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When I was a young teenager, our favourite excursion was the trip around the lake Lillesøen. The lake is located in the centre of Lille Vildmose. On all sides, the lake is surrounded by large forests of reeds and a dense thicket of birch and various shrubs. The wildlife is abundant here in the forests of reeds, and each trip represented new experiences for us.

One experience overshadows however the many glorious excursions. Along with my childhood friend Henrik we decided to stay overnight by the lake in my blue nylon tent. It was not a waterproof tent. Our sleeping bags were often dripping wet after a night in the nature. Therefore, we on this excursion to the wet bog brought a piece of plastic as an extra groundsheet to our tent.

Immediately the extra groundsheet seemed innovative and smart. But in the middle of the night we experience a violent thunderstorm. The sky opened and it

poured down. We ducked instinctively every time a lightning brightened the whole

tent in a blue nylon-light. The cloudburst gradually filled the plastic groundsheet under the tent, so we actually lay on a layer of water. What seemed like a smart solution to the wet sleeping bags, gave the completely opposite result.

The situation got worse. We had put up our tent close up to a barbed wire fence around a grass field with a bigger herd of cattle. The poor heifers were panicked by the thunderstorm, and the animals chose to find security close to our tent. The heavy, wet bodies and the shuffle of the feet of the heifers, result in a swinging bog-ground beneath our tent.

We did not get much sleep that night, but oddly enough, dramatic memories of excursions to the bog are my very best treasure of memories.

Today, the lake Lillesøen is a perfect place for many species of birds resting on the lake, or breeding in the forests of bed.





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