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Photo: Terje Rakke.



Guided trips

– for busgroups or smaller groups. Guiding at Værlandet and Bulandet (no./eng.). Also guided bike- or mountaintrips. **Info and booking: Ruth Bakke, e-mail: ruth.bakke@eninvest.net • tel. +47 41 63 79 97 / +47 57 73 11 51.**



Package tour

2 night's accommodation inc. breakfast, dinner and guided tour: NOK 1.500 per person (minimum 2 persons). Children under 12 years of age: 1/2 price. **Telephone +47 99 55 78 77. E-mail: gamleskulen@hotmail.com**

Heroic rescue

At «Hillersøyhaugen» you can watch a sculpture of Berte Hillersøy and Hansine Tistel, that together with the teacher Rogne rescued seven of the crew from the schooner «Gugner» of Tønsberg, februray 1885. The schooner went down at «Sengskjeret» south of Bulandet, after having struggled against a violent storm for several days. For this heroic rescue, Berte (25 years old) and Hansine (21 years old) both got a rescuemedal for noble deed of 2. grade. The sculpture is made by the ceramist Ingun Dahlin and stands on a base of Black Beauty from Værlandet.



Osean kayak

Beginners courses in Bulandet:

06th – 07th and 25th – 26th July.

Njord Storm Samling Outdoor Action:

16th – 18th October.

Beginners-, Technique-, Activity Leader-, Rockhopper-course.

Kayak-rental in Askvoll.

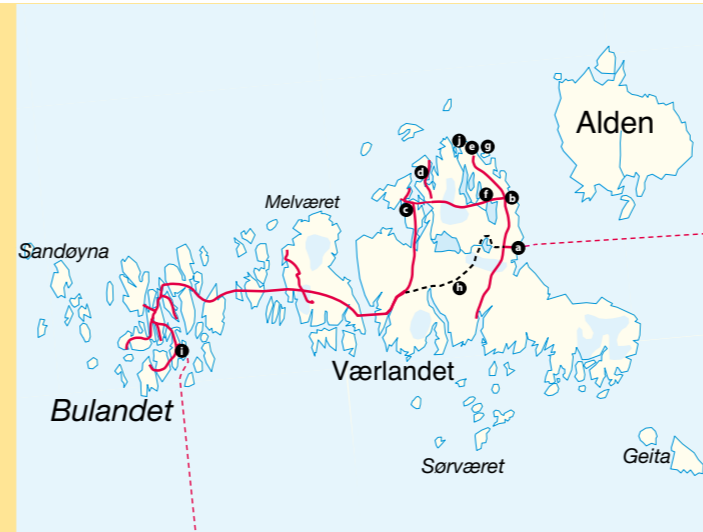
Sørværet Nature Reserve and Alden

Several distinctive characteristics have given Sørværet Nature Reserve its status as a protected marshland area. One of these characteristics is its nesting area for sea birds. There is a marked footpath into the area and thorough information is provided about the flora and fauna. In the long term the information centre in Værøyhamna will make available more comprehensive information about the variety of species and the ecosystem in the reserve.



Close by Værlandet rises the pronounced landmark Alden, also known as the «Norwegian Horse», almost vertically out of the sea level, and visible from more than 100 km out at sea. There is a marked path to the top. **Please contact Værlandet Båt for boattransport to Alden.**

- a** Værlandet Handel a/s
tel. +47 57 73 01 20
store/ ferry/bikes for rent/bus
- b** Værlandet Riding- and activityfarm
- c** Landøy Steinindustri (stone industry)
- d** Landøy Fiskeoppdrett (fish farming)
- e** Værlandet Båt, (boatyard)
tel. +47 57 73 11 28
bikes for rent/souvenirs
/guest quay/diesel/café
- f** Værlandet Gjestheim
(accommodation) mobil +47 995 57 857
- g** Værlandet Garnmontering
- h** Nordsjøløypa (Nave Nortrail)
- i** Boat service Bulandet
- j** Gamlehuset (accommodation)
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 Guide 2009



Norway's most westerly fishing communities

Photo: Terje Rakke.

«Far out to the West, where the ocean waves break – where skerries and islands protrude from the wake. And if you could count them, the answer you'd hear – is the same as the number of days in a year...»



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Herring fishing has played a central role in the provision of both food and employment. The big spring herring fisheries started up during the 18th century, while winter herring predominated in the 19th century. The last major herring fisheries from 1935–1955 provided activity for several hundred people. The fishing industry has kept up with the times and large investments have been made in modern fishing vessels, thus providing a solid foundation for the community of Bulandet today. The livelihood of the 250 inhabitants is based primarily on a modern fishing industry with fishing vessels and fish farms. Community services range from a shop, bank, post office, guestharbour, hairdresser and masseur, to deep-sea fishing and paddling. The modern wharf-side buildings and rental cabins offer you peace and quiet in a beautiful natural setting, with plenty of fresh air and friendly people.

Until recently there were small farms with sheep and cattle that swam from island to island to graze! Now only one farm at Melvær is left in operation. Bulandet's luxuriant vegetation is a distinguishing feature, its rich flora including the protected Schilla Verna. The landscape in itself is quite unique and different from the rest of Askvoll municipality. Bulandet is flat, characterised by its exposure to severe weather and wind conditions. The geology of Bulandet includes many different types of rock, the most special of which being conglomerate. Bulandet in the summer is an idyllic place, but in the winter it is completely different. When the

storms are at their peak the ocean can look like an inferno, giving an overwhelming demonstration of the power of nature. Bulandet has a rich cultural and organisational life. The various organisations have their own meeting places, and the sports club has built a sports ground. The youth club has converted the old schoolhouse into a community centre, where you will also find a community museum (8) depicting life in the island community, both past and present. **Open 1th June – 20 August, sunday, monday, wednesday and friday 13-16.**

Facts about the geology of Værlandet and Bulandet

Nature tells its own story of creation in Bulandet and Værlandet, with unique mountain formations and geology. The movement of the continental plates 400 million years ago resulted in West Norway colliding with Greenland. The crust of the ocean floor was pushed up into mountain areas with dimensions similar to the Himalayas today. After this the mountains started to erode and deposits of materials such as scree and sand settled in the river systems in the valleys. In the course of time and as a result of tremendous pressure the chain of mountains was transformed into what we know today as greenstone breccia and conglomerate. The former ocean bed crust is now greenstone and provides for 7-8 jobs in connection with the export and processing of natural stone. (c)



Bulandet is Norway's most westerly community

and with its multitude of islands it is often called «Venice of the North». Fifteen of the largest islands are populated nowadays, and with the exception of Sandøy, bridges and dams connect them all. At the end of year 2003 the new road Nordsjøporten opened, and then connected Bulandet and Værlandet by 6 new bridges and 5.240 m. new road. The road Nordsjøporten is not only important for traffic and communication in the area, but also allows for a fantastic journey through the island kingdom. You can either walk or bicycle over the bridges to Bulandet. Bicycles for rent at Værlandet Handel (a), Værlandet Båt (e) or Nikøy AS in Bulandet. Advanced booking is recommended in the high season.

Værlandet

Værlandet has a population of approximately 200. Fishing and fish farming are the most important industries, but both tourism and the export of high quality stone (greenstone breccia) to Italy are expanding.

Værøyhamna

Værøyhamna is the most built-up part of Værlandet. The small bay is lined with picturesque wharfside huts that are all still in use for a variety of purposes. At Værlandet Boat (e) there is now a café and a marina. In the long term the new centre will offer rental equipment and organised tours and activities. In the meantime, you can find equipment for you and your boat next door at Værlandet Garnmontering (g). In the harbour you can also see the old woodenboat «Makrelen», built in 1920. This can be hired for shorter excursions, like to the mountain Alden.



Suggested route

Follow the main road from the shop (12) and up to the right. After approximately 500 metres you will cross a small bridge and on your left you will see an old peoples' home (11), followed by a nursery school on your right. Keep following the road and you will come to a crossroads with lots of signposts. If you turn left, you will come to Bulandet community centre (8), housing the community museum with exhibitions from the past and present. In order to get a good overview of the whole of Bulandet, follow the road on past the community centre and take the



path up to Halsøyhågen (17). Here you will find a table and benches, a beautiful view and a map of the islands. At the Gallery Havblink (16), you might find a souvenir to bring back home? Close by, at «Pernillestø», you can buy a hot meal of fish soup. You can also buy a meal at the Nikøy shop. If you travel by bus from Værlandet, you can stop at the bus-stop at Gjelsa to visit these attractions first. You can also leave the postal boat at Pernillestø (5), from here it's a short walk to the gallery. Have a good trip and enjoy Bulandet!

Suggested route for island hoppers

Take the early ferry from Askvoll 09.15. Rent a bike at Værlandet Handel (a) or Værlandet Båt (e). Use the day for nature adventures at Værlandet and the cycle over the bridges to Bulandet. Deliver the bike at the Nikøy shop, before you continue the island hopping with the boat to Solund. You can also ask to get the bike delivered at the end of the North Sea Trail. You will get a key to the bike at the store, and the bike will be waiting for you at the end of the trail. **Island hopping, monday – friday, 1th June – 31th August.**

- 1 Cottage Plassen, Gjørøybua and Loftet
- 2 Cottage Gamlestaua
- 3 Bualemmen
- 4 Pernillestø – Fish soup
- 5 Rorbu
- 6 Bulandet Temapark (Community Museum)
- 7 Skogbu
- 8 Souvenirbua (Souvenirs)
- 9 Bulandsheimen (Retirement home)
- 10 Boat service Island hopping/Guest harbour/shop
Bike rental/ Café 10-20. Tel. +47 57 73 21 44
- 11 Church
- 12 Bulandet Fish processing industry
- 13 Masseur
- 14 Gallery Havblink
- 15 Viewpoint, Halsøyhågen
- 16 Sculpture
- 17 «Floren» – arrangements/«Skamklyppen» – hairdresser

Accommodation

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 4,5 Rorbu, tel. +47 57 73 21 72 / +47 91 64 71 96
 7 Cottage, tel. +47 57 73 21 30

