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The Jade Bight along the Wadden Sea coast is one of the last open bays still characterized by the natural dynamics of ebb and flood. Indeed, the unique natural spectacles and treasures of the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site Wadden Sea, but also the cultural and commercial features, which have accompanied the people of this unparalleled coastal region for centuries on end, can best be experienced during a pleasant bicycle tour of the region.

Always as close as possible to the coastline of the Lower Saxony Tidelands National Park, leading through the districts of Frisia and Wesermarsch as well as the city Wilhelmshaven, the route is 55 miles long and allows cyclists to comfortably circumnavigate the Jade Bight. Thereby, it offers many rest facilities, plenty of scenic attractions and wonderfully located vantage points, all enabling visitors to make exciting and informative regional discoveries. Geological phenomena, rare animal and plant species, an eventful history of the landscape and the regional culture,

defining landmarks and monuments, silt and sand flats, embankments and port cities, colonization and land reclamation, coasts and natural conservation – the Jade Bight displays the fascinating diversity of the natural and man-made features of a coastal region which is characterized today, as in previous generations, by the peaceful, prosperous coexistence of nature and the socioeconomic life of the people of this region – the Jade Bight.

Environmental Periscopes & Models of Currents

Five brand new environmental periscopes allow visitors to focus on the historical development of the coastline “from the other side”. Observing the coast from the perspectives of the localities Eckwarderhörne, Sehestedt, Varel Harbor, Dangast and Cäciliengroden, one can identify the significant landmarks along the wide Wadden Sea coast of the Jade Bight completely unobstructed. Panoramic details which

would otherwise be overlooked can be easily viewed through the periscopes.

The water of the Jade Bight, a bay with a surface area of 190 km², flows into the North Sea and returns twice a day. As a result, the tidal inlets and ripple structures of the Wadden Sea are constantly defined and redefined. These impressive hydrodynamics explain why the Wadden Sea meets the criteria justifying its status as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site.

Anyone desiring to physically feel the momentum and the strength developed by the water masses can do so with an exhibit in Eckwarderhörne. It is a special model of the Jade Bight, completely filled with water, and it can be brought into motion by muscle power. What happens when the water of the large bay approaches the narrow outlet?

