

# Handbook for Guests and Tourists in Odsherred



This handbook is a guide for our guests and visitors during their stay in our beautiful region of Odsherred.

We hope that you will read it carefully and follow our recommendations so that the environment of Odsherred will continue to be protected and maintained for the benefit of us all, and for the enjoyment of future guests.

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## Advice for vehicle users in the summer house areas

Danish road traffic rules and regulations apply on public asphalt roads. However, in summer house areas roads are normally privately owned gravel roads. Traffic on these roads must show consideration for all guests and keep to no more than a maximum speed of 20-30 km per hour. In the holiday season, children play in the road and may suddenly pop up in front of a car, so take care! It is not allowed to park on these narrow roads as there must be room for large refuse collection carts and emergency services vehicles to pass.

Cyclists are not allowed to ride in the dunes and sand hills as this destroys the scarce vegetation and that will lead to erosion of the dunes.



## Show respect for invisible boundaries

You rarely see fences around summerhouse properties and it is therefore easy to get from one plot to another. BUT it does not mean that anyone, neither people nor animals, are allowed to enter other people's plots and walk around as they please.



## Dog walking

Dogs must be held on a lead during the period 1 April to 1 November. This also applies to dogs on beaches. It is bad for wildlife if dogs are allowed to roam freely. If there are no fences around your house, please keep your dog fastened near the house. If kept on a long lead, it can run around freely and lie down in both sun and shade.

When taking your dog for a walk including on the beach, remember to take a doggy bag. The bag should be disposed of sensibly.

## Horse riding

There is ample opportunity to rent a horse, but it is important to ask where in the local area you are allowed to ride. You must obey NO RIDING signs. Under no circumstances may riding take place on the beach, beach areas, dunes and sand hills. However, during the period 1 September to 31 May you may ride on the non-vegetated shoreline if passage is allowed.







## Boating and sailing

Odsherred is surrounded by sea and thus many house owners own boats and perhaps water skis which are at the disposal of their guests. Foreign guests sometimes bring their own water scooters.

The official rules for boating and sailing are normally displayed on the various beaches. Para 17 item 4 of the Holbæk Police District regulations concern boating and sailing in the Sejerø Bay, Kattegat and Isefjord including the adjacent bays and fjords.

Within 200 metres of the shoreline you are not allowed to drive a motor boat at such a speed that it “planes” on the water, meaning that the hull of the boat is lifted above the surface of the water.

When driving a motor boat within 200 metres of the shore, care must be taken to ensure that swimmers are not exposed to danger or injury and engine noise is kept to a minimum. Sailing in this area shall preferably take place at right angles to the coast line.

All motor boat drivers must be capable of driving in a safe manner.

Motorised board sailing must not take place within 200 metres of the shore and only on beaches that are designated by the Local Authority.

Within 200 metres of the shoreline, motorised boats shall navigate at right angles to the shoreline to minimise conflict with swimmers and other craft.

## Swimming is wonderful on a warm summer day – but the sea also hides dangers



If you go swimming it is important that you are aware of these dangers.

There may be “holes” in the seabed formed by the current and the current could pull the swimmer out to sea.

Take care – do not swim too far out as a strong current may pull you further out such that you do not have the strength to swim back again. Therefore, only swim along the coastline and not out towards the open sea. Never go swimming in very rough weather, never swim alone and be sure that an adult supervises children.

Do not take inflatable bathing animals into the sea as they are often pulled out by the current and tempt swimmers to go out too far to retrieve them.

Never go swimming if you are intoxicated.

You are allowed to swim in the nude but please do not affront the decency of other swimmers.

On stony beaches it is recommended that you use swimming shoes. On other beaches you may find the “fjæsing”, a fish that stings. If you are stung by one you must consult a doctor.



Be careful not to get too close to fishing nets – if you get a foot entangled you risk being drowned.



### **Cosy hours by an open fire**

When you light a wood fire in your house, use dry wood. Do not use wood from coniferous trees as the glowing embers will crackle and fly out.

When emptying ashes from the fireplace, be careful that these are not still glowing. Always use a metal bucket for storage and be absolutely certain that the ashes are completely cold when disposed of. Do not throw the ashes in dustbin bags or cardboard boxes and never use the vacuum cleaner for cleaning the hearth.

## Rules for bonfires

You are allowed to build a fire subject to certain rules:

During periods of drought there is a general ban from lighting a fire in the open air.

A fire must not be built at a distance less than:

- \* 30 metres - from all buildings with a hard roof.
- \* 60 metres - from inflammable field crops.
- \* 200 metres - from buildings with a thatched roof or other easily combustible material.
- \* 200 metres - from stacks and other outdoor piles of easily combustible material
- \* 200 metres - from coniferous trees, heather planted areas and other inflammable vegetation.

You are allowed to use barbeques. Disposable barbeques and grills used on the beach should **not** be lit on grassed areas. They must be completely extinguished and cooled before disposal and if used in the dunes, on no account should they be buried in the sand. If used at the summer house they must be placed on a stone or tile base.



## Use of fireworks



You are allowed to use fireworks during the period 1 December to 5 January. To use them outside of this period, police permission is required. The distance to easily combustible material/houses/heather/coniferous trees etc must be at least 100 metres.

Please note that some housing associations prohibit the use and firing of fireworks at all times.

These rules must, of course, be followed.

Between 1 March to 31 October, tobacco smoking is not allowed while on heather cultivated areas, overgrown dunes, overgrown forest floors, in conifer plantations, in recently planted deciduous and coniferous woods and in their immediate proximity (Law concerning the Protection of the Environment, Chapter 5 §26 subsection 2).



## Rubbish Disposal

Day-to-day household rubbish should be placed in the bins which are collected once a week during the summer period (approx. 20 June to 15 August). Rubbish **MUST** always first be put into plastic bags and sealed prior to placing in the bin. These bins should **NOT** be overloaded: if you produce more rubbish than can be held in the bin, additional approved rubbish bags can be obtained from the supermarket.



Clean empty bottles and jars without lids must be disposed of in bottle banks found in various places in the summer house area.

Newspapers, advertising papers and magazines must be left in paper containers which are also placed around the summer house area.



## Noisy behaviour

Noisy behaviour is not welcome in the summer house areas. Therefore, avoid bringing your transistor radio to the beach, into the garden, or playing it loudly with the house windows open.

Be considerate when holding evening and night parties – perhaps your neighbours want to sleep. Don't forget that noise travels far on a still summer evening.

If mowing your lawn, choose hours that do not bother other summer house guests and avoid the early morning, late evening and mealtimes.

