

Danish forests:

Danes like to be in nature and are especially fond of the forest. A lot of people use the forests – they go for a quiet walk and exercise in the forest. Most people enjoy the peace and quiet of a forest.

If you walk quietly in the forest, there is a good chance that you will see different animals such as deer, squirrels and foxes. Several different types of water birds, frogs and fish live in the lakes near the Avnstrup Center.

Forestry and hunting in Denmark is almost always done in a sustainable way. When a tree is felled, the owner of the forest is responsible for planting a new tree. Hunting is planned so as to ensure that the population of different animal species in the forest is never at risk of becoming endangered. Even when a hunt is on, you are allowed to be in the woods. Hunters know that they must be careful and look out for other users of the forests.

Luckily we rarely experience natural disasters in Denmark. We do not experience many wildfires either, however you should always be careful when smoking or using matches or any other type of fire in the forest. There are several designated sites where you may light a fire or barbeque and cook food. You are not allowed to light a fire anywhere else. You are allowed to collect dead twigs and small branches in the forest for your fire.

There are no virgin forests in Denmark. There are roads and pathways everywhere so it is easy to find your way.

There are hardly any dangerous animals in Denmark. There is really only one poisonous snake, the adder. It is not lethal and is very rare in this part of Denmark.

So you can safely venture out into the Danish forests, there is nothing to be afraid of.

Rules for the state forests:

Time:

Everyone can use the state forests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

On foot:

You may walk and run in almost all parts of state forests. It is not necessary to stay on the roads and paths, however you are not allowed to open gates and/or enter areas that are fenced off.

On bike:

You may cycle on the roads, paths and the designated bike path. You may not cycle outside of these areas, down slopes, on banks or barrows. The designated bike path is only suitable for mountainbikes.

By car:

Only people who live or work in the forest are allowed to drive a car, motorcycle, scooter or moped in the forest.

Fishing:

In Denmark the owner of a specific piece of land is the only person who is entitled to fish here. However, everyone is allowed to fish in the two lakes near the Center. You must have a fishing license if you want to fish. The staff at the Center can help you buy a license.

Hunting:

Only the owner of a specific piece of land is allowed to hunt here.

Garbage:

You are not allowed to litter in the forest. You should either take home your garbage, for example leftover food, bottles and wrappers or make sure that you dump it in a garbage bin.

Info:

For more information, please see our other leaflets about the forests around Avnstrup.

www.skovognatur.dk or www.friluftskortet.dk

If you are new to Denmark

Welcome to the forests near Avnstrupcenteret

The forests surrounding the Avnstrup Center are owned by the state – that is the Danish Forest and Nature Agency. This means that you are very welcome to use the forests as much as you like, as long as you keep our rules.

You can relax and enjoy the peace and quiet as well as the fresh air in the forests. You can be closer to nature, hear the birds sing and see the many colours of the forest.

You can also exercise in the forest. You can for example go for a walk, jog, fish, bicycle and mountainbike.

There is also a privately owned forest near Avnstrup. There are different rules for private forests, but everyone is allowed to use the area. The most important thing to remember when you are in a private forest is that you are only allowed to be there in the daytime and you must always stay on the pathways. You can see which areas are private on the map (see other side).

