

Additional information

Ecosystem services

Current scientific research and facilities

A long list of studies and research projects exists see *Natura 2000 basisanalyse* for literature. www.naturstyrelsen.dk/Naturbeskyttelse/Natura2000/Natura_2000_planer/Se_Planerne/001_125/17_Lille_Vildmose.htm

Current recreation and tourism

The area is visited by a large number of visitors including foreign tourists especially in the summer time. There are guided trips arranged to the various bog areas and the Vildmosegård visitor centre.

Social and cultural values

Peat extraction largely ceased in 2011. The area has today substantial recreational values.

After Danish standards this remote landscape contains significant signs of human activities throughout the time which can be seen at the site or at the tourist centre. Especially from the Iron Age there are archaeological findings from the bog area and especially from the drained lake bottoms. Several settlements have been discovered.

The raised bog has in centuries been an area where people did not go because of mist and local beliefs and stories about demons etc.

The area is a story about peat extraction and the utilisation of turf. Until 1750 the bog was isolated and impassable flat. An old saying states that the only thing breaking the flatness was the branches and turf sea eagles have collected for their nest. However, until 1936 the bog was largely intact and in growth after when a massive drainage started.