

### 1 Angli

The round, white building was built as a shirt factory. Now it houses a design school and office facilities. It was designed by architect C.F. Møller and landscape architect C. Th. Sørensen. Carl-Henning Pedersen has decorated the inner circle with "The Game of Fantasy and The Wheel of Life".



### 2 Carl-Henning Pedersen & Else Alfelts Museum

The round building and the pyramid which is covered with a mosaic of tiles is a museum for the artworks of Carl-Henning Pedersen and Else Alfelt. The museum is designed by C.F. Møller.

### 3 Allotment

116 figures of concrete in different heights each symbolise the citizens of Hvide Sande from 2 to 80 years old. The sculpture is from 1995. It is made by the British artist Anthony Gormley and marks the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Denmark.



### 4 The Sculpture Park

The Sculpture Park is laid out as a recreational area for the employees at the Angli shirt factory. The park is a large circle. The border is divided into 36 squares which each has a piece of art. During the summer time you will find cows or sheeps which are there to crop the grass in the middle.



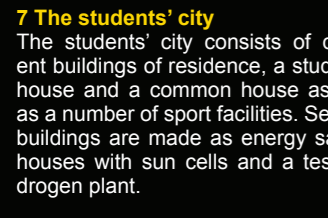
### 5 VIA University College, TEKO Design+business

TEKO is Scandinavia's largest design school with more than 1,200 students. TEKO moved into Angli in 1973. It now has five buildings alongside Birk Centerpark.



### 6 The Geometrical Gardens

The Geometrical Gardens were laid out in 1982 and consist of 9 different geometrical shapes in which you can move around. The hedges are 3-8 meters high. The gardens were designed by the famous landscape architect C. Th. Sørensen.



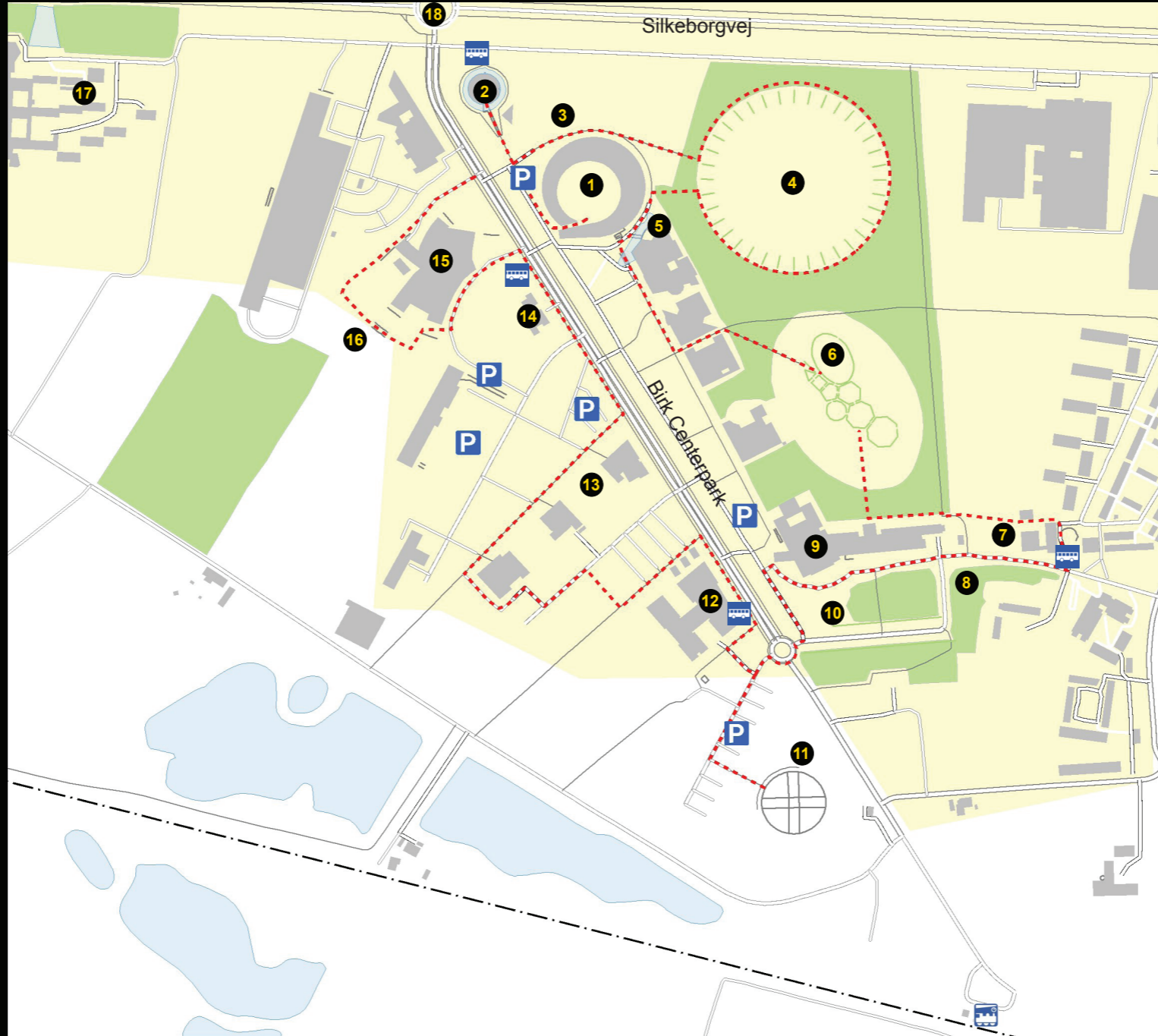
### 7 The students' city

The students' city consists of different buildings of residence, a students' house and a common house as well as a number of sport facilities. Several buildings are made as energy saving houses with sun cells and a test hydrogen plant.



### 8 Margrethelyst/The students' street

The street is designed by Sven Ingvar Andersson. The street is tiled and has a low wall of granite to one side. On the southern side you find Margrethelyst from 1939. It is one of the original farms in Birk. Today it is used by TEKO for meeting activities.



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### 9 AU Hering

The university has more than 3,000 students within business and engineering. The university works closely together with businesses and put great emphasis to interdisciplinarity. The building was designed by the architectural firm Henning Larsens Tegnestue.



### 10 Abyss

Abyss is both a sculpture as well as architecture. It stands in front of AU Hering and has the shape of a 7 meters tall rhombus. You can explore the inside which has both heaven and water basins. It is designed by Ingvar Cronhamner.

### 11 Elia

A giant circle with 4 columns and 4 stairways to the middle of the top - shaped as a cross. The sculpture has a diameter of 60 meters and is 32 meters tall. It is drawn by Ingvar Cronhamner from the thought of connecting the heavenly with the earthly.



### 12 Innovatorium

Here you find entrepreneurs next to operators within promotion of trade, high level educational institutions as well as growth companies. Everybody contribute to the community and development through network and knowledge sharing.

### 13 Business

Since the 1960's the textile industries have settled along Industrivej North and South in Birk. In recent years a number of companies have chosen to settle in Birk Centerpark.



### 14 The Utzon House

With its curved roof and large windows the Utzon house is a prototype of a planned export and design school. The house is designed by the world famous architect Jørn Utzon in 1970 and is today a private home.



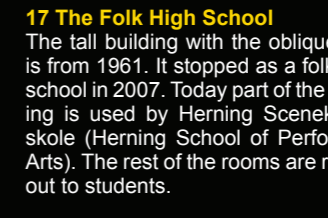
### 15 Heart, Hering Museum of Contemporary Art

Seen from above the art museum looks like a shirt carelessly thrown on the ground. The architect Steven Holl was inspired by Hering's history as a textile city. The building is also domicile for the classical orchestra Ensemble MidtVest.



### 16 "The Earth is flat" by Bjørn Nørgaard

Le monde est plat (The Earth is flat) is the title of a sculpture that consists of an ellipsoidal plate balanced on a massive concrete pole. Eight holes have been carved into the plate, filled with glass of various colours which illuminate whoever moves under the concrete pavilion.



### 17 The Folk High School

The tall building with the oblique roof is from 1961. It stopped as a folk high school in 2007. Today part of the building is used by Hering Scenekunstskole (Hering School of Performing Arts). The rest of the rooms are rented out to students.



### 18 The Obelisk

The obelisk in Birk was to be Carl-Henning Pedersen's last great art project in Hering. He was 88 years old when the monumental task of painting over 400 tiles was undertaken in 2001. The obelisk was erected and inaugurated in 2003, where it served to commemorate the artist's 90th birthday.



## Here you find Birk

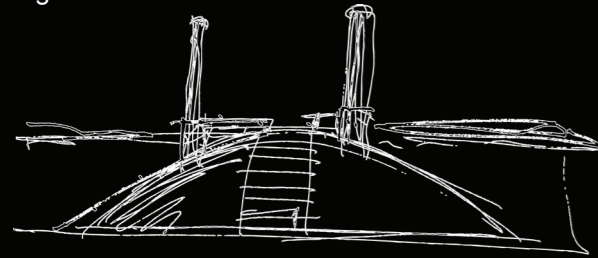
### Education and businesses side by side

First a folk high school was built. Later came a university as well as design and business schools. With education and businesses side by side the students are in contact with the real world. Education attract many Danish and foreign students to the inspiring, international study environment in Birk. Many visitors and students get off the train at the stop in Birk which easily and quickly connects the area with Herning and the rest of the world.

Textiles companies, design companies, a private hospital, agricultural counselling, computer and auditing companies are examples of some of the businesses in Birk. The large office building Innovatorium is an expression of the considerable support and understanding of the local spirit of entrepreneurship. Both small and large companies can get advice and guidance on how to start and run a company.

### Exterior and interior art

The art museums Carl-Henning Pedersen and Else Alfelt's Museum as well as HEART exhibit art of international class. It is a great experience just to study the buildings. You come close to small and giant pieces of art in the Birk area – especially Elia, Denmark's largest sculpture created by the artist Ingvar Cronhamner.



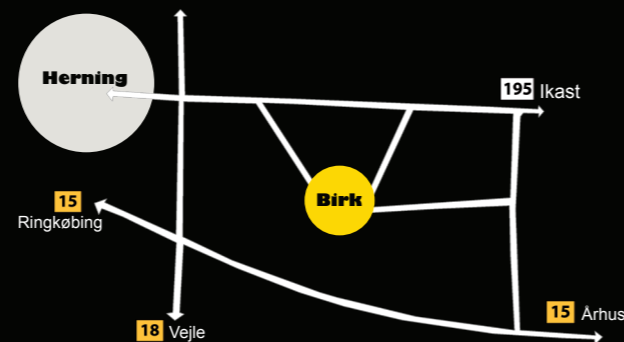
### The green in Birk

Green areas and parks with beautiful plants, paths and water basins are spread in between all the interesting buildings. The sculpture park is one large circular museum, where you can get artistic impressions in the fresh air. The park is placed next to The Geometrical Gardens where you find a labyrinthine landscape with new rooms and new forms round each hedge. From more places you can enjoy the view of the open landscape towards south and north.



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# BIRK

## THE WHITE CITY IN HERNING



# Art Landscape Architecture

A trip around Birk is a visit in a wonderful world of beautiful buildings, art and landscapes.

Birk was originally a number of farms. Today it is known internationally as a unique area where art, architecture, landscape, education and business interact in an exciting way.



### Great personalities and clever businessmen created Birk

Birk's later history started in the sixties where the textile business near Herning developed rapidly. Knud, Mads and Aage Damgaard founded a new creative way of thinking by merging their industries with art and education. The architecture and furnishing – both inside and outside – made art and culture a natural part of the workers' everyday life. The fantastic cooperation between brave businessmen, local authorities, known Danish and international architects, landscape architects and artists ended in a new way of thinking within buildings, urban planning and landscape.

### The geometry and the shapes

As to the buildings the Angli factory was the starting signal for the new Birk. Angli's geometry and the art on the walls inside as well as outside have inspired the strategy for the area. In order to maintain the unique character both buildings and the outside area are subordinated by special rules. Everywhere there are circles, squares and triangles which shape buildings, parks, open space, streets and paths. You see circles in the Angli building, the Carl-Henning Pedersen and Else Alfelt Museum, the sculpture park and not least by the round sculpture Elia. In The Geometrical Gardens, the Utzon House and the HEART Art Museum you will see fascinating compositions of geometrical shapes. Herning Herning Birk Vejle Ringkøbing Århus Ikast.

