Bornholm’s raw materials industries have made their mark on Danish industrial history, with their extraction and processing of granite, sandstone, coal, clay and kaolin. The island’s many quarries and pits present unique landscapes; not natural but man-made, industrial ones.
Hammerknuden – the „Hammer“ – is a mighty granite outcrop, rising 82 m above the Baltic Sea and separated from the rest of Bornholm by a rift valley. At the bottom of the rift valley is the island’s largest lake, Hammersøen. Geologically, the Hammer is a roche moutonée, formed by glaciers during the last ice age. In former times, granite was quarried from the Hammer – initially by a German firm in the 1880s, which also built the Hammer Harbour. In the 1970s, the Hammer was brought under a conservation order and quarrying ceased, but traces of this activity still remain at many locations.

Stenbrugsården, („Quarry House“) was built in 1759-1760 with three units to house the quarry superintendent, the master smith and master stonemason. Originally there was no road between the house and the quarry. The exterior of the building remains intact, with its original features. Today, half of the premises is used as a research centre, while the other half is exhibition space.

Frederiks Stenbrud („King Frederik’s Quarry“) suffered a mixed fate. The quarry opened in 1754, but just sixteen years later the workforce had to be reduced from 50 to 20. The workers struggled with the water that broke into the quarry, and often had to use pumps. On the spit of land between the sea and the quarry, a windmill was built to drive the pumps. But on calm days, 20-30 men were needed to man the pumps; in shifts of 8 around the clock! In 1851, the quarry was sold by auction. In November 1872, a storm surge broke the dam between the quarry and the sea, and the quarry was left abandoned until 1922 when a project was started to pump out the water. The new quarrying operations enjoyed success until 1957 when it was again abandoned.

**Related Sites:**
- Bornholms Museum
  Sct. Møntansgade 29
  3700 Rønne
  www.bornholmsmuseum.dk

- Moeseløkken Stenbrudsmuseum
  (quarry museum)
  Moseløkkevej 4
  3770 Allinge
  www.bornholmsmuseer.dk

- Bornholm Cycle Routes
  www.bornholm.info/transport/cykel