BATHING BY THE HORIZON
DRAWINGS & ILLUSTRATIONS
BATHING AT BUÐLUNGAHÖFN

The bathing area is roughly 2 km long stretch, defined by the shoreline to the west and the highway to the east. Along the stretch are 4 pool sites, each with its own character. A path connects the pool sites and access points to the area. The bathing area is a linear journey along the coastline, where the pools are destinations points along the way where the landscape of Öxarfjörður can be experienced from the vantage point of the pool.
10km
2.5km
Buðlungahöfn
project site

Ásbyrgi
400,000 visitors/year

Kópasker
50,000 visitors/year

HÚSAVÍK
KÓPASKER
RAUFARHÖFN
ÞÓRSHÖFN
NORÐUÞING
MUNICIPALITY
BORDER
JÖKULSÁ Á FJÖLLUM

Faults due to the movement of the tectonic plates
Tectonic plate boundary

REYKJAVÍK
ÖXARFJÖRÐUR
THE POOL UNDER THE HILL

This pool hugs a small hill in the landscape which shelters the bather from the cold northern wind and the gaze of the path as it meanders towards the north and the next pools. The changing rooms huts sit at a higher elevation from the pool which creates a visual distance between the huts and the pool. Also, at the same elevation as the huts is a viewing platform for those who want to enjoy the views but don’t want to get into the pool.
THE HOT AND THE COOL POOL

This is a set of pools. One filled with warm geothermal water and another which sits lower in the land, low enough to be filled with seawater during high-tide. The visitor can alternate between the to, feel on the skin heat produced by the geology below the earth’s surface and the cold of the North Atlantic ocean, two opposites in the Icelandic nature.
The Hot and the Cool Pool
cool pool, fills with seawater at high tide
high tide level
steps to the cool pool
warm pool
access path to pool area
changing rooms
0,8m
1m
10m
2,5m
high tide level
HORIZON SWIMMING POOL

This pool is for the swimming enthusiast, a 50m long pool for the workout and hot pool to relax afterwards. The orientation of the swimming pool is so when swimming towards the north, the swimmer is headed straight towards the horizon, the outer boarder of the habitable world. The hot pool sits within rocks in the land, enclosed and sheltered, a contrast to the exposed swimming pool.
Horizon Swimming Pool

- Changing rooms
- Warm pool
- 50m swimming pool
- 'Windows' through the rocks

10m
The pool's edge is a rocky slope which allows people to sit and access the pool.

Access path to pool

Changing rooms

Warm pool

50 m long, two lane swimming pool

Changing rooms

Access path to pool

The pool is 5m x 12m x 0.4m

At the edge of the pool there are steps which allow people to sit and access the pool.
FOOTBATHS AT THE SHORE

Not everyone wants to submerge themselves in the warm water, but still would like to feel the warm water on their skin while taking in the views. Three footbaths along the shoreline meet this need.
FOOTBATH IN THE TIDE

This footbath sits at the border of the high-tide so twice a day, the ocean surrounds the platform in which the footbath is carved. From there one can hear, smell and feel the spray of the waves on their skin, while being exposed to the views. Its circular form lets the visitors orient themselves to face different parts of the shore, be exposed to the wide views or turn towards the land, with the ocean to their back. On the way down to the bath, is a small pool, hidden in the rocks. Those who can find it can enjoy a view and the warm water in peace and quiet.
This footbath sits within the rocks on the beach, a bit high like a beacon on the shore. The path to the bath is slightly hidden within the rocks, a secret passage to the bath. The form of the bath itself is an ellipse which follows the form of the small headland on which the bath sits.
FOOTBATH ON THE HILL

This footbath sits above a small rock-face at the shore. As it sits high in the land, the views are unhindered towards a small waterfall to the south, a black sandy beach to the north and the horizon in between. The bath itself is a circle with the chance to sit in the middle, for a full circle views of the landscape.