



COPENHILL

Sport, architecture, nature and sustainability, all brought together on top of a powerplant.



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Our story

CopenHill, also known as Amager Bakke, is one of Copenhagen's most distinctive examples of how infrastructure, architecture and recreation can be brought together.

Amager Bakke was completed in 2019 and officially opened the same year. With its opening, a new piece of Copenhagen was created: a place where a functioning powerplant also serves as a recreational area and public urban park, featuring a ski slope, running and hiking trails, a climbing wall and green areas.

What could have been a traditional industrial building has instead become a landmark for Copenhagen.



FROM WASTE TO ENERGY

The story of CopenHill begins with the need for a new waste-to-energy plant in Amager.

The old Amagerforbrænding was around 50 years old and needed to be replaced by a new and more efficient facility.

The ambition was not only to generate electricity and district heating from waste. The new facility was also intended to become part of the city and create value for Copenhagen's residents.

UNDER THE HILL

While life at the top is all about sport, nature and recreation, a completely different activity takes place below.

ARC, which is also located at Amager Bakke, converts residual waste into energy. The waste is incinerated and used to produce electricity and district heating, which is distributed throughout the Greater Copenhagen area.

Today, the facility can process around 440,000 tons of waste per year, converting it into energy in the form of electricity and district heating.



THE IDEA BEHIND

In 2010, an international architectural competition was launched for the new facility. Out of 36 proposals, BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group - was selected as the winner with their vision for Amager Bakke.

Instead of hiding the building's industrial function, BIG made the building itself part of the experience.

The technical installations inside the facility are arranged from highest to lowest. This creates the sloping shape that forms the foundation for the hill on top.

In this way, the building's technical functions were not a problem to be hidden - but the starting point for the architecture.



85 METERS OVER COPENHAGEN

The large rooftop was envisioned as a new public landscape in the heart of Copenhagen. On top of the 85-metre-high building, an approximately 9,000 m² area was created, featuring a ski slope of around 500 metres.

But the rooftop was not designed for skiing alone. It also features running and hiking trails, an 85-metre-high climbing wall and approximately 10,000 m² of green spaces.

BIG's vision was to create a powerplant that was not only economically and environmentally efficient, but also created social value.

The result is an artificial hill where locals and visitors can stay active and experience the city from a completely new perspective.

A person wearing a black t-shirt, olive green cargo pants, and a black helmet is skiing on a green roof. They are in a crouched position, leaning forward. In the background, a tall, white, cylindrical chimney stands against a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a green, textured surface, likely the green roof vegetation.

A GREEN LANDSCAPE

***CopenHill is more than concrete, steel and technology.
The green areas bring nature into the industrial area of
Amager.***

***The vegetation helps manage rainwater,
reduce heat and create habitats for plants and insects.***

***The green landscape is therefore not only there for the
experience, but is an integrated part of the idea behind
the building.***

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Here, industry and nature meet - in the heart of the city.

MORE THAN JUST A SKI SLOPE

Since its opening, CopenHill has evolved into more than just a ski slope.

Running, hiking, climbing and events such as CopenHill Climb, Friday Night Freestyle, Scandinavian Team Battle, Open Air Cinema, Sunday Jazz and Reggaeton parties have made the site a destination for both locals and visitors.

Today, CopenHill is an example of how a necessary part of the city's infrastructure can become part of the city's experiences.



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