

Attractions, activities, restaurants and accommodation in Balestrand:

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Activities & attractions in Balestrand



Hiking in Balestrand



Food & drink in Balestrand



Accommodation in Balestrand

More information about these activities & attractions at the tourist information

1. The Museum of Travel and Tourism
2. St. Olaf's Church
3. Sognefjord Aquarium
4. Burial mounds from Viking age
5. Bocca
6. Shop selling local food and beverages

Dragsvik

7. Lunde Arboretum, free entrance

By the fjord on road 55, covering 6 acres of land and adjacent to the vicarage grounds with over 150 different varieties of selected trees and bushes from all over the world, which thrive in this sheltered spot. Excellent bathing, grilling and picnic areas. Maintained by local voluntary help.

8. Tjugum Church

The Church was built in 1863, designed by Chr. H. Grosch, with an octagonal form. Previously this was the site of a Stave church (1323) and later a timber church (1610). Services every 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month.



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Culture and activities



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Symbol – Tourist information:

- Fishing trips, Rib-tours and kayak-tours
- Maps and guided nature hikes and cultural walks
- Rental: bicycle, kayak, water scooter
- Fjord excursions: To Fjærland, Flåm, Vik and Bergen
- Cider-testing



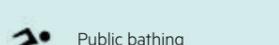
Galleries and art-workshop



Restaurant/café



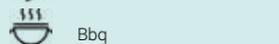
Boat – Bergen, Flåm and Fjærland



Public bathing



Viewpoints



Bbq



Rest areas



Playground



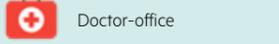
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Pharmacy



Post office



Doctor-office



Dentist



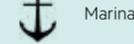
Parking



Taxi



Cinema



Marina



Public toilet



Bus-stop



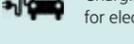
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Carwash



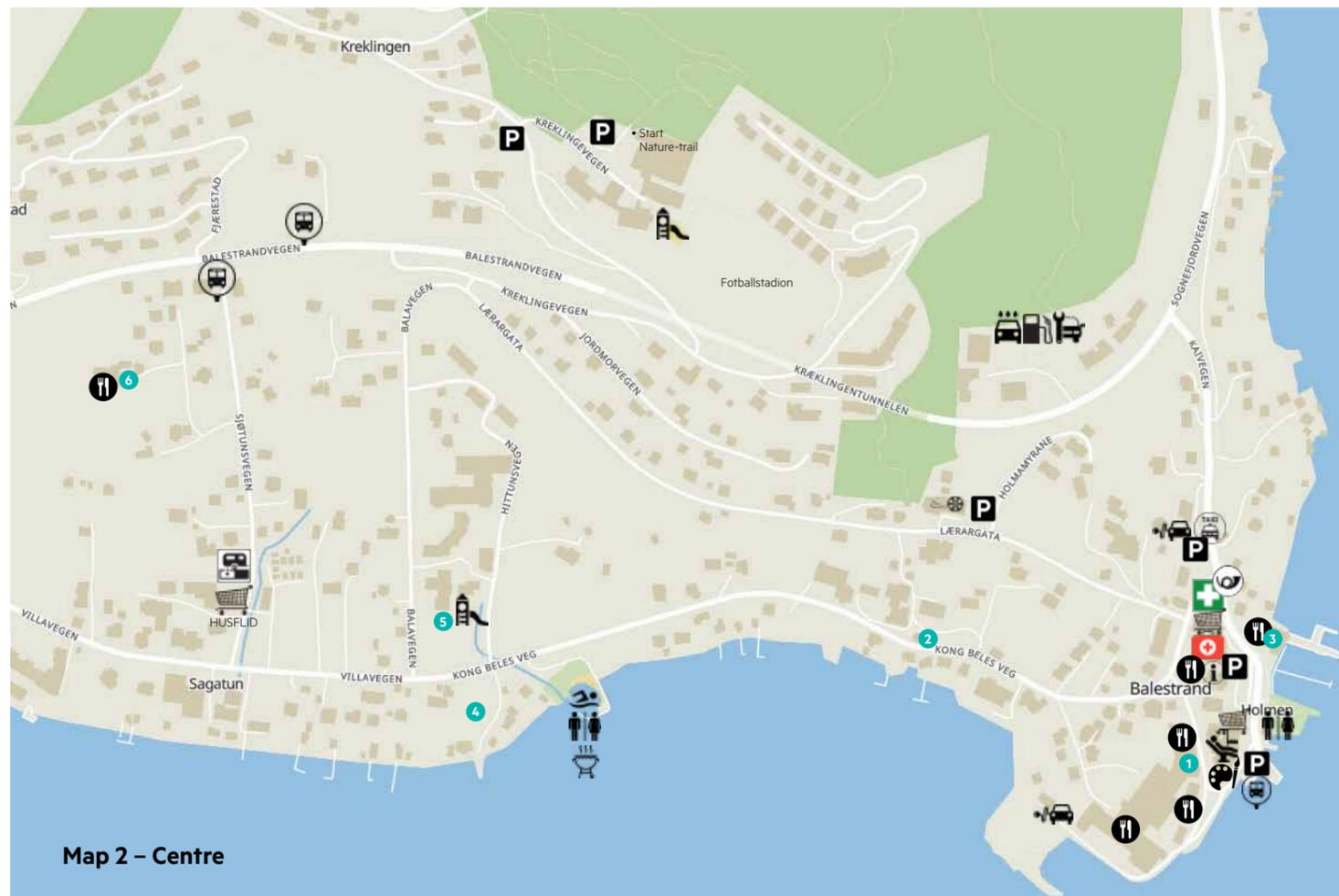
Garage



Charging station for electric cars



RV dumping station (toiletwaste)



Map 2 – Centre



Balestrand Fjord Angling © Håvard Nesbo



Map 1 – The Heritage Trail



Information – The Heritage Trail

Enjoy a walk along our Heritage Trail. You will find information signs and sculptures along the road. Follow the numbers:

1. Villa Heimdalstrand, villa of the artists Emma (1871–1954) and Helga Normann (1902–1987).
2. Villa Cooper House, villa of painter Alfred Heaton Cooper (1863–1929).
3. Kviknes hotel, Family run hotel established in 1877.
4. Memorial stone erected by the local community to honour Lars L. Ese i.e. (1922–1960), 4 times winner of the 300 meters rifle range shooting at the National Championship. Also, information about the former Hotel Balestrand (1892–1920).
5. The house Fargarstova (Dyer's Cottage), here the dyer Rasmus Valentinsen (1833–1908) lived and worked at the end of the 19th century – dying wool.
6. St. Olaf's Church.
7. St. Olaf's Church, owned by The Church of England (built 1897, 95 seats). Daily services during summer.
8. The Viking burial mounds with statue of King Bele.
9. Ivar Høyvik (1881–1961), craftsman.
10. Villa Norlandsheim, villa of Photographer Carl Tietz.
11. Balholm, fruit juice production.
12. Villa Normann, villa of painter Eilert Adelsteen Normann (1848–1918).
13. The tradition of growing fruit in Sogn.
14. Villa Strandheim, villa of painter Hans Dahl (1849–1937).
15. The former old people's home.
16. Villa Lorna, villa of James Livsey (1831–1925).
17. Grjotvin, viewpoint, information about Anders Skåsheim (1880–1965).
18. The café culture in Balestrand, early 1900.

In the forest above Balestrand you will find easy, well-marked trails. Start by the school.



Travel history

The Artists' Colony – Dragon Style Houses

Many Norwegian artists had connections with Düsseldorf, Germany. In their search for the Nordic light, during the period of National Romanticism, several ended up in Balestrand, where they built Dragon Style decorated houses. From 1890 to 1940, the summers took on a different culture, with visits from artists and other prominent visitors.

For over 150 years Balestrand has been a Mecca for tourism, and still is. Therefore, the first Nordic Museum devoted to the development of tourism is situated here. Traces of its history can be viewed today.

Architectural small rest huts

Small rest huts designed and built by students from the Bergen school of Architecture – they provide small open cabins or areas for rest for those walking along the trail routes. All marked on the map.



Kvamsøy, Balestrand. © Håvard Nesbø.



Dragon style house in Balestrand. © Trine Kanter Zerwekh, Statens vegvesen.



View from Tjugatoten (1098 masl). © Erik Hoel.