

## Landscape in the mist

This late afternoon in December, the landscape in Himmerland is enveloped in fog and mist. The daylight finds it difficult to penetrate through the fog, and the air feels wet and cold. Across the neighbourhood of the biggest and oldest forest in Denmark, Rold Skov, we see a thick layer of clouds and everything in the landscape is faded in grey colours.

Indoors in the small farms is the living room decorated for Christmas. The light from the Advent wreath and the Christmas tree helps to provide light and atmosphere in the living room. The candles provide a symbolic contrast to the cold and grey landscape out there.

The new molehills give a sign of life in the field. On our trip through the forest and the agricultural country enveloped in mist and fog, we only spotted a few birds that have ventured away from their resting place in the trees and in the low vegetation. A single fox foraging close to a brook side and the hooded crows and the magpies flaps around close to the farms. We seem to be all alone out here in the grey landscape.

The cattle of the farm are tied up inside the cow house. It may be hard to imagine that in less than three to four months, the fields again will be lush green and forms a friendly place for the grazing cattle.



*Himmerland, December 2013*

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