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Born 27th of September 1817 in Hamburg and died 2nd of May 1889, at Orupgaard on Falster and buried in Idestrup.

Edward Tesdorpf became a landowner with the purchase of Orupgaard in 1840 and ended up owning about 10 large estates with about 2300 hectares of Denmark's best arable land, in addition to woods and other smaller estates.

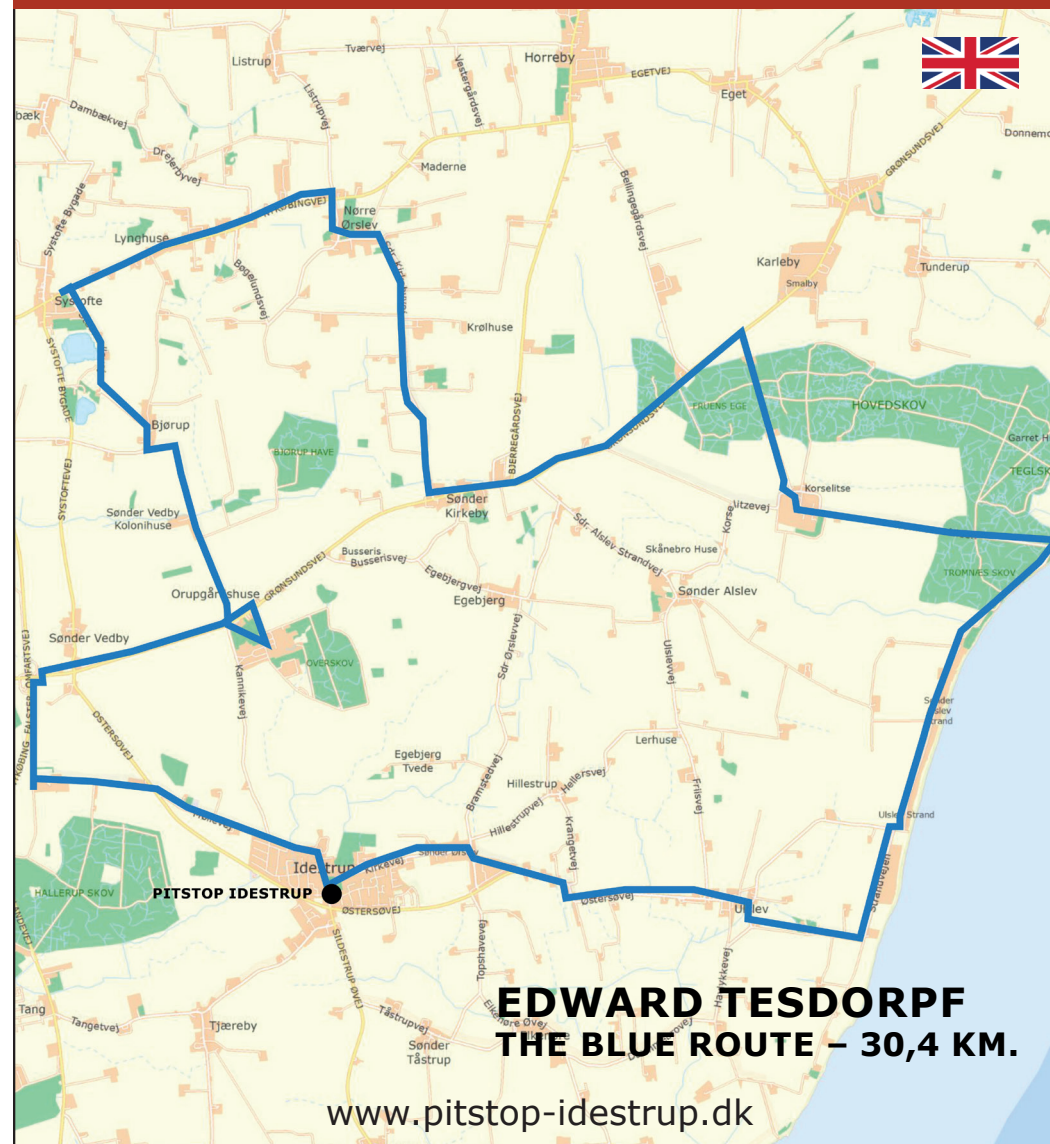
Tesdorpf was a man of vision. He improved and modernized agriculture on Falster in line with developments in the rest of Europe. He introduced more and new machinery into agriculture and was one of the pioneers in the Danish conversion from vegetable to animal production. His farms were examples of modern agriculture, and he was happy to make them available to the nascent agricultural sciences.

He helped to improve conditions for workers by setting up a consumer association and a sickness fund. And he was the driving force behind Denmark's first cooperative sugar factory in Nykøbing Falster, built in 1884.



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# WHICH ROUTE DO WE TAKE?

The route starts at Pitstop Idestrup



## **1. Møllevej 20b, 4872 Idestrup**

Pitstop Idestrup. The building was erected in 1911 as the farmers own consumers' association and functioned as such until the late 1970s. The building now houses a café, youth club, multi-purpose room, accommodation, and a host of activities.



## **2. Hegnetvej 2, 4800 Nykøbing F.**

The Brændte Ege (Burned Oaks) farm was named after a nearby woodland that was burnt down by the Swedes in 1658 during the Swedish Wars. Supposedly to weaken the Danish navy, which would then have difficulty finding oak for new warships. The farm was originally amalgamated from 3 farms in 1905, 2 of which had been owned by Tesdorpf.



## **3. Egeparken 3, 4800 Nykøbing F.**

Orupgaard Estate. Edward Tesdorpf bought Orupgaard Estate in 1840 and converted it into a model farm. His actions quadrupled the yield from the estate over the next 50 years.



## **4. Stubbekøbingvej 334, 4800 Nykøbing F.**

Systofte Church. The church's massive tower of red monks' stone dates from the Middle Ages, but the extension with nave and choir was built in 1871 by Edward Tesdorpf, who at that time owned five churches in the local area: Systofte, Væggerløse, Gedesby, Sønder Alslev and Skelby.



## **5. Nørre Ørslev Bygade 10, 4800 Nykøbing F.**

Nørre Ørslev Church dates from around 1150-1200 and is one of the "red churches" on Lolland-Falster. The color is unique to this particular region. One story about the color has it, that when King Frederik II died, his widow Sophie was given a seat in Nykøbing Castle, from where she made a life for herself as a great landowner. Sophie's coat of arms includes a yellowish red color. Another story goes that the red churches were easy to see in the landscape.



## **6. About 400 meters from the corner of Grønsundsvej and Korselitzevej, just in the woods of Fruens Ege.**

The Valdemar Oak stands about 50 meters from Grønsundsvej in the woods. It is Denmark's largest tree measured in volume, about 100m<sup>3</sup>. The story goes that King Valdemar tied his horse to the tree, hence the name. Unfortunately, the tree is "only" 550-600 years old, so it cannot be true.



## **7. Tromnæs Alléen 2, 4800 Nykøbing F.**

Corselitze Estate and Forestry Museum. Corselitze dates back to the Middle Ages, but today, it's a part of the foundation "Det Classenske Fideikommiss" and has both a beautifully landscaped garden open to the public, agriculture, hunting etc. On the way down Korselitzevej towards the main building are two old oak trees "Adam and Eve".



## **8. Tunderup Strandvej, 4800 Nykøbing F.**

The Generals' Amusement Cottage is a thatched gazebo built just after 1775 by Major General Classen, who owned Corselitze from 1768-1792. Behind the cottage is a forest burial ground, built in 1833 by the Classen family and containing 6 graves. On the way back to Pitstop Idestrup, you drive along the coast, past the Ulslev Beach Camping Grounds and through the village of Ulslev.