

# *The limestone mine*

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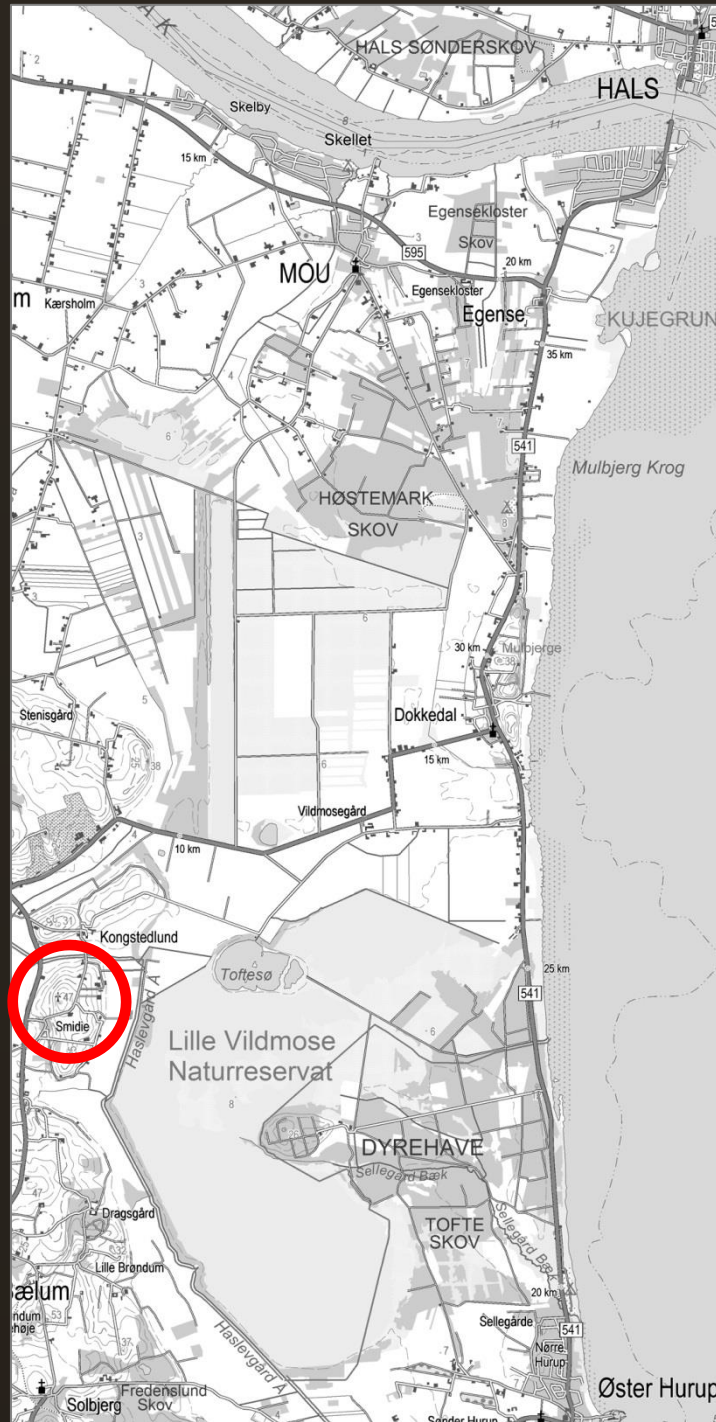
*The area in and around Lille Vildmose bears witness of the past and the present use of natural mineral resources in the district. At the edge of the bog we find large natural slopes with chalk. The chalk pit outside the village Sønder Konger-slev is still in operation. The production of sphagnum conti-nues in the bog. In the moraine landscape further inland several gravel and sand pits form scars in the green land-scape. Earlier the district was domicile for a lot of marl pits.*

*In the area surrounding the manor Kongstedlund at the outskirts of Lille Vildmose there are still traces of limestone mines. They had been active up to around WW2. One of the mines is scheduled as a natural amenity because colonies of hibernating bats have to be protected.*

*This day in July we visit a limestone mine in the neighbor-hood of the manor Kongstedlund. You must have local knowledge to find the entrance to the mine. I would not advise anyone to go inside the underground mine. The mine is not protected from crashes, and you take a high risk to go inside.*

*An entrance leads into the underground mine that goes far under the fields at the surface of the earth. This summer day we arrive from the warm, bright Danish summer to the cold, dark underground. We explore the mine in the light from our electric torches.*

*Many inscriptions on the walls of the mine testify that other locals have been visiting this dark underground.*





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