

## FACTS ABOUT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAMBLE

The Municipality of Bamble has the longest coastline in the Telemark County; from the innermost part of the Voldsfjorden where the boundary with the Municipality of Skien lies, to the Fossingfjorden, at Kragerø, it stretches for a total of about 72km., including its numerous bays and headlands. There are also many larger and smaller islands here.

To the northwest, Bamble's boundary with the Municipality Drangedal follows to a great extent an ancient geographical dislocation line.

The total land area in Bamble is approximately 300km<sup>2</sup>, and of this about 208km<sup>2</sup> is productive forestry, and about 8km<sup>2</sup> is farmland.

The Bamble of today is made up of an amalgamation of the three smaller counties of Bamble, Langesund, and Stathelle, in 1964. The greater part of the population live on the Langesund peninsula, which runs between Stathelle and Langesund, while others live in villages such as Herre, Valle and Feset.



The Municipality's administrative centre is located at Langesund, and it is from the Town Hall here that Bamble's over 14000 inhabitants are administered.

Today, Bamble is one of the big industrial counties in Telemark, and here the two largest industrial complexes are the petrochemical plants at Borealis and Hydro Polymers.

There are several small and medium sized mechanical workshops situated along the Frierfjorden.

Bamble is also Telemark's leading county in the fishing industry, with about 60 professional fishermen. They are mostly involved with the fishing of shrimps and eel, although some also fish by trawling.

Langesund has a modern fishing harbour, and there are two fish-depots, at Langesund and at Kjønnøya, further west in the county.

There are, in addition, 3 food-processing businesses in Langesund, which are based on the local fishing industry.

At Bunesåsen near Stathelle, we find Norway's largest freezer plant. Large amounts of meat and ice cream products are stored here, in what was once a limestone mine.

The Quality Skjærgården Hotell and Badepark near Langesund is a successful business, offering a whole range of services.

The summer concerts at the Wrightegaarden feature both nationally and internationally acclaimed artists, and offer a cultural attraction appreciated by local people and visitors from afar.

The geology in Bamble is of particular interest. It is here we find the southernmost point of the so-called Kongsberg-Bamble formation. Throughout the ages a great deal of mining has taken place here, and there are visible signs still to be seen at several locations. Mineral deposits have been found in the county, which are internationally unique.

The Bamble coastal skerries are popular recreational areas in the summer for day-trippers, cabin-owners, and boat tourists.

The majority of Bamble's around 2500 holiday cabins are to be found along the coastline. No matter where you live in Bamble, there are ample opportunities to enjoy scenery and outdoor activities, on land and at sea.

With the implementation of Bamble's Coastal Plan and Coastal Park, large recreational areas have been secured for use and enjoyment by visitors arriving by road and sea.

Voluntary service and maintenance agreements have been set up for islands and seashore areas totalling 620 acres. (Or 2,5 km<sup>2</sup>)

Summer tourists are well catered for at Valle, and the holiday season transforms this quiet, little village into a busy seaside resort.

The outlying, hilly areas of Bamble have an extensive range of outdoor experiences to offer. Here we find small streams and rivers, still forest lakes and large, inland lakes, and thriving forests. There are also signposted trails leading to fabulous viewpoints which afford views to the north to the mountain of Gaustatoppen, and to the south to the sea horizon far out in the Skagerrak.

An excursion into the Bamble countryside offers the chance of seeing some of the 271 registered wild fauna native to the area.

Due to the numerous rivers and lakes, the county is an eldorado for canoeists wishing to escape the traffic and noise of everyday life.

The sight of the beaver in his natural setting as evening falls, or the distinctive sound of the woodcock, can sooth the soul of any nature lover.



#### **COMMUNAL SERVICES:**

The Municipality's Administration Head-Offices are located at the Town Hall in Langesund: Kirkeveien 12, 3970 Langesund.

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Open from 07.30 until 1500 hrs, Monday - Friday (closed on Saturdays and Sundays).

#### **POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION**

We are always trying to improve the communal services that we offer our inhabitants. If we are to succeed in this, it is important that everybody in Bamble shares their thoughts and comments on our efforts.

The purpose of this website is to offer important information about communal services, funding allocations, and communal clubs and organisations etc.

Local politicians and councillors would like to have a good relationship with the people of Bamble, so please feel free to contact us, either directly or by e-mail.

Together we can make Bamble a good community to live in.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Pieter Flølo

The County of Bamble covers an area of 300km<sup>2</sup>,  
and had a population of 14,061 in 2007

Post giro: 0808.55.77507

Bank giro: 2601.08.00527

Post giro for tax: 0827.58.08149

The Municipality number is 0814

Tax revenues:

The Municipality's share of tax revenues for 2003: Kr. 221.727.000,-

Property tax in 2003 : Kr. 38.700.000,-

In order to draw up guidelines for the use of Bamble's revenues, the local administration vote on the Council's Strategic and Economic Plan each December. Decisions are made concerning the amount of funding the various areas of communal responsibility will receive in the coming year, and, more generally, for the following three years.

Areas for communal backing are also targeted at this time.