



„Naked in Denmark“

In Denmark, we have obtained an official endorsement of the right to be naked, not only on beaches but also in state forests.

The good news, which was published in May, is described in this article. Also included two suggestions for pictures of nakedness in Danish nature.

official endorsement of outdoor naturist activities in the forests and beaches of denmark

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A posting from The Danish Nature Agency on it's website May 2016 states that it is legal to be naked in the woods and on the beach. The Danish Outdoor Council agrees and encourages naturists to use the opportunity to enjoy nature. See their posting, in Danish, here:

<http://www.friluftsradet.dk/nyhedsoversigt/2016/maj/noegeniskoven.aspx>

In English:

<http://www.friluftsradet.dk/indhold/om-friluftsradet/english.aspx>

This is not a new law, but a clarification of existing rules. It is an important endorsement by a govern-

ment agency as well as by the umbrella organization for outdoor activities in our country.

The Danish Nature Agency (Naturstyrelsen) is an organisation under the Danish Ministry of Environment. The Nature Agency implements the government's policies concerning nature and environment in areas such as clean water, protecting and securing nature, planning for cities and landscape, outdoor activities and information to the public about nature.

The Danish Outdoor Council (Friluftsrådet) is a non-governmental organisation, today with 94 national member organisations, which covers practically all types of outdoor recreational activities as well as nature protection interests.

The Danish Nature Agency puts it this way on its website: „... The forest guests are allowed to be naked, but they must behave decently ... Nudity in nature is never in itself illegal. This was stated by the Ministry of Justice back in 1976. Since then it has been legally established that for example nude



swimming or sunbathing without clothes cannot be considered to be indecent behaviour. As a consequence you will get nothing out of protesting against naturists. And you must not molest or harass naked forest visitors, e.g. by lurking.”

With The Nature Agency’s announcement, it is now not relevant to obtain a permit or notify the police before being naked e.g. for a hike in state forests. This has been the practice of Danish Naturists, when the organisation in recent years has arranged nude hikes. It makes it much easier for the general forest guests to use the freedom of being naked in nature.

The Danish Outdoor Council agrees with The Nature Agency and publishes the news in their newsletter: “We are pleased that the authorities now clearly state that it is legal to be naked in the woods and on the beach. We have the experiences that there are is room for all outdoor activities and



we also believe that naturists are quite good at taking the necessary account of other beach and forest visitors“, says Anker Madsen, chief consultant at the Danish Outdoor Council.

Danish Naturists (DN) is a member of the Danish Outdoor Council and we are extremely excited about The Danish Nature Agency’s positive announcement:

„The Nature Agency’s approach to naked guests in the woods is good news for the freedom to experience nature nude,“ says Mette Duekilde, chairman of the Danish Naturists.

„Obviously we welcome that it is now generally acceptable to walk naked in nature, as is the situation on Danish beaches. There’s enough space in the forest for all, so we think it is quite natural to use the same practice for the freedom to dress in the forest as on the beach. It is a special experience to feel nature with your whole body, rather than being wrapped up. So I think we have many nature lovers who will take advantage if weather invites to it - if they realize that the possibility exists, that is.”

Danish Naturists recommend that INF-FNI federations in other countries engage in working with government and leading non-governmental organisations (such as the Outdoor Council in Denmark) with the purpose of getting endorsement of outdoor naturist activities. Our strategy has been to arrange nude activities, e.g. as part of the official programme of the annual “Day of Nature” to which all outdoor organisations can contribute.

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