

Cycle through Vincent van Gogh's world

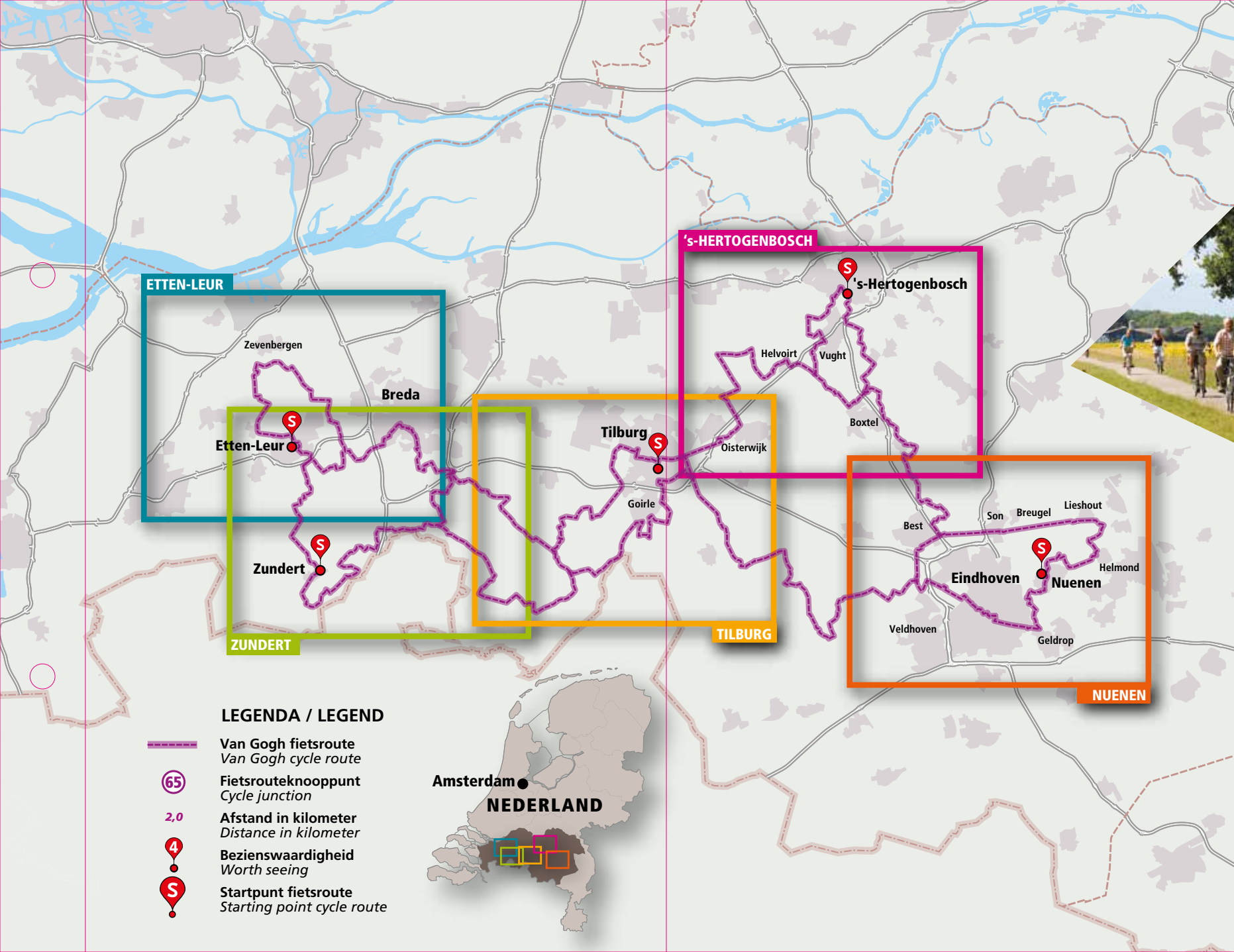
335 km of cycling
enjoyment divided
into 5 unique routes

The way of life and the Brabant countryside
formed the basis of Vincent van Gogh's work
(1853-1890).

His love of simple folk, the countryside and
the peasant farmland all started in this
beautiful province. These essentially Brabant
themes form a common thread throughout
Vincent's 800 paintings and 1100 drawings
which can nowadays be admired all over
the world.

Vincent was born and grew up in Brabant,
it was here that he found inspiration, made
his first sketches, developed into an artist
and produced his first masterpiece. Discover
the Brabant countryside where Van Gogh
lived and worked, the countryside that inspired
him and which found a place in his heart.

Cycle, listen to the stories and enjoy
Vincent van Gogh's birthplace.
Vincent's Homeland.



The Van Gogh cycle route

The Van Gogh cycle route takes you through five communities which have a unique bond with Vincent van Gogh. You can enjoy the Brabant countryside at its best and visit the locations that inspired Van Gogh. The Van Gogh cycle route follows the national cycle route network and can be identified by the Van Gogh route signs. The total length of the route is 335 kilometres, divided up into five shorter sections.

How the Van Gogh cycle route is organised

The Van Gogh cycle route is incorporated into the existing cycle route network. There is a Van Gogh cycle route sign below each network sign.

Follow the Van Gogh cycle route signs from one numbered intersection to the next. Between intersections you should follow the cycle route network signs.

The entire Van Gogh route is a circular route of 335 km. Five shorter routes have also been marked out around the five Van Gogh heritage locations.

If you want to deviate from the Van Gogh route you will find panels along the way giving a summary of the route and including a map of the cycle route network in each particular region.

Peasants planting potatoes, 1884
1884 Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo



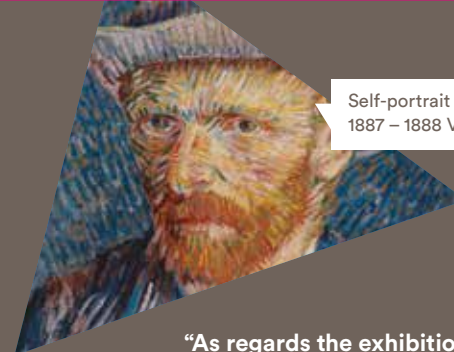
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If there is something not quite right about the route signage, if this leaflet is sending you in the wrong direction or if a sign has become almost illegible, please send us your comments or suggestions about the signage, the paths, the route leaflet and the www.routesinbrabant.nl website. You can leave your comments at 'Meldpunt Routes' on the website and they will be very much appreciated.

Cycle route network sign

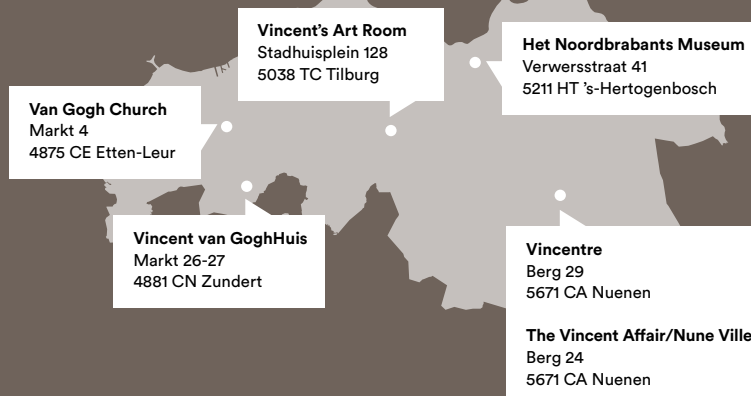


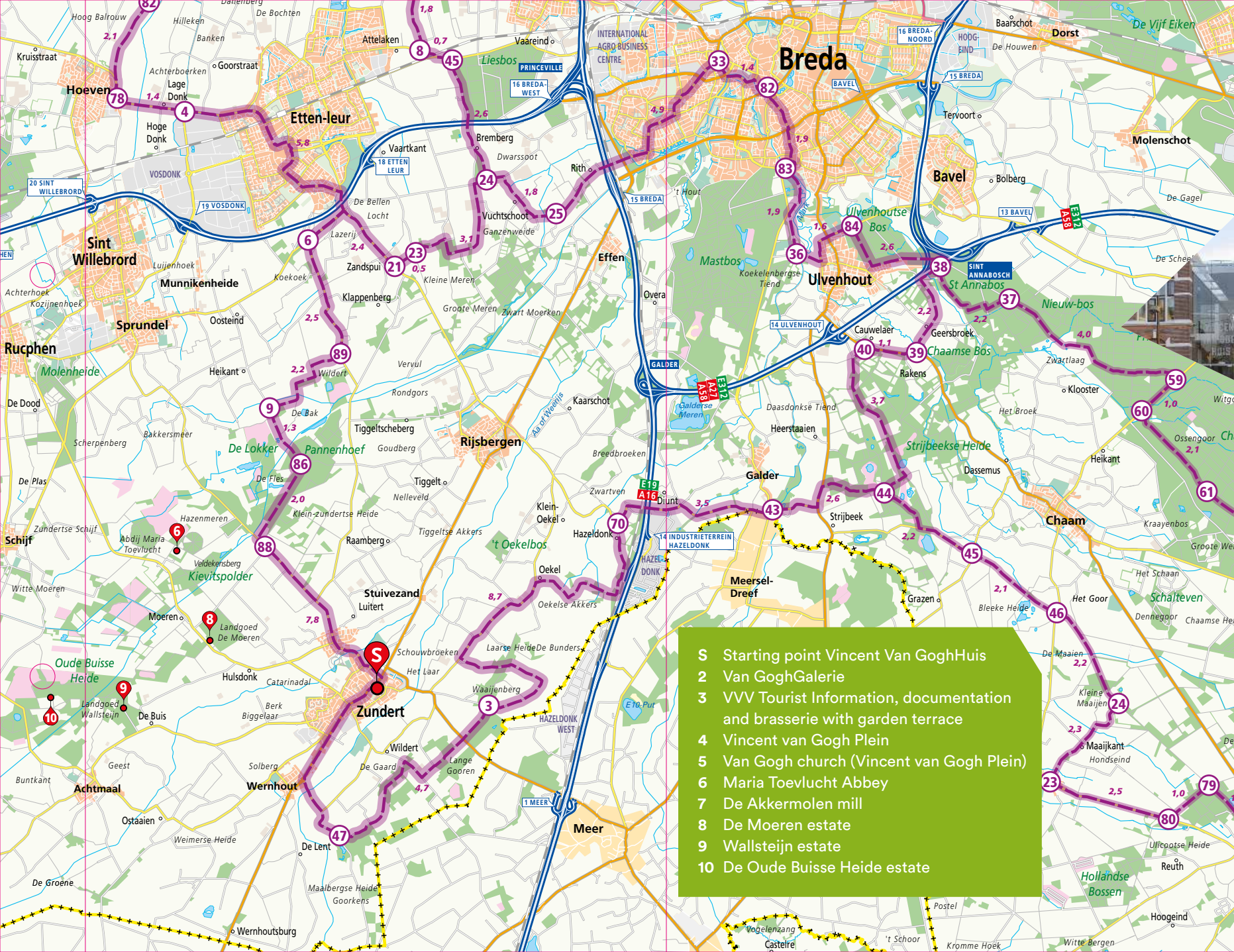
Self-portrait with grey felt hat
1887 – 1888 Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam



“As regards the exhibition in Brussels, why it doesn’t leave me indifferent is because I’ll have a few paintings from here which, notwithstanding that they were made in a very different region, have remained completely and utterly as if they were painted in Zundert, say, or Kalmthout, and I believe could also be understood by people who don’t, as they say, know anything about paintings. And so people could say that it would perhaps have been simpler had I just stayed quietly in North Brabant - but that’s as it is, and what is a body to do about it?”

Vincent van Gogh, Letter 826, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence,
10 December 1889





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Zundert Vincent van Gogh's birthplace



Zundert is of course the place where Vincent van Gogh was born on 30 March 1853 in a house on Markt 26, one year to the day after his brother, who had also been named Vincent, was stillborn. It was a difficult start to what would later prove to be a turbulent life.

Zundert is also where Vincent spent his childhood years. The residents of Zundert soon realised that Vincent was 'different'. He was a reticent and introvert boy. A protestant boy in a predominantly catholic village. Someone who for years was educated at home. He was also conspicuous by his red hair. This is where Vincent van Gogh's character was to a large extent determined.

- 1 Starting point Vincent Van GoghHuis
- 2 Van GoghGalerie
- 3 VVV Tourist Information, documentation and brasserie with garden terrace
- 4 Vincent van Gogh Plein
- 5 Van Gogh church (Vincent van Gogh Plein)
- 6 Maria Toevlucht Abbey
- 7 De Akkermolen mill
- 8 De Moeren estate
- 9 Wallsteijn estate
- 10 De Oude Buisse Heide estate

 65 km

Starting point
Vincent van GoghHuis
Cycle route network
88-86-9-89-6-21-23-24-25-33-82-83-36-84
38-39-40-44-43-70-3-47 and back in direction 88

Zundert

Vincent van GoghHuis

Vincent van Gogh's birthplace

The Vincent van GoghHuis stands on the site of his birthplace, where memories of Vincent's youth are kept alive. It is a house full of tales and experiences. Vincent himself will involve you in a visual enactment.

Opening times

Tuesday (April-September)
10.00 to 17.00

Wednesday to Friday from
10:00 to 17:00

Saturday and Sunday from
12:00 to 17:00

Current info

See website

Directions

Car: A16 exit Zundert/ Meer
(in Belgium)
Public Transport:
Breda Station / bus 115 Breda-Zundert

Accessibility

Wheelchair friendly/ Exhibition
accessible by lift

Also visit

Van GoghGalerie. A space for art
of the future.



Vincent van GoghHuis
Exhibition

VVV Tourist Information, documentation and brasserie with a garden terrace

The garden was often a consolation
for Vincent. It was his favourite
place to play with his brother
Theo. Continuous exhibitions are
frequently held here.

Vincent van Gogh Plein

Bronze monument by Ossip
Zadkine. Unveiled by former
Queen Juliana on 28 May 1964
in memory of the painter. The
statue symbolises the bond

between the brothers Vincent
and Theo van Gogh.

Van Gogh Church (Vincent van Gogh Plein)

Former Dutch Reformed Church
(1805). Vincent was baptised in
this church and went there to
hear his father preach on Sundays.
The grave of Vincent's stillborn
brother, also called Vincent, is in
the graveyard.

Starting point Vincent van GoghHuis
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36-84-38-39-40-44-43-70-3-47 and
back in direction 88



Huts at sunset (Memories of Brabant)
1890, Van Gogh Museum Amsterdam

Other places of interest in Zundert

Maria Toevlucht Abbey

Rucphenseweg 38, 4882 KC Klein Zundert
Tel: +31 (0)76-5974251

De Akkermolen

Akkermolenweg 13, 4881 BL Zundert
+31 (0)76-5973889

Places of interest in the locality

Walking and cycling through ancient woods,
heathland, meadows, pastures, fields, hedgerows,
beautiful tree-lined avenues and stately homes.

De Moeren Estate

> Access via the Rucphenseweg, www.demoeren1818.eu

Wallsteijn Estate

> access via Achtmaalseweg 158b

De Oude Buisse Heide Estate

> Access via Antwerpsebaan/Nederheidsebaan

Vincent van GoghHuis

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www.vangoghhuus.com

Tilburg

The first drawing lessons

In 1866, the 13 year old Vincent van Gogh moved from Zundert to Tilburg to attend lessons at the brand new State High School. It was the only such school in Noord-Brabant. Vincent lodged at a boarding house on 'Haringseind', now known as Annaplein, where the Korvelseweg starts.

Vincent had drawing lessons at school from Constant Huijsmans, an artist who was very well known at the time. He was a painter, drawer and writer of books on art education. Master Huijsmans paid much attention in his lessons to drawing in depth. It's a strange fact that Vincent had a lot of difficulty with this in his later works. Half way through the second year Vincent gave up school. He went back to his parents' house in Zundert. The reason for his departure is not known. Vincent was recognised as being 'a good student'.



50 km

Starting point
Vincent's Art Room

Cycle route network

65-66-78-82-81-37-36-35-77-75-76 follow centre route to 66 then continue on 67-72-73-74-34-9-10 61-64 and 65

- S Starting point Vincent's Art Room
- 2 Bronze plaque (St. Annaplein 18-19)
- 3 De Pont (museum of modern art)
- 4 Brabant Nature Museum/VVV Tourist information
- 5 Textile Museum
- 6 Various galleries and studios
- 7 De Oliemeulen Animal Park
- 8 Circus City Adventure Playground
- 9 Land van de Hilver

Tilburg Vincent's Art Room

History and the newest technology come together in Vincent's Art Room. The young Van Gogh attended school in the former palace of King Willem II. Visit the reconstructed art room and experience how he received his first serious drawing lessons. You can then try it yourself in the digital drawing room and discover your own artistic talent. Find out how exciting that is!

Teachers and students at the Willem II State High School, 1866 or 1867



Opening times
Tuesday to Sunday
from 13:00 – 16:00

Groups by appointment
(in addition to regular opening times),
Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 to 12:00

Current info
See website

Directions
Car: A58 / E312 towards
Tilburg Centrum
Train: Tilburg Central Station
Bus: Stadhuisplein bus stop

Accessibility
Wheelchair friendly

Children at work in
Vincent's Art Room



Also visit
Bronze plaque on the front of
the house in Annaplein 18-19, where
Vincent's boarding house once
stood.

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61-64 and 65



C.C. Huijsmans,
art teacher HBS (1810-1886)

Other places of interest in Tilburg

- > De Pont (museum of modern art)
- > Brabant Nature Museum
- > Textile Museum
- > Various galleries and studios
- > De Oliemeulen Animal Park
- > Pleasure Island
- > Circus City Adventure Playground etc.

Info

VVV Tourist Information Tilburg
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E-mail vvv@tilburg.nl, www.vvvtilburg.nl

Places of interest in the area

Cycle along one of the architectural routes and see traces of Tilburg's past, or sample the La Trappe brewery route. Also excellent cycling beyond the town:

- > Land van de Hilver
- > The Loon and Drunen Dunes
- > Via Bels Lijntje former railway line to Turnhout in Belgium
- > To Efteling or Beekse Bergen (attraction parcs)

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Etten-Leur

The start of a career

Vincent van Gogh visited Etten regularly between 1875 and 1882, mostly when he needed money. At that time his father was a preacher there in the Dutch Reformed Church. In April 1881 Vincent came back destitute to the West Brabant village. His parents took him in reluctantly, as he was not an easy person to live with. But this time he had a plan. The spirits had moved him and he wanted to become an artist.

This ambition brought some direction into the life of the 28 year old Vincent. Etten became the turning point. He stayed in the parsonage next to the church for nine months. He also set up his first studio there. He made hundreds of sketches and drawings. A large number of these can be found in museums all over the world.



32 km

Starting point

Vincent van Gogh Church

Cycle route network

4-78-82-5-35-41-1-10-13-8-45-24-23-21
and back in direction 4

Etten-Leur Van Gogh Church

Vincent's ambition can be seen and felt in the Van Gogh Church. A number of themes allow you to experience Vincent's story.

Why did he come to Etten, what was he looking for and what did he find here? Learn all about his struggle to become an artist, his love of the countryside, for the simple people and for his cousin Kee Vos. His heartbreak and an explosive argument with his father. A compelling and vivid story, not to be missed.

Opening times
Wednesday to Sunday
from 13:30-16:30

Groups of more than 10 people
also at other times/days
(reservation required)

Current info
See website

Directions
Car: A58 exit Etten-Leur /
towards Centrum
Train: Etten-Leur Station
(journey time from Breda: 8 minutes)
Bus: Burchtplein/Valpoort bus stop
Distance to Zundert: 15 km

Accessibility
Wheelchair friendly



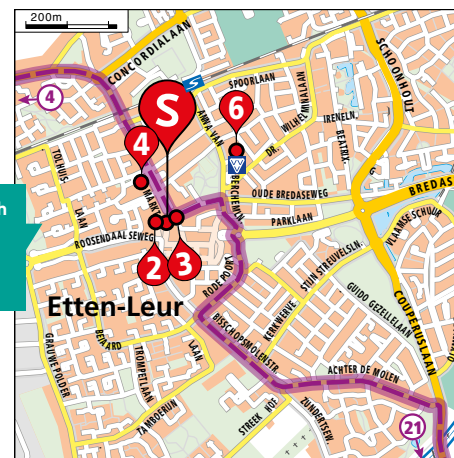
Cycle route in the vicinity
of Etten-Leur

Also visit
Van Gogh Garden. Walk around
the church (outdoor exhibition
with works from Etten, mini-cinema,
large selfie portrait, old cemetery
and colourful garden with a statue
of Vincent).

Van Gogh Shop
Also serves as a ticket and Tourist
Office and has local products and
souvenirs on sale.

Van Gogh farmhouse room
300 metres away is the Paulushofje
courtyard with the Jan uten Houte
Museum. You can visit a genuine
farmhouse room in this museum.
Under development: Vincent's first
studio.

Breda
Breda can be considered the
birthplace of the Van Gogh family.
Vincent's grandfather was a
preacher at the Grote Kerk church
and the Royal Military Academy
in Breda. Vincent regularly visited
the Prinsenhage district of town
where his rich Uncle 'Cent' had
an art gallery. Behind the
Princenhage Museum, Haagweg
334, is the Haagveld cemetery
where Uncle Cent and his wife,
and grandmother and grandfather
Van Gogh are buried. You can
combine this with a visit to
Etten-Leur and Zundert.



**Starting point Vincent van Gogh
Information Centre**
4-78-82-5-35-41-1-10-13-8-45-24
23-21 and back in direction 4



Road with Pollard Willows
and Man with Broom
1881, Metropolitan Museum, New York

Other places of interest in Etten-Leur

Historical market with the centuries old Moeierboom
(Mother Tree), 5 museums, 3 windmills, a yacht and touring
harbour, 4 hotels, 3 campsites, various bed & breakfast
addresses and a compact, complete and comfortable
shopping centre with plenty of catering and pavement cafes.

Info

VVV Tourist information Etten-Leur, Anna van Berchemlaan 2,
4872 XE Etten-Leur, Tel: +31 (0)76 504 52 00

Places of interest in the locality

Walking and cycling through ancient woods, heathland,
meadows, pastures and farms.

- > Het Liesbos woods. Between Etten-Leur and Breda.
- > Haagse Dijk. Walking and cycling area accessible from
the Zevenbergseweg.
- > De Pannenhoeft. Nature reserve between Etten-Leur
and Zundert.
- > De Santspuy wine and asparagus farm. Excursions,
walks, tasting.
- > Ice cream farm Heidehoeve.
- > De Turfvaart Yacht and touring harbour/swimming lake.

Van Gogh Church
Markt 4
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www.vangoghkerk.nl



Boy cutting grass with a scythe
1881 Kröller-Müller Museum
Otterlo



Nuenen

You'll never be closer to Van Gogh

Stand where Van Gogh once stood, see what he saw and painted. Then and now. It's already 130 years further on, yet still everything is visible, tangible and within reach. Walk or cycle in Vincent van Gogh's footsteps. That's something you can really do in Nuenen! What makes it unique is that the stories about Van Gogh, his letters and his paintings all merge together in the same place.

Hear stories about him in the Vincentre museum and read stories about Nuenen as it was when he lived and worked here from 1883 to 1885. Get to know him as a person and see him develop to become a world-famous artist. Then go outside where no fewer than 23 locations remind us of Van Gogh; 14 of these are buildings painted or sketched by him. The others are statues or buildings with a particular relevance. There is even a special cycle path. Despite there being no original paintings, our senses are aroused: you'll never be closer to Van Gogh.



56 km

Starting point
Vincentre

Cycle route network

79-35-99-75-77-94-95-97-96-2-91-3-4-48-12-11-10
9-72-63-61-62-70-74-78 and back in direction 79

- S Starting point Vincentre
- 2 Van Gogh Chapel
- 3 Het Klooster Theatre
- 4 Dierenrijk Animal Kingdom
- 5 Strandbad Nuenen outdoor lido
- 6 VVV Tourist Information
- 7 Coll Watermolen
- 8 Opwetten Watermill
- 9 Van Gogh-Rosegaarde cycle path

Nuenen Vincentre/Nune Ville

Immerse yourself in Van Gogh's mind. What does that mean? How does it feel? This is the challenge for 7 designers in the imposing villa Nune Ville (in front of the Vincentre museum). It was here that Vincent and Margot Begemann had a love affair that ended in a dramatic way. Vincent had his own way of thinking about things. That applies to the 7 current designers. They will enter into a relationship, an affair with Vincent. What brings them together in 'alternative thinking' will result in the designs for the rooms in this lovely house: The Vincent Affair. Experience the adventure and have your own affair with Van Gogh.

Opening times
Tuesday to Sunday
from 10:00 – 17:00

Current info
See website

Directions
Car: A50/N270 towards
Nuenen Centrum
Train: Eindhoven Station
Bus: Central Bus Station Nuenen
or Lindeboom bus stop.
Bus services 21, 22 or 6.

Accessibility
Wheelchair friendly

Information display with
audio clips in Nuenen



The Potato Eaters, 1885
Van Gogh Museum Amsterdam

Van Gogh Chapel

The Van Gogh Chapel, Papenvoort 2a, where Vincent's father served as a preacher (1882-1885). Nuenen has various cultural and recreational possibilities. These include Het Klooster theatre, Dierenrijk Animal Kingdom, Strandbad Nuenen outdoor lido, several catering

outlets in the Park and the beautiful surrounding areas of Nederwetten and Gerwen, where Van Gogh often walked and painted. Info: VVV Nuenen, located in the Vincentre, Berg 29.

Starting point Vincentre
79-35-99-75-77-94-95-97-96-2-91
3-4-48-12-11-10-9-72-63-61-62-70
74-78 and back in direction 79



Statue 'The Potato Eaters'
in Park Nuenen



Opwetten Watermill, Nuenen

Other places of interest in Nuenen

Places of interest in the locality

For a complete Van Gogh happening, a full day's cycling in and around Nuenen through its many woods and heathlands is the perfect experience.

- > The Mill Route, approx. 25 kilometres (available from VVV Tourist Information).
- > The Coll Watermill, in De Zegge nature area bordering Nuenen and Eindhoven. Vincent van Gogh painted this mill 1884.
- > The Opwetten Watermill, located on the Kleine Dommel river in Nuenen. Vincent van Gogh painted this mill in 1884.
- > The Van Gogh-Roosegaarde cycle path is 300 metres away from this watermill. A fairy-tale experience at night thanks to thousands of luminous stones. The cycle path is located in the eastern part of Eindhoven, between the Opwetten Watermill, Wolvendijk in Nuenen and the Coll Watermill, Loostraat in Eindhoven. About 15 minutes by bike from Eindhoven Station.

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- 1 Starting point Het Noordbrabants Museum
- 2 Museumkwartier
- 3 Helvoirt Reformed Church
- 4 Sint Jan Cathedral
- 5 Dragon Fountain
- 6 Statue of Jeroen Bosch (Hieronymus Bosch)
- 7 The Binnendieze underground canal system
- 8 Verkade fabriek cultural centre
- 9 Theater aan de Parade Theatre
- 10 VVV Tourist Information
- 11 Engelermeer/Meerheuvelweg Vlijmen car parks
- 12 Vught former internment camp
- 13 Heeswijk Castle

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's-Hertogenbosch

The original works

Vincent van Gogh grew up in the 19th century in a protestant preacher's family in which an appreciation for the countryside was important. Vincent's lifelong love for anything that grew or blossomed can be traced back to the landscape of Brabant. Despite the 19th century being a period of -industrial progress, Vincent was primarily fascinated by the traditional peasant lifestyle. That's what he tried to convey with his canvasses.



Starting point
Het Noordbrabants Museum
Cycle route network
88-84-63-64-36-65-75-43-70-68-67-66-29-28
34-62-61-60-24-22-21-54-53 and back in
direction 88

's-Hertogenbosch Het Noordbrabants Museum

The only location in Brabant where you can see original works by Vincent van Gogh. The Story of Brabant Gallery includes the Vincent van Gogh pavilion which contains several of his works. These include the peasant women from the Potato Eaters, his father's parsonage and the unspoilt Brabant countryside for which van Gogh was always homesick. You can round off this inspiring exhibition in the informal Museum Brasserie.

Opening times
Tuesday to Sunday
from 11:00-17:00

Current info
See website

Directions
Car: A59 / A2, towards Centrum
Parking: Wolvenhoek parking garage or St.-Jan. parking garage
Train: Central Station (about a 10 minute walk via the Market)
Bus: bus 61 or 63 from the station (Parade bus stop)

Accessibility
Fully accessible for wheelchair users.
Toilets and lifts for the disabled.
All museum rooms are wheelchair accessible.

Centre of
's-Hertogenbosch

Mill wheels from the Gennip watermill 1884. Property of the Cultural Heritage Agency on long-term loan to Het Noordbrabants Museum.



Also visit
Museumkwartier 's-Hertogenbosch. Het Noordbrabants Museum together with the Municipal Museum 's-Hertogenbosch forms one of the largest cultural attractions in the Netherlands, presenting art and cultural history from Roman times to the present day.

Helvoirt
The Van Gogh cycle route will take you through the typical village of

Helvoirt. Vincent van Gogh made several sketches of Helvoirt during the summer of 1874. They included a pastel drawing of the reformed church and a pencil sketch showing a panoramic view of Helvoirt.

The tower of the reformed church is an important visual element in this. Vincent's father was the priest in Helvoirt for several years. Cycle to Helvoirt from 's-Hertogenbosch, Tilburg or Nuenen.

Starting point
Het Noordbrabants Museum
88-84-63-64-36-65-75-43-70-68
67-66-29-28-34-62-61-60-24-22
21-54-53 and back in direction 88



Other places of interest in 's-Hertogenbosch

's-Hertogenbosch is the provincial capital of Noord-Brabant. It is the largest walled city in the Netherlands and its medieval centre is one of the oldest and best preserved town centres. It goes without saying that there is plenty to do and to see in this lively city. How about the medieval Sint Jan cathedral, the Dragon Fountain, the statue of Jeroen Bosch (Hieronymus Bosch), the unique Binnendieze underground canal system or the Verkade Fabriek cultural centre?

Info

VVV 's-Hertogenbosch, Markt 77, +31 (0)73 612 71 70,
www.vvvdendbosch.nl

Places of interest in the locality

The VVV Tourist Information has various cycle routes through the city, across polders, pastures, meadows, woods and dunes.

- > A tour through the Meierij (start from the Engelermeer/Meerheuveweg Vlijmen car parks)
- > Polder Tour (start at the Engelermeer/Meerheuveweg Vlijmen car parks)
- > Drunen Dunes (start at the Engelermeer/Meerheuveweg Vlijmen car parks)
- > And also: Kamp Vught National Monument (former internment camp)
- > Loevestein Castle, Heeswijk Castle

Het Noordbrabants Museum
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www.hetnoordbrabantsmuseum.nl



“The sky was grey but the evening star shone through the clouds, and now and then other stars were visible too.”

(Vincent to Theo, Etten 8 April 1877)

Studio Roosegaarde

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The Van Gogh-Roosegaarde cycle path

Light, art, innovation and design come together. Vincent van Gogh was born in Brabant. Nowhere else. Nowhere else can you cycle past the places that inspired Van Gogh and which in turn have inspired others... Right up to this very day!

Designer, artist, entrepreneur Daan Roosegaarde is a good example of this. In Eindhoven, just on the edge of Nuenen there is a unique cycle path inspired by Vincent van Gogh's *The Starry Night*. Never before was a cycle path so inspiring. The cycle path is 600 metres in length and is one of the highlights of the Van Gogh Cycle Route that links the Brabant heritage locations.

Luminous pearls in the asphalt recharge during the day and give out light in the evening. This combines with fragments from the famous painting to produce a subtle play on light and poetry.

Discover Van Gogh's amazing world here!

My notes



More information

www.vangoghbrabant.com

- (in English and 6 other languages)
Everything about Vincent van Gogh in Brabant.
The journey of his life, locations, arrangements
and activities.

