

TIVOLI'S GRUND PLAN

Tivoli's ground plan has been carefully thought out. The area is 82,717m². With some 3 million people walking through the Gardens during 5 months every year, there has to be something for everyone's taste. Tivoli is obliged by the Copenhagen Local Authorities to preserve the old trees and parklike appearance. In other words there is a lot to be packed into an area which is not all that big.

For the same reason the rides are kept separate from the miniature Gardens and the stages by an invisible line. This runs through the Gardens from the corners of Tietgensgade/Bernstorffsgade (the Merry Corner) to Hans Christian Andersen's Boulevard (the Orient) dividing the Gardens into two parts. The first part is the stretch along Vesterbrogade sloping down to the Concert Hall which is used for the different Gardens with benches, the music stages, the children's and the Pantomime Theatre etc., and the second is for the rides. In two places the ground is markedly more open. The first is the Open Air Stage where thousands of guests gather for the Friday Rock and the second is the Tivoli Lake which is more than just a reminder of the ground's past as a fortification. The Tivoli Lake creates a sense of tranquillity and spaciousness in the Gardens.



Det muntre Hjørne (the Merry Corner) came about as a concept around the time of the First World War (1914 - 1918). The corner still has mainly games including Tivoli's largest arcade plus rides like the Spinning Top, the Odin Express, Rush Hour, the Little Pilot and of course the Bumper Cars.



Smøgen (the Alley) was created in 1952 by the architect Simon Henningsen and the artist Erik Nordgreen.

The Orient was formerly known as the Bastion because there was a ravelin there before the ramparts, an artificial island in the City Moat. The Bastion is the home of the wilder of the rides in Tivoli and in 1999 was redecorated in an Oriental style and for the first time in Tivoli's history everything in that area has been made to fit into one particular style - the Oriental.

The Open Air Stage

The description Open Air Stage applies commonly to both the big area in the centre of Tivoli and the stage itself. The Open Air Stage is in many respects the power centre of Tivoli. World class artists perform here daily along with talented amateurs from the worlds of music, dance and gymnastics. The Open Air Stage is the setting for the Friday Rock, the Saturday Dance, Children's Parties and the special event days when Denmark has something special to celebrate such as a win in cycling or football, an anniversary or any other occasion which is significant for many people.



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The Lake

Copenhagen is circled by a green belt of parks: Kastellet, Østre Anlæg, Botanisk Have, H.C. Ørstedsparken and Tivoli. The parks were created when the ramparts around Copenhagen were destroyed in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Tivoli is the exception because it was created in 1843. Its appearance changed dramatically with the destruction of the ramparts. Tivoli was no longer situated by the City Moat with the green ramparts in the background but the area was now extended with the filled City Moat. The Tivoli Lake, however, remained in the centre of the park as a reminder of the old days just like in the other parks.

Already the City Moat was being used as an integrated part of Tivoli. There were gondola rides, artists tightrope walked across the water and ships could call at Tivoli from Kalvebod Strand (the channel of water between the

islands of Zealand and Amager). Small boats still sail on the Tivoli Lake whilst the larger boats such as the Frigate St. Georg III have to be anchored. The Frigate St. Georg is the third Frigate in the Tivoli Lake and was built in 1993.

Færgeskroen (the Ferry Boat Inn) is situated on the other side of the Lake. It was a part of the Fishing Village of 1934 and has been there ever since. Earlier many of the temporary festivals were situated by the Lake such as Java and Egypt or even in it like Den blå Grotte (the Blue Grotto).

One of Tivoli's trademarks, the fireworks are set off from the Lake and it is here that the Saint Hans bonfire is lit and the witch rises to the heavens accompanied by the best witch shriek that the pyrotechnist can make.

Notice boards can be found by the Lake showing the fish and birds that live in and around the Lake.

Slotspladsen (Castle Square)

The tiled area in front of the Hans Christian Andersen's Castle where the Tivoli Boys Guard have their barracks is called Castle Square or Parade Square. The Tivoli Boys Guard Parades begin and end here.