



De Hondsrug - UNESCO Global Geopark

Cycling along the highlights of pre-historic Groningen

- 24 KM
- 2 hours

Startpunt

- Drie Gezusters, Grote Markt 36-39, 9711 LV Groningen
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Knooppunten route

1Market Square Groningen

From the Market Square cycle into the Gelkingestraat to the right of the Drie Gezusters pub.

2Hoogstraatje, Groningen

At the end of the street go left into the Herebinnensingel. Take the first turning right. After the Saint Jozef Cathedral go left into the Radesingel to cycle point 88. Cycle towards 82.

3Funnel Beaker Culture

Continue towards cycle point 82, but before the viaduct over the Winschoterdiep turn right into the Meeuwerderbaan. Cross the railway and turn immediately left to cycle towards 81. Then continue towards 75, but after the red cycle path (Esserhaag) go left on the Esserweg until you reach Essen.

4Essen and the Convent of Yesse

Cycle clockwise through the hamlet of Jesse and exit it onto the long, unpaved road.

Go left at Kerklaan and follow this to the Hortus botanical garden.

5Hortus Botanicus Haren

Continue cycling along Kerklaan. Go right into Molenweg, and then left at the roundabout.

6Rijsstraatweg with large erratic boulder

Go left into the Julianalaan. Cycle via knooppunt numbers 75, 77 and 86 to 59. After 59 cycle straight ahead to 54.

If you prefer the shorter version, cycle to 86 and then via 83 and 84 towards 27. Go left at the Sassenhein lake and pick up the regular route from the description at point 13.

7Hunze Valley

Cycle on towards cycle point 55.

8Expedition Gateway "Water" at the Zuidlaardermeer lake

Continue a short distance towards the water to view the Zuidlaardermeer lake. Return and continue via cycle point 55 towards 53, but then immediately take the first cycle path on the right: the Hunebedpad. Go left on the Schutsweg towards the hunebeds of Midlaren.

9Hunebeds D3 and D4 in Midlaren

Turn around and follow the Schutsweg north. Go left on the unpaved road past the hunebed.

10Hunebed G1 in Noordlaren

Keep right to the woodland of Noordlaarderbos.

11Noordlaarderbos

Follow the Duinweg, but go left at the Pollseweg. Follow the route in the direction of cycle point 87.

12Besloten Venen

Cycle via cycle point 87 towards 57. Go towards 59, but go straight ahead on the Hoge Hereweg. Then cycle via 84 in the direction of 27. At Sassenhein go left.

13River valley of the Drentsche Aa

Via cycle point 4, 84 and 85 towards 87

Groningen on the Aa river

Turn right across the bridge into Brugstraat. Cycle via the Vismarkt back to the Grote Markt.

End of the tour.