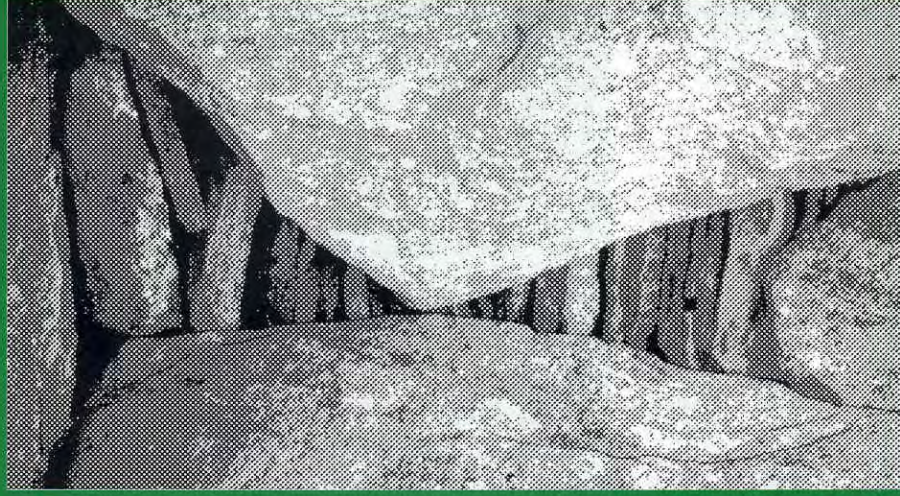


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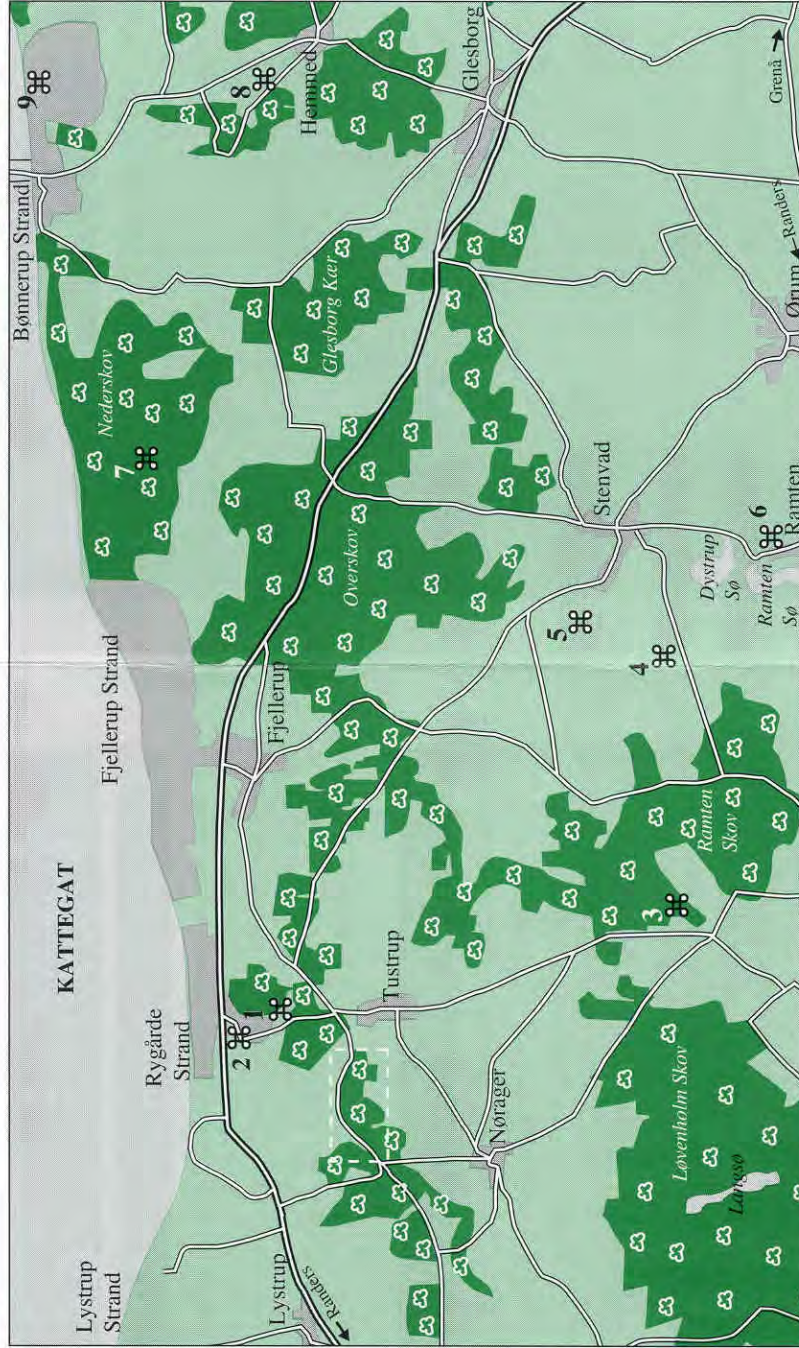
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FURTHER ANCIENT MONUMENTS OF INTEREST ON NORTHERN DJURSLAND

- 1 **THE SKOVGÅRDE PROTECTION:** Beautiful nature reserve with barrows from the bronze age, 1800-500 B.C.
- 2 **THE SKOVGÅRDE FORTIFICATION:** Medieval fortification with moat and castle mounds with remains of foundations.
- 3 **FUGLSØGÅRD:** Idyllic long and round dolmens from late stone age in the woods near Fuglsøgårdvej.
- 4 **HOVLINEN:** Well-preserved long dolmen with two chambers along Hovlinen between Stenvad and Rammen Forest.
- 5 **"THE 50 KR.-DOLMEN":** Well-preserved and beautifully situated long dolmen, which was used to be the motive on the former Danish 50 kr. note.
- 6 **HULDREMOSE NEAR RAMTEN:** Site of the bog corpse of the "Huldremosewoman" from the iron age. The woman was dressed in some of the best-preserved garments we know of from the iron age.
- 7 **MEILGÅRD:** Kitchen midden with settlement layers from a big coastal settlement from the early stone age "Ertebølle culture", about 4.000 B.C., in Meilgård Nederskov.
- 8 **EGEHØJ:** Excavated and restored barrow with stone circles from the bronze age about 1.200 B.C.
- 9 **BØNNERUP STRAND:** Bronze age barrows.

A BURIAL SITE FROM THE LATE STONE AGE



The burial site on the tableland along the Hævring stream was established by the first Danish peasants, the so-called **Beaker culture**, some 5,200 years ago. Northern Djursland at that time was a big island, - to the south and southwest was Kolindsund, which has since been drained. The Beaker culture cleared the forest using flint axes, and commemorating the deceased it built some of the most impressive megalithic tombs known to us from prehistoric Denmark.

Around a temple-like **worship house**, **2 round dolmens** and the biggest **passage grave** in Eastern Jutland, made of stones each weighing several tons, were erected with great precision. Moreover, the passage grave was equipped with a small side-chamber. In the worship house and at the entrance to the graves, food- and drink offerings for the deceased and for the gods were placed inside the most beautiful ceramics known to us from prehistoric times.

The dolmens and the passage grave were preserved already in 1887, but when the area around the graves was being ploughed in 1953, the owner struck huge stones. This was to become the start of the excavation of the then totally unknown worship house and later on of the dolmens and the passage grave. The artefacts can be witnessed in the exhibition at The Prehistoric Museum, Moesgaard, Aarhus, which was in charge of the excavation. Furthermore, a complete reconstruction of the worship house has been erected near the museum.

At Tustrup, once the excavation was finished, the graves and the worship house were rebuilt with the original stones and the area preserved. Since then, as part of the restoration work carried out by The National Forest and Nature Agency in 1994, a few of the passage grave footstones, the dolmen cap-stone and the dry-stone wall between its barrow stones have been added.

Traffic

Access

The burial site and the surrounding area, which is owned by the Municipality of Rougsø, is accessible to the public on foot by the paths from the parking grounds. It is placed under the public's protection. Please look after it. Access is at one's own risk and peril and with reference to the regulations of the Nature Conservation Act.

Remember

- * Dogs should be kept on a leash.
- * Show consideration for grazing livestock.
- * Observe barriers and fences - always close gates.
- * Do not throw litter in the nature.
- * Digging in the area is strictly forbidden.
- * Camping in the campsite only.
- * Protect the ancient monument from becoming worn.
- * Follow paths and other instructions.
- * Use of open fire outside the campsite fireplace is forbidden.
- * Drinking water and toilet at the central parking ground.
- * Take a torch along to the passage grave.

Care and monitoring

The keeping of the nature and the maintenance and the restoration of the ancient monuments are conducted in a cooperation between The Århus County, the Municipality of Rougsø and the National Forest and Nature Agency. Do you have any questions or do you observe damage please feel welcome to contact the County.



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