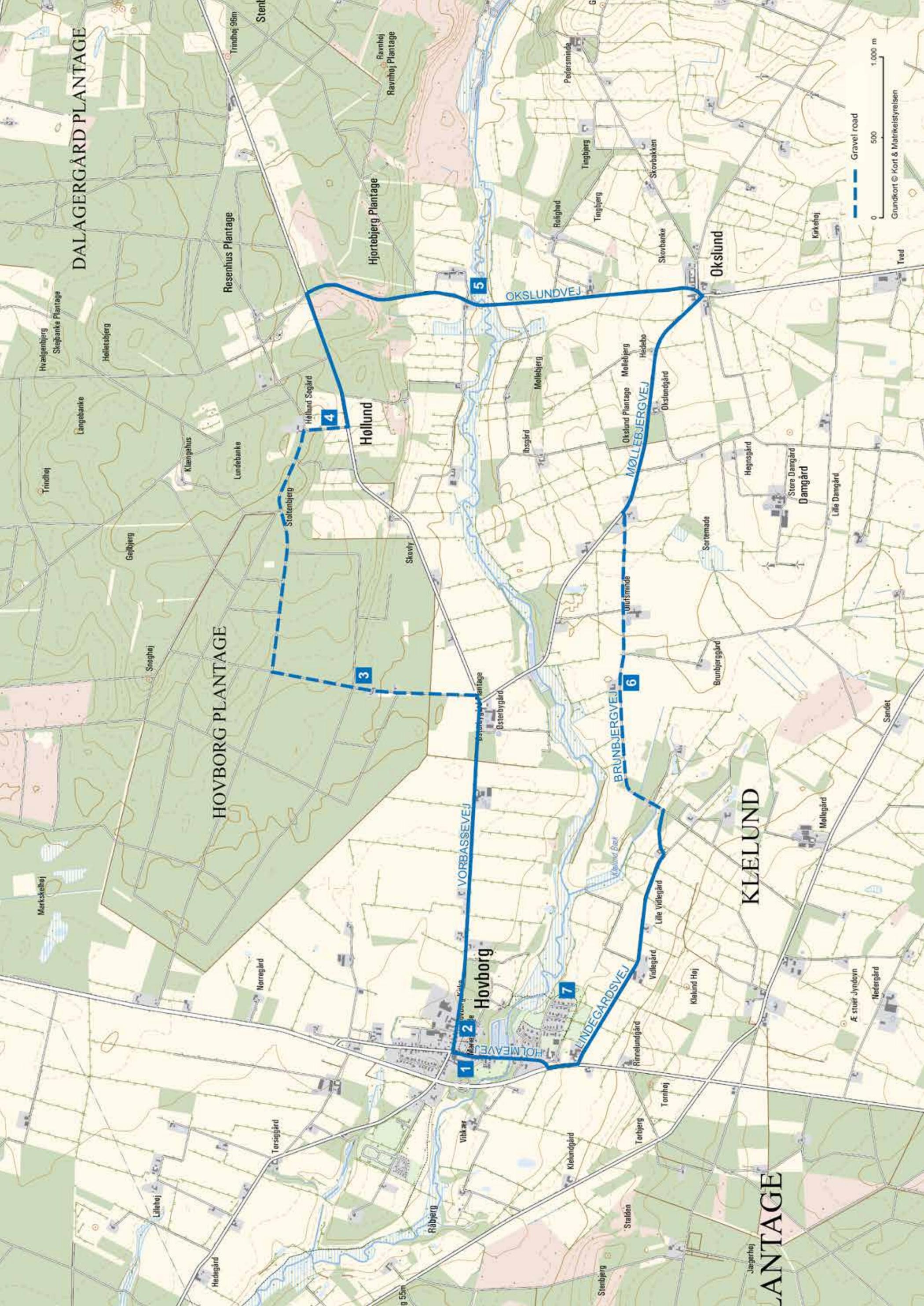
The River Holme meanders its way through a varied landscape of cliffs, grassy meadows, moorland hills and plantations. If you park your bike and go for a walk, you can follow three landscaped and marked footpaths, or choose to explore a section of the well-signed, long hiking trail that goes cross country from Vejle to Blåvand.



# Bike Route no. 12

# Hovborg (east)

Length 15 km.



DALAGERGÅRD PLANTAGE

HOVBORG PLANTAGE

Hollund

Hovborg

KLELUND

PLANTAGE

Resenhus Plantage

Hjørtbjerg Plantage

OKSLUNDVEJ

MOLLEBJERGVEJ

BRUNBJERGVEJ

LINDEGARDSVEJ

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Høllersbjerg

Gøjbjerg

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Heudegård

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