



# Welcome to the Sønderborg area

Need to know for newcomers to the Sønderborg area



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# Mojn and welcome

With this welcome booklet, Sønderborg Municipality would like to welcome you to our beautiful area. The booklet is divided into five categories that provide information and will guide you through the wealth of opportunities that await you.

We have gathered all our information for newcomers at [sonderborg.dk/newcomer](https://sonderborg.dk/newcomer), where you can also view our events calendar for newcomers.

Sønderborg Municipality hopes that you will enjoy reading this welcome booklet and wishes you a warm welcome!

### Did you know that...

Sønderborg Municipality has approximately 74,500 inhabitants across an area of 495.86 km<sup>2</sup>. With its 27,300 inhabitants, Sønderborg is Southern Jutland's largest town.



# Newcomer Service

Newcomer Service Sønderborg is for people who have just moved to the area. We want to help you settle in to your new surroundings and we can provide information and guidance about:

- PartnerJob – assistance for accompanying partners, who are looking for a job in the area
- Accommodation options
- Kindergartens, schools and after-school care
- Culture and leisure activities
- Social networks
- Danisch courses
- Volunteering work

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[sonderborg.dk/newcomer](http://sonderborg.dk/newcomer)

## Welcoming Days and events for newcomers

Meet the mayor and other newcomers and explore your new home area. View dates and other newcomer events at [sonderborg.dk/newcomer](http://sonderborg.dk/newcomer)



## Meet other newcomers at CaféNy

At CaféNy you can meet Newcomer Service Sønderborg, other newcomers and you will get the opportunity to hear about job possibilities and exciting activities in the Sønderborg area. Read more at [sonderborg.dk/newcomer](http://sonderborg.dk/newcomer)

## Newcomers Network Sønderborg

Newcomers Network Sønderborg is for Danish and international newcomers, who meet at a monthly basis. Follow their activities at their Facebook page 'Tilflytternetværk Sønderborg/Newcomers Network Sønderborg'.

## Partnerjob – helping the whole family settle in

Newcomer Service offers extra assistance for accompanying partners, who are seeking a job. Read more about the Partnerjob programme, job search and volunteering at [sonderborg.dk/jobs](http://sonderborg.dk/jobs)





# Important information

## Local Citizen Service

The Local Citizen Service (Borgerservice) is your gateway when contacting Sønderborg Municipality. You can visit the Local Citizen Service in Gråsten, Nordborg, and Sønderborg, call at +45 88 72 64 00 or send an e-mail to [raadhus@sonderborg.dk](mailto:raadhus@sonderborg.dk). Read more at [sonderborgkommune.dk/en/contact-us](http://sonderborgkommune.dk/en/contact-us), where you can find opening hours, addresses and more.

## Visit Sønderborg – your local tourist office

If you are in need of tourist information about the attractions, events and more in the area, you can visit the tourist office in Sønderborg or the tourist information spots. [visitsonderborg.com](http://visitsonderborg.com)

## Sønderborg Library

Sønderborg Library (Biblioteket Sønderborg) has various departments spread across the municipality and a German library, where it is free to borrow books, games, movies and more. Your yellow health card (Sundhedskort) acts as your library card. View opening hours, addresses and events at [biblioteket.sonderborg.dk](http://biblioteket.sonderborg.dk) (in Danish).

## Waste and recycling sites

Visit the Sønderborg Utilities' (Sønderborg Forsyning) website at [sonfor.dk](http://sonfor.dk) (in Danish) for information about waste and recycling.

## In case of an emergency...

Find all emergency phone numbers for the police, medical assistance and more at [sonderborg.dk/info](http://sonderborg.dk/info)

## Pharmacy outside regular hours

If you are in need of medicine outside regular hours, you can collect it at 'Apoteket Borgen'. [apoteketborgen.a-apoteket.dk](http://apoteketborgen.a-apoteket.dk) (in Danish)

## Learn Danish

If you wish to succeed in the Danish labour market and be part of the Danish society, a great start would be to take a Danish language course. View your possibilities at [sonderborg.dk/danish](http://sonderborg.dk/danish)



# Transportation

Sønderborg Municipality has great infrastructure. We have an airport, motorway, railway, ferry services, and efficient and flexible bus services. Find more information at [sonderborg.dk/info](http://sonderborg.dk/info)

## Sønderborg Airport

Sønderborg Municipality has its own airport located just 8 km from downtown Sønderborg with free parking. A flight from Copenhagen takes just 35 min. Check flight prices and departure times at [sonderborg-lufthavn.dk/en](http://sonderborg-lufthavn.dk/en)



## Buses and trains

You will find both regional and city buses in the Sønderborg area. You can reach many destinations in Denmark and Germany by train. Find prices and departures at [rejseplanen.com](http://rejseplanen.com)

## Motorway

With the Sønderborg Motorway you can quickly reach Motorway E45, which takes you to the rest of Denmark and Germany.

## Ferries

In the Sønderborg area you can travel by ferry to the islands Ærø or Funen (Fyn) and between Jutland and North Als (Nordals).

- Alslinjen (Fynshav/Als – Bøjden/Funen): [alslinjen.dk](http://alslinjen.dk) (in Danish)
- Ærø Færgen (Fynshav/Als – Søby/Ærø): [aeroe-ferry.dk/en](http://aeroe-ferry.dk/en)
- Færgen Bitten (Ballebro – Hardeshøj/North Als): [faergen-bitten.dk](http://faergen-bitten.dk)
- Bicycle Ferry (Egernsund – Langballigau): [cykelfaergen.info](http://cykelfaergen.info)

## Did you know that...

During the summer months you can sail from Sønderborg to Langballigau (Germany) and back again with a small ferry. Read more at [nas-feodora.de](http://nas-feodora.de) (in German)





# For newcomer families

The Municipality of Sønderborg prioritizes the well-being of families with children. We therefore have care guarantee, a strong selection of schools and exciting activity offers.

Read more at [sonderborg.dk/family](https://sonderborg.dk/family)

### Did you know that...

Center for Verdensmaal is an experience and knowledge center in Sønderborg for sustainability. [centerforverdensmaal.dk](https://centerforverdensmaal.dk) (in Danish)

# Childcare services

Sønderborg Municipality is a playground for children, where happiness, togetherness, challenges and lifelong learning provide energy in your everyday life.

### VidensBy Sønderborg

Sønderborg Municipality has a strategy for working with the development and learning of all children and young people aged 0 to 18. We call this VidensBy Sønderborg, or 'Sønderborg – Town of Knowledge'. Read more at [vidensby.com](https://vidensby.com) (in Danish).

### Did you know that...

The Municipal Healthcare Service (sundhedsplejen) visits pregnant women and families with newborn children in their homes. They also check up on the pupils at schools. [sonderborgkommune.dk/en/sundhedsplejen](https://sonderborgkommune.dk/en/sundhedsplejen)

### Care guarantee

Sønderborg Municipality has a care guarantee. The municipality's daycare facilities are split into daycare centres (dagpleje), day nurseries (vuggestuer), and kindergartens (børnehaver). Both Danish and German daycare facilities are available, so your child can grow up to be bilingual. We also have an international kindergarten, three 'børneuniverser' (a daycare facility, primary school, and lower secondary school at one site), and a special educational needs facility. Read about the options at [sonderborg.dk/childcare](https://sonderborg.dk/childcare)



## Schools in the area

Sønderborg Municipality has many primary and lower secondary schools, where one is a special needs school and three are children's education hubs (børneuniverser), which have close cooperation with the kindergartens, schools, and before- and after-school care centres (SFOs/ klubber). Sønderborg Municipality also has a number of private and independent schools, including three German schools and one international school.

At the municipal schools non-Danish speaking children are taught at the reception classes (modtagerklasser). [humlehoj-skolen.aula.dk/modtageklasserne](http://humlehoj-skolen.aula.dk/modtageklasserne)

SFOs are available for children in grades 0-2, as are children's clubs (klubber) for those in grades 3-6.

An overview of the municipality's schools can be found at [sonderborg.dk/schools](http://sonderborg.dk/schools). If your child is to attend a private school, you should contact the school directly.



### Did you know that...

The Municipality of Sønderborg offers foreign children free native language lessons (modermålsundervisning). The enrolment takes place annually in April/May. [sonderborgkommune.dk/en/modersmaalsundervisning](http://sonderborgkommune.dk/en/modersmaalsundervisning)

## Youths and students

In Sønderborg Municipality we do our very best to make sure your younger years are fun, exciting, challenging, and interesting. There are no limitations in Sønderborg – you can get involved in politics, develop as an athlete, get a university education, and enjoy the many cultural events. Explore our online universe for youths at [sonderborg.dk/young](http://sonderborg.dk/young)





# Guidance and assistance

## Student counselling

Unsure about your future? Visit [studyindenmark.dk](http://studyindenmark.dk) or Uddannelsesvejledning Sønderborg at [sonderborg-ungdomsskole.dk](http://sonderborg-ungdomsskole.dk) (in Danish).

## The Youth Centre

The Youth Centre (Ungecentret) is at your disposal with free services for everyone between the age of 15 and 25. The Youth Centre can advise you, support you, and guide you in terms of further education and employment. Find more information at [sonderborgkommune.dk/en/uddannelser-unge](http://sonderborgkommune.dk/en/uddannelser-unge) (in Danish).

## Housing benefits

If you are renting a place with a kitchen, it might be possible for you to receive housing benefits (boligstøtte). Read more about the rules at [lifeindenmark.borger.dk/housing-benefits](http://lifeindenmark.borger.dk/housing-benefits)

## SU – Students’ grants

You may be entitled to a grant or loan for your education when you turn 18. Find out more about the rules at [su.dk/english](http://su.dk/english)

## Student jobs

Various websites are specifically for students and graduates in search of a student job or internship.

Read more about the possibilities at [sonderborg.dk/young](http://sonderborg.dk/young)

## Youth card and discounts

If you are attending a youth education, you are entitled to a discount on your daily transportation to and from school. Buy a youth card at [ungdomskort.dk/ungdomskort](http://ungdomskort.dk/ungdomskort) (in Danish). Your student ID also gives you discounts and offers at some cafés, museums and culture sites, so remember to show it every time you purchase an entry ticket.



# Youth educations

## Upper secondary educations

Sønderborg Municipality has four upper secondary schools (ungdomsskoler), one International Baccalaureate programme, and an adult education facility (VUC Syd).

- Allsund Upper Secondary School - STX/HF (Allsundgymnasiet) [ags.dk](http://ags.dk) (in Danish)
- Business College Syd - HHX (Det Blå Gymnasium) [blaagym.dk](http://blaagym.dk) (in Danish)
- Sønderborg State School - STX/HF (Sønderborg Statsskole) [statsskolen.dk/about-the-school](http://statsskolen.dk/about-the-school)
- Technical Upper Secondary School - HTX/EUX (Teknisk Gymnasium Sønderborg) [eucsyd.dk/about-euc-syd](http://eucsyd.dk/about-euc-syd)
- IB – International Baccalaureate [eucsyd.dk/ib-diploma](http://eucsyd.dk/ib-diploma)
- VUC Syd (HF single subjects etc.) [vucsyd.dk](http://vucsyd.dk) (in Danish)

## Business educations

The Sønderborg area has three business schools, which - along with the schools in Aabenraa - offer a wide range of programmes.

- EUD/EUX Business [bcsyd.dk](http://bcsyd.dk) (in Danish)
- Business Education Centre South (EUC-Syd) [eucsyd.dk/about-euc-syd](http://eucsyd.dk/about-euc-syd)
- Gråsten Agricultural School [gl.dk](http://gl.dk) (in Danish)
- The School of Social and Healthcare Studies (in Aabenraa) [sosu-syd.dk](http://sosu-syd.dk) (in Danish)
- UC Syd (in Aabenraa) [ucsyd.dk/international](http://ucsyd.dk/international)

### Did you know that...

SDU Sønderborg is Denmark’s most international campus – 70% of the students are foreigners, representing more than 50 countries.



## Higher educations

Sønderborg has two higher education locations.

- The University of Southern Denmark/SDU (engineering in mechatronics, mechanical electronics, innovation and business, international business administration and modern languages, and European studies) [sdu.dk/en](http://sdu.dk/en)
- Business Academy Southwest/EASV (datamatics, design and business etc.) [easv.dk/en](http://easv.dk/en)

## Other educations

### Sønderborg Production College

Strengthen your professional, social and personal skills after secondary school. There are programmes in creative subjects, technology, cooking, and crafts among other things. Read more at [fgu-sonderjylland.dk](http://fgu-sonderjylland.dk) (in Danish).

### Special Needs Education

We provide education for those with a disability or special needs (STU). Read more at [sonderborgkommune.dk/en/uddannelser-unge](http://sonderborgkommune.dk/en/uddannelser-unge)

### Admission course in engineering

The University of Southern Denmark (SDU) in Sønderborg offers a one-year admission course for engineering programmes. The course is for those who have a few years of practical work experience or a technical education after 10th grade. Read more at [sdu.dk/en/adgangskursus](http://sdu.dk/en/adgangskursus)



## Folk high and continuation schools

The Sønderborg area has a sports folk high school (Idrætshøjskole) and four continuation schools (efterskoler).

- The Sports Folk High School [ihs.dk](http://ihs.dk) (in Danish)
- Adventure Efterskolen Sønderjylland [adventure-efterskolen.dk](http://adventure-efterskolen.dk) (in Danish)
- Dybbøl Efterskole [dybboelefterskole.dk](http://dybboelefterskole.dk) (in Danish)
- Efterskolen Epos [efterskolen-epos.dk](http://efterskolen-epos.dk) (in Danish)
- Nordborg Slots Efterskole [nordborg-slot.dk](http://nordborg-slot.dk) (in Danish)



## Other schools

### Introductory Courses in Arts

Southern Jutland's School of Art offers an intensive one-year basic course in arts or art and design, which is ideal preparation for admission into schools specialising in art, design, architecture, animation or other art-related programmes. Read more at [bgk-syd.dk](http://bgk-syd.dk) (in Danish) or [kunstskolen.sonderborg.dk/english](http://kunstskolen.sonderborg.dk/english)

### Sønderborg School of Music

The Music Academy (MA) offers courses for those who want to further their music or singing career. The school offers lessons in all musical instruments, both rhythmic and classical. Read more at [sonderborgmusikskole.dk](http://sonderborgmusikskole.dk) (in Danish).

**Musikalsk Grundkursus (MGK)** is a three-year programme, which prepares you for admission to academies and other higher education programmes in music. Tuition is free. Find out more at [mgksyd.dk](http://mgksyd.dk) (in Danish).

**Performance Akademi Sønderborg (PAS)** is perfect if you love to sing, dance, and act. APA is for those aged 15 to 25, and you must pass an exam before you can participate. Find out more at [sonderborgmusikskole.dk](http://sonderborgmusikskole.dk) (in Danish).

**Southern Jutland's Dance Academy** is the region's only school for classical ballet and you can also join for classes in modern dance. [sonderborgmusikskole.dk](http://sonderborgmusikskole.dk) (in Danish).



### Evening classes

Sønderborg Municipality has a wealth of after-school and after-work education options. Our evening classes include lectures, language courses, and workouts such as yoga.

- FOF Sønderborg [fof.dk/soenderborg](http://fof.dk/soenderborg) (in Danish)
- LOF SYD [syd.lof.dk](http://syd.lof.dk) (in Danish)
- AOF Syd [syd.aof.dk](http://syd.aof.dk) (in Danish)
- DOF Sønderborg [dofsonderborg.dk](http://dofsonderborg.dk) (in Danish)

### Sønderborg People's University

Sønderborg People's University organises courses and lectures that anyone can attend. Here you can keep up to date with the universities' latest research and knowledge. Read more at [fuko.dk/komite/soenderborg-folkeuniversitet](http://fuko.dk/komite/soenderborg-folkeuniversitet) (in Danish).





## Youth apartments and boarding schools

Sønderborg has many student accommodations with good facilities and great social life.

Contact Sønderborg Youth Accommodation Services (StudieboligSyd) via [studieboligsyd.dk/en](http://studieboligsyd.dk/en)

EUC Syd's boarding school accommodates 122 pupils. Read more at [eucsyd.dk/about-euc-syd](http://eucsyd.dk/about-euc-syd)

Some housing associations have specific accommodations for youths (ungdomsboliger). Find more information at [sonderborg.dk/accommodation](http://sonderborg.dk/accommodation)

**Dormitory Olympics:** Every spring a Dormitory Olympics (Kollegiade) is held. The various dormitories compete in different sport activities, such as soccer or volleyball. The Dormitory Olympics is a huge outdoor festival with music, friends, a good atmosphere, and lots to eat and drink.



## Meeting places and youth citizenship

### The Youth School

The Youth School (Ungdomsskolen), which consists of several youth clubs located all over the municipality, offers a variety of free activities. Try go-carting, take a first aid, diving or moped course or participate in an exciting trip. Read more at [sonderborg-ungdomsskole.dk](http://sonderborg-ungdomsskole.dk) (in Danish).

### Sønderborg Youth Council

The Youth Council (Ungdomsrådet) is for all young people in Sønderborg over the age of 15. The Youth Council offers social activities and opportunities for young people in the areas of culture and democracy. [sonderborg.dk/young](http://sonderborg.dk/young)

### Youth Center Mejeriet

The Youth Center Mejeriet is where young people and students aged 15-30 come to hang out. Chat with others, play games, and take part in the café's events. Find out more at [sonderborg.dk/young](http://sonderborg.dk/young)

### Friday bars and school parties

Students at SDU and EASV have a weekly Friday bar at Alsion. EUC Syd even has a party committee, which organises various parties. Keep you up to date on the relevant Facebook pages.

### Sønderborg Student Foundation

Sønderborg Student Foundation (SSF) is a voluntary organisation of youths working to create an optimal environment for students. [sonderborg.dk/young](http://sonderborg.dk/young)





# Culture and leisure

Sønderborg Municipality's cultural scene is incredibly varied – ranging from classical to modern, experimental and underground music. Experience thrilling shows, inspirational art and historical events in our beautiful area, which is filled with leisure activities and associations.

View the many possibilities at [sonderborg.dk/leisure](http://sonderborg.dk/leisure)



# Music and theatre

## The Alision Concert Hall

The Alision Concert Hall is famous for its unique acoustics and the hall hosts everything from large international household names to small local choirs, conferences, and stand-up. Alision is also home to Southern Jutland's Symphony Orchestra (Sønderjyllands Symfoniorkester) – a regional orchestra with 65 permanent musicians. View the entire programme for Alision at [koncertsalenalsion.dk](http://koncertsalenalsion.dk) (in Danish) or read more about the Orchestra at [sdjsymfoni.dk](http://sdjsymfoni.dk) (in Danish).

## Sønderborghus

At Sønderborghus you can listen to everything from rock, pop, jazz and stand-up. Read more at [sonderborghus.dk](http://sonderborghus.dk) (in Danish).



## Kultur i Syd

The association 'Kultur i Syd' hosts concerts in Mølleparken, Slagmarken and Alision and attracts Danish and international household names. Read more at [kulturisyd.dk](http://kulturisyd.dk) (in Danish).

## Sønderborg Theatre

Sønderborg Theatre is the home of Sønderborg Sommer Revy and a wide variety of productions. The auditorium is also used for a range of concerts, stand-up shows, and performances. Read more at [sonderborgteater.dk](http://sonderborgteater.dk) (in Danish).

## Det Lille Teater Gråsten

The Little Theatre (Det Lille Teater) on the outskirts of Gråsten holds about six productions per year. Read more at [lille-teater.dk](http://lille-teater.dk) (in Danish).

## Art in the municipality

There are several hundred works of art and sculptures by Danish and international artists located around the Sønderborg area that are freely available for the public. An ordinary walk can quickly become something of a grand tour.

### Kunstværket

Kunstværket is a creative house at the start of the Art Trail in Augustenborg. Kunstværket regularly holds small concerts, lectures, and other creative events. View more at [kunstvaerket.eu](http://kunstvaerket.eu) (in Danish).

### Augustiana Sculpture Park

Augustiana Sculpture Park, the region's arts centre and park, is located in the Palace at Augustenborg Castle and is an exhibition space for contemporary art and sculptures. [augustiana.dk/english](http://augustiana.dk/english)



### KunstPunkt

KunstPunkt is an exhibition venue for 200 artists and artisans buzzing with creativity and activities. Learn more at [kunstpunkt.dk](http://kunstpunkt.dk) (in Danish).

### Kulturlandsbyen6300

Kulturlandsbyen6300 is a vision to create a physical hub in the border region that brings together history, art, and nature. Exhibitions are regularly held at Gråsten Agricultural College (Gråsten Landbrugsskole). Read more at [kulturlandsbyen6300.dk](http://kulturlandsbyen6300.dk) (in Danish).



## History and museums

### Sønderborg Castle

Sønderborg Castle (Sønderborg Slot) portrays the history of the Southern Jutland region from the Middle Ages to present day with special emphasis on language and culture in the Danish-German border region. [msj.dk/en/soenderborg-castle](http://msj.dk/en/soenderborg-castle)

### Gråsten Palace – the Queen's summer residence

Gråsten Palace Chapel (Gråsten Slotskirke) and the Palace Gardens (Slotshaven) are open to the public when the royal family is not in residence. [kongeligeslotte.dk/en](http://kongeligeslotte.dk/en)

### Dybbøl Banke History Centre and Dybbøl Mill

The Dybbøl Banke History Centre throws its visitors right into the dramatic days of the Battle of Dybbøl on 18 April 1864. [1864.dk](http://1864.dk)

### Cathrinesminde Brickworks

Cathrinesminde Brickworks (Cathrinesminde Teglværk) is a museum for the history of Danish brickworks and Southern Jutlandic industry. [msj.dk/en/cathrinesminde-brickworks](http://msj.dk/en/cathrinesminde-brickworks)

### Deutsches Museum Nordschleswig

Deutsches Museum Nordschleswig tells the history about the German minority in Southern Jutland. [deutsches-museum.dk](http://deutsches-museum.dk) (in Danish)

### The Hjortspring Boat

Visit the Hjortspring Boat Guild in North Alsens. Members of the guild have used authentic tools to produce an exact replica of the Hjortspring boat – a warrior canoe from 350 BC. [hjortspring.dk](http://hjortspring.dk)

### The Nydam Boat

The Nydam Boat Guild is located in Sottrupskov, where enthusiasts have used authentic tools to recreate Nydam Tveir – one of Denmark's most impressive ancient boats. The Nydam boat dates from 320 AD. [bricksite.com/nydam](http://bricksite.com/nydam)

### Sebbe Als

In Augustenborg the association for the Viking ship, Sebbe Als, is located, where members row and sail a historic ship dating from approx. 1030 AD. [sebbeals.dk/diverse/sebbeenglish.pdf](http://sebbeals.dk/diverse/sebbeenglish.pdf)



### Did you know that...

The municipality has many other museums. Find out more at [visitsonderborg.com](http://visitsonderborg.com)



# A selection of yearly events

## Tilting-at-the-ring

Tilting-at-the-ring (Ringridning) is popular throughout the municipality, and in the summer several tilting-at-the-ring events are held both on horseback and on bikes. The biggest tilting-at-the-ring festival in Scandinavia is held in Sønderborg. Join the festival at [ringriderfesten.dk](http://ringriderfesten.dk) (in Danish).



## Nord-Als Musikfestival

Every year the Nord-Als Music Festival attracts thousands of people around Nordborg Castle, when the entire area is transformed into a festival. Experience the atmosphere, the dancing and the live bands – performed by Danish and local artists. Read more at [musikfestival.dk](http://musikfestival.dk) (in Danish).

## Woodsculpture

'Woodsculpture' is an art festival, where sculptors from all over the world compete by making large wooden sculptures, which are then donated to local associations, businesses or open spaces. Find out more at [woodsculpture.dk](http://woodsculpture.dk) (in Danish).



## Did you know that...

The Gråsten apple was the source of inspiration for Steve Jobs' 'business' name: Apple. It is also the national apple of Denmark.

## Gråsten Apple Festival

The Gråsten Apple Festival (Gråsten Æblefestival) takes place in autumn, where you can experience everything from apple sculptures to apple schnapps and apple bobbing. You can also take part in the apple cake contest and contribute to the massive apple cake table. Find out more at [graastenforum.dk/aeblefestival](http://graastenforum.dk/aeblefestival) (in Danish).

View our other events at [sonderborg.dk/begivenheder](http://sonderborg.dk/begivenheder) (in Danish).



# Leisure activities

## The Multicultural House – designed by Frank Gehry

The Multicultural House on the former industrial harbour in Sønderborg is today transformed into a hub for the main library, the German library, Southern Jutland's School of Art, café and art hall.

## Sønderborghus

Sønderborghus is Sønderborg's culture and citizen house, which hosts creative workshops, Family Saturdays, Baby Mondays and more. Read more at [sonderborghus.dk](http://sonderborghus.dk) (in Danish).

## Sønderborg School of Music

Sønderborg School of Music has 18 divisions spread across the Sønderborg area. Here they offer lessons in music, singing, dancing, ballet, art and drama for children and teenagers and baby rhythmic for the youngest. Learn more at [sonderborgmusikskole.dk](http://sonderborgmusikskole.dk) (in Danish).



## Southern Jutland's School of Art

At Southern Jutland's School of Art you can try out your creative skills in drawing, painting, graphics and much more. [kunstskolen.sonderborg.dk](http://kunstskolen.sonderborg.dk)

## Cinemas

Sønderborg's cinema is called Kinorama and lies within the shopping centre 'Borgen'. Enjoy a great movie in the large, adjustable seats. Book your tickets and learn more at [kinorama.dk](http://kinorama.dk) (in Danish).

Nordborg has a cinema with no commercials along with special seats for couples. Read more at [nordborgbio.dk](http://nordborgbio.dk) (in Danish).

## Swimming pools

In the Sønderborg area, you can take a dive at Humlehøjhallen in Sønderborg, Marina Fiskerø in Gråsten and Nordals Idrætscenter in Nordborg. You can also find Denmark's largest spa and wellness area in Sønderborg at the harbour front at Hotel Alsik.

## Universe Science Park

In a (not) so distant galaxy lies Universe; an adventure park based on science and technology. Experience the wonders of nature and try the many different activities. Visit Universe at [universe.dk/en](http://universe.dk/en)



## The ice skating rink

During the cold winter months, you and your family can skate at the harbour in the heart of Sønderborg. The season generally runs from December to February and the rink (skøjtebanen) is free to use. For a small fee you can rent ice skates for both adults and children. Read more at [sonderborg.dk/skojtebanen](http://sonderborg.dk/skojtebanen) (in Danish).

## Outdoor fitness and exercise facilities

There's no need to be stuck indoors in a gym to keep in shape. Sønderborg Municipality has several outdoor alternatives. Find them at [sonderborg.dk/leisure](http://sonderborg.dk/leisure)

## Associations and unions

Around 700 different associations and sports clubs are waiting for you in the Sønderborg area. Whether you like salsa, scuba diving, golfing, riding, soccer, winter bathing, beer tasting, shooting, choir singing or something else entirely – your options are endless.

Take a look at our extensive list of associations at [book.webbook.dk/sonderborg/foreningsguide](http://book.webbook.dk/sonderborg/foreningsguide) (in Danish) and read more about the leisure time activities in the Sønderborg area.



## Nature

The Sønderborg area offers a variety of nature experiences. With its 250 kilometres of coastline, many beautiful forests, biking, walking, running, and horse-riding routes, there is something for everyone.



## By land...

### Naturruter i Sønderborg-området

You will find multiple beautiful forests in the Sønderborg area, where you and your family can go for a walk, ride your bike or try horseback riding, e.g. Gråsten Forests, Nørreskoven in North Alsén and Sønderskoven in Sønderborg. Experience the Gendarme Path, which is one of Denmark's most beautiful coastal hiking trails. The path is 84 km long and runs along the Danish-German border. Read more at [gendarmsti.dk/en](http://gendarmsti.dk/en)

Find more hiking trails and biking, riding and running routes at [visitsonderborg.com](http://visitsonderborg.com). Gather inspiration from 'Friluftskortet', a map of the outdoors which is available at your local tourist office. The Danish Nature Agency also has digital nature guides, where you can read about trails, animals, plants and activities. Read more at [eng.naturstyrelsen.dk/experience-nature/in-the-countryside](http://eng.naturstyrelsen.dk/experience-nature/in-the-countryside)

### Treasure hunting with geocaching

In the Sønderborg area, you can find plenty of

geocaches. Geocaching is a free hobby, where you can find hidden treasures in the outdoors with a GPS or smartphone. Go hunting at [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com)

### Nature schools

In the municipality of Sønderborg you will find three nature schools, who host events several times a year, where you and your children can head out and receive guidance by a nature guide. Find the nature schools through their Facebook page: 'Naturvejlederne i Sønderborg'.

The Municipality of Sønderborg also offers a range of free activities for the entire family such as Forest Day, Shrimp Catching or Bat Trip. View the dates and read more at [sonderborg.dk/nature](http://sonderborg.dk/nature)

### Sledge runs

We have three sledge runs in Sønderborg Municipality: at Hjertehøj in Gråsten, at Dybbøl Banke in Sønderborg and in Sønderskoven on Alsén. Have fun in the snow during the winter.

### Sleeping under the stars

Several places in the municipality have shelters that are open to the public. Many are located in beautiful natural surroundings. Find more information at [eng.naturstyrelsen.dk/experience-nature/sleeping-outside-in-nature](http://eng.naturstyrelsen.dk/experience-nature/sleeping-outside-in-nature)

## At sea...

### Beaches and harbours

The municipality has seven Blue Flag (high quality) beaches, which you can find out more about at [sonderborg.dk/nature](http://sonderborg.dk/nature)

You can get an overview of the many beautiful marinas in the Sønderborg area at [sonderborgkommune.dk/en/havne](http://sonderborgkommune.dk/en/havne)

If you feel like angling, you have to obtain a state fishing licence. Read more at [sonderborg.dk/nature](http://sonderborg.dk/nature)

### Blue Flag Centre Sønderborg

The Blue Flag Centre Sønderborg is an exhibition and activity centre, which opens every summer at Sønderborg Marina. The centre is staffed with a biologist and equipped with nets, waders, underwater binoculars, a touching and sensing water tank and much more. It is free to visit and you simply drop in during opening hours. View their activity calendar at [sonderborg.dk/nature](http://sonderborg.dk/nature)

### Water sports

With a 250 km long coastline, water activities are very popular in the Sønderborg area. Learn to sail with sails, try a row-boat, kayak or canoe, attempt surfing or kite-surfing or dive down to our reefs surrounding Alsén. Explore the opportunities at [sonderborg.dk/nature](http://sonderborg.dk/nature)





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