

Horses in a big paddock

A paddock in the middle of the bog, Lille Vildmose. Saddle horses of different races and colours. As most places in Denmark the horses play a central role in the landscape in Lille Vildmose.

These horses in the paddock are grazing on a field, which once was a part of a lake in the middle of the raised bog.

They graze on ancient lake bed. A significant part of the original nature of the bog Lille Vildmose is today cultivated but now man has found new plans for the use of the bog, and in a few years, this paddock again will be transformed into a lake bed, and the horses have to give way to other paddocks.

The horse has as the domestic dog followed mankind since time immemorial. The horse has only two hundred years ago had a role as the most important capacity for work in the agriculture and also the fastest means of

transportation. Today the horses in Denmark mainly are used for riding and hobby, and especially young girls go in for this sport and hobby.

This field with horses is big. Big? Size is of course relative. I live in Greenland, where the entire Denmark could be placed in a small corner of the mighty island, Greenland consists of.

When I am at home here in Greenland, it takes a lot to get me to be impressed in terms of size. Icebergs are large here at Nuuk. Well, but at Ilulissat in North Greenland they are many times larger. The mountains are high around Nuuk. Well, but elsewhere in Greenland the mountains are twice as high.

But when I am back in my childhood landscape I at once modify my perception of size and use the traditional assessment, which applies in this place: This field is big - in a Danish context.



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