

Welcome to ANHOLT

Lying in the middle of the Kattegat, Anholt is Denmark's most isolated island community. It is so far from the mainland that residents cannot commute to work or to schools. Because of this, island life remains intact, with school, post office, doctor, priest, and so on. Anholt is one of the most peaceful places we still have in Denmark. The scenery is particularly beautiful, and buildings are for the most part harmoniously placed. The island's special quality is preserved by its careful management of tourism. Whether you go walking, or sun-bathe, or seek solitude or find company, a holiday on Anholt means nature and simplicity. Nothing will bother you here, whether you set out on an expedition from the harbour, go to a dance at the Village Hall, or visit one of the summer restaurants. A lot is very different on Anholt. This leaflet is supplied as a help and guide for the island's guests and to express the hope that visitors will show care for this special, fragile, and extraordinary place on the planet which we all share.

Yours sincerely,

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Summer lettings ✓ +45 86 31 91 33

Where to Eat

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Finn's Fisk Café +45 86 31 92 54
Molevitten Restaurant +45 86 31 93 08
Tanternes Hus Restaurant
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Shopping

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www.anholtpil.dk ✓ +45 23 45 66 41

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Tourism

Anholt is visited by about 60,000 people each year. During the summer months, the restaurants and the summer shops are open. The air and ferry services run daily. The summerhouses and roads are alive with people. The island attracts visitors who enjoy their own company and that of their friends. Our visitors enjoy what nature has to offer, namely clean water, calm, beauty, and fresh air.

MONEY

There is no bank on Anholt. With a credit card you can shop in Brugsen Supermarket but you cannot take out cash. By the post office you can exchange Euro/cash at current bank rates at a fee of DKK 30,-. At the tourist office you can take out cash with Visa, Master Card/Eurocard, Maestro, Visa Electron and JCB BUT, as stated earlier there is no bank on Anholt and the fee is equivalent to the costs, i.e. 6% of any transaction.

Everyday life

When the season tapers off, summer businesses naturally close down, but those marked »✓« on the list offer a restricted service all year. 161 people live permanently on Anholt. 7 are small children, 23 are of school age (including the biggest children who attend school on the mainland) and 131 adults, of whom 29 are pensioners. The job situation is such that the island's workers often have to hold several part time jobs to make ends meet. At present, the island is well supplied with craftsmen and services. There is more of a problem about the children. Their number is the lowest for many years. The creche, nursery, and primary school are all placed together opposite the Village Hall. All children come here up to 9th. grade at age 15/16. From then on, children go to the mainland for secondary school and Sixth Form, where they can meet more young people.

History notes

Anholt has been settled since the New Stone Age. Flint workings can still be found out on the »desert« called Ørkenen. During its sometimes dramatic history, Anholt's inhabitants have been harassed by Swedish pirates and by invaders, including the English (1809/14) and more recently the Germans (1940/45). Books on Anholt history (most, but not all, in Danish) may be borrowed from the library at the school (open Monday 16.00/18.00) or bought at

Anholt Local History Museum, whose address is Ageren 3, which is the old doctor's house, built in 1866.

Who owns Anholt?

The green parts of the island mainly belong to private owners, being local residents in the village and various summer-house owners scattered about. The harbour area now belongs to "Grenaa Harbour Company", who have replaced and enlarged the toilet block most used by yachtsmen and added more facilities. The Radar station belongs to the maritime authorities. Anholt Fyr (lighthouse) belongs to the Farvandsvæsenet (Lit. »Distant Waters Authority«). The house complex by the lighthouse is called Fyrgården and is private holiday property. The greater and protected part of the island is owned by the lawyer Jens Christian von der Maase, Copenhagen.

Ørkenen (The desert)

"Ørkenen" is the local name. The correct description of this large protected part of the island is "lav-hede" or lichen heath. Ørkenen is the largest such heath in northern Europe. There are 300 or 400 different types of lichen which grow on Anholt, where the pure air gives the best growing conditions. At one time, there was woodland here, but the island's lighthouse needed a lot of wood for the light. By the end of a ten-year icy spell about 1650, the inhabitants had used much more than usual. The wood ran out and the sand took over. The landscape as you see it today was formed partly by an ancient rise in the ground level which we may call »land heave« from the Ice Age and partly by constant drifting sand. In 1995/6 the Danish Heath Society cleared large areas in the south part of Ørkenen of mountain pine. The planting of small trees goes on all the time financed by county funds.

Please look after Anholt

Most of the island is a Conservation Area. Nature here is unique and fragile. Vegetation, dunes and slopes are easily damaged. Because of this, we ask visitors always to use the paths and steps where available. Along the plateau on Nordbjerg there runs a nature path from the harbour along the northerly and easterly sides with fine views all the way. This path goes as far as the village. From the harbour,

one can follow Vesterstrand (the Western Beach) and by Giselas Kors (Cross) come up on the edge of the sand cliffs and go along the whole way to and round Sønderbjerg (the Southern Heights) with wonderful views over the sea and the south part of the desert Ørkenen. This path ends at Sønderstrandvej (South beach Road). In the desert Ørkenen, there is free access but **ONLY on foot**. Riding, cycling, and motor vehicles are prohibited. All the island's beaches (except the Seal Reservation) are also open to walkers. You are advised not to try to cycle right round the island. It is hard work to drag the bike along the edge of the Seal Reservation from Nordstrand through the desert Ørkenen to Pakhusbugten (Warehouse Bay). There is no access to the seal reservation at Totten. **NO** motor vehicles are allowed on ANY of the beaches.

Traffic

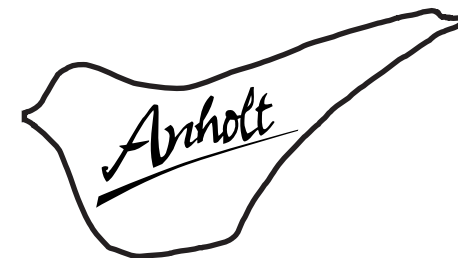
The vehicles on Anholt are mainly for professional use. We kindly ask visitors to leave the car on the mainland – our roads are narrow and few. It is much healthier to cycle or walk. In order to manage the inevitable traffic, especially around ferry arrivals and departures, we recommend the following golden rules:

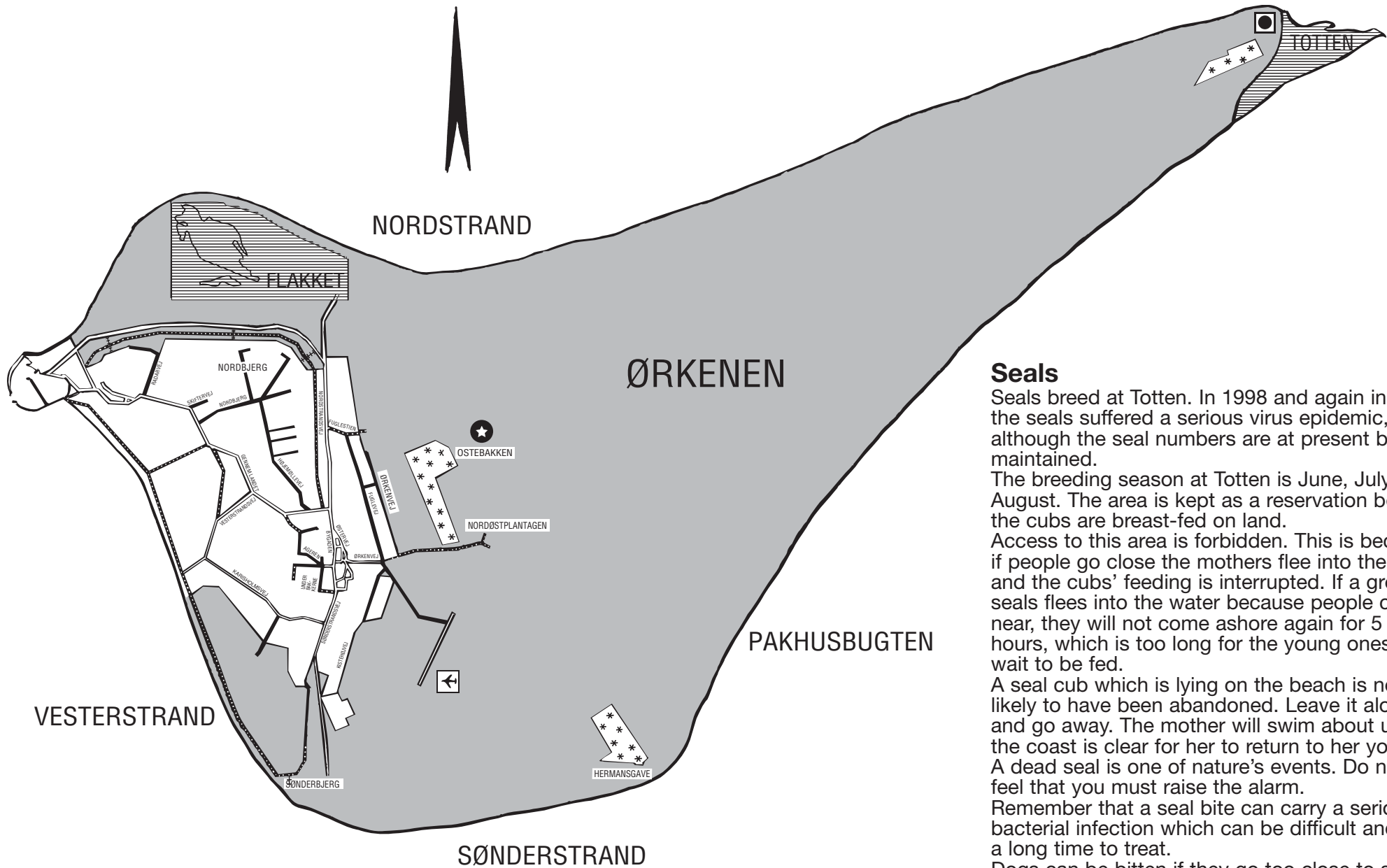
Cyclists go one by one and when it is dark they use a light.

Pedestrians go to the same side of the road when a car comes along.

Fire - In emergency call 112

Fire on Anholt is a disaster. The island is very dry in summer. Fire can catch in the bushes and spread along the ground and even under the soil. It is forbidden to burn rubbish anywhere at any time. Flames and embers in open fireplaces must be put out carefully by water or sand when leaving them. Watch out particularly for embers in the ashes in the fireplace. If you smoke in the open, you must take particular care. The same applies to using a barbecue. In extremely dry periods, it may be forbidden to use either barbecue or oven. If fire breaks out, the sirens will sound at the Fire Station and Radar Station.





Seals

Seals breed at Totten. In 1998 and again in 2002 the seals suffered a serious virus epidemic, although the seal numbers are at present being maintained.

The breeding season at Totten is June, July and August. The area is kept as a reservation because the cubs are breast-fed on land.

Access to this area is forbidden. This is because if people go close the mothers flee into the water and the cubs' feeding is interrupted. If a group of seals flees into the water because people come near, they will not come ashore again for 5 or 6 hours, which is too long for the young ones to wait to be fed.








A seal cub which is lying on the beach is not likely to have been abandoned. Leave it alone and go away. The mother will swim about until the coast is clear for her to return to her young. A dead seal is one of nature's events. Do not feel that you must raise the alarm.

Remember that a seal bite can carry a serious bacterial infection which can be difficult and take a long time to treat.

Dogs can be bitten if they go too close to seals. Dogs themselves have been immune to the particular seal viruses which have several times attacked our seals as long as they have had the canine vaccinations which are usual in Denmark. If in doubt, ask a Danish vet.

Seal Warden - tel. 86 31 93 00

Key of symbols:

-  Tarmac roads
-  Earth/Unmetalled roads
-  Footpath
-  Viewing point
-  Camping site
-  Museum
-  Steps

1. Anholt Tourist Office
2. Anholt School & Library
3. Tanternes Hus Restaurant
4. Brugsen (Supermarket)
5. Potters Hus (Clothes & Gifts)
6. Doctor
7. Anholt Bed & Breakfast
8. Anholt Gartneri (Veg. & Wine)
9. Harbour Office
10. Molevitten/Restaurant
Grocer/Pay Laundry
11. Casablanca Restaurant
12. Finn's Fish Sales and Café
13. Cycle Hire
14. Ferry Ticket Office
15. Anholt Inn
16. Det gule Palæ

