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in the Kop van Drenthe



GEOTOUR KOP VAN DRENTHE

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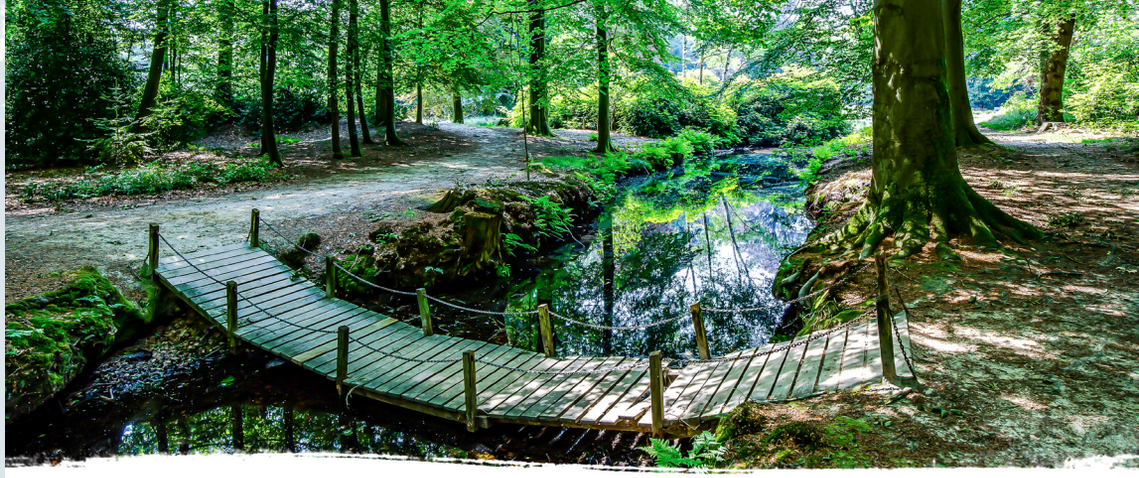
Go exploring

The GeoTour has caches related to the following local stories:

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More info

www.kopvandrenthe.nl



Diversity of the Landscape

In Drenthe, prehistory literally lies on the surface. The ice ages created a unique landscape of boulder clay, sand and peat, in which the people of the time left countless traces. Some of them are visible, such as the dolmens and burial mounds, but much still lies hidden in the ground. In the 21st century, based on a renewed Landscape Vision, a number of spatial interventions were carried out that make the Drenthe landscape even easier to read and create a varied and picturesque landscape. An interesting mix of old and new that gives Drenthe a lot of character.

This part of the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe takes you past beautiful and special places in the landscape.

Regional tips!

- Onlanden lookout tower
- Dolmens (hunebedden)
- Noordsche Veld, Drentsche Aa, Fochteloërveen
- Fochteloërveen walking route
- Go boating on one of the lakes
- Visit the many country estates, such as Landgoed Mensinge, Landgoed Vosbergen, Landgoed Lamferdinge, Landgoed Vennebroek and more!

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Camping de Vledders
Parel aan de Drentsche Aa
devledders.nl

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Colonies of Benevolence

At the beginning of the 19th century, the Society of Benevolence founded several free Colonies, where poor people were given the chance to build a better life. In 1822 the unfree Colony of Veenhuizen was established, consisting of three institutions. Here orphans, vagrants and beggars were taken in, put to work and educated.
The three institutions of Veenhuizen all share the same layout: the central buildings stand between straight avenues. On the inside, around an enclosed courtyard, were dormitories with eighty hammocks each. These halls housed the 'indecent poor', the beggars and vagrants. Men and women were kept apart. Orphans were housed in a separate institution. This part of the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe is inspired by life and work in the institutions of Veenhuizen.

Regional tips!

- Tourist Info Veenhuizen
- Prison Museum Veenhuizen
- Luisterpad (audio trail)
- Regional products at Kaaslust, Maallust and Piepers en Paupers.
- Actief Veenhuizen
- A local walk led by a guide



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GEVANGENIS MUSEUM
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Vrouw Lebbe

Near Peest, at the spot where the Schaapdijk and the Veldweg meet, Vrouw Lebbe once died. Some say she was murdered for the money she carried, others that she died of weakness. She was found by the shepherd of Norg, who reported it. The owners of the land (the commoners of Norg) refused to bury her because of the cost. The commoners of Zeijen did so instead, but on condition that a marker was placed at the spot, showing that from then on the land belonged to the municipality of Vries. This oak memorial is 'de Lebbestoak'. This part of the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe is inspired by the life and death of Vrouw Lebbe.



Regional tips!

- Struin- en duinpad, adventure trail for children. Starts opposite the Norgerberg.
- Laarzenpad or Donderpad, adventure trails for children. Starts at Natuurplaats Noordsche Veld.
- Natuurpad, a walk through the forest. Starts opposite the Norgerberg.
- Noordsche Veld, various cycling and walking routes. Starts at Natuurplaats Noordsche Veld.
- Various walks in Norg. Starts at Brinkhof Norg.



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Natuurplaats Noordsche Veld
denatuurplaats.nl



The Yde Girl

The Yde Girl is the most famous bog body in the Netherlands. She was discovered in the peat between the villages of Yde and Vries in May 1897 by two Drenthe peat cutters. They were so shocked by their find that they quickly ran off. The news, however, spread fast. The mayor of Vries decided to inform the Provincial Museum in Assen, which soon realised that this was a unique find. In 1994 a facial reconstruction was made to help people imagine what the girl looked like. The bog body can still be seen in the Drents Museum in Assen. This part of the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe is inspired by the life of the Yde Girl.

Regional tips!

- Site where the Yde Girl was found
- Geological monument 'Steilrand Donderen'
- Beautiful nature area de Hondstong with various walking and cycling routes



Photo: Het Drentse Landschap

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delindehoeve.com



Berend Botje

'Berend Botje went out sailing with his little ship to Zuidlaren; the road was straight, the road was crooked, Berend Botje never came back.' This well-known children's song is many hundreds of years old and was first written down in 1894, but the story goes that it is much older. This part of the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe is inspired by the song about Berend Botje.

There are several stories about who Berend Botje really was, but the name mentioned most often is Lodewijk van Heiden. He came from a family that once lived at the Laarwoud manor house (havezate) in Zuidlaren.



Regional tips!

- Visit Museum de Wachter and see the original statue of Berend Botje
- Speelpark Sprookjeshof
- Zeilschool Zuidlaren: go sailing yourself on the Zuidlaardermeer
- Zuidlaren is known for the Zuidlaardermarkt, is the greenest village in Europe and has seven village greens
- Enjoy the view of the Zuidlaardermeer from one of the pavilions.



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brinkhotel.nl
paviljoendeleine.nl
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TT – Stories from the past

After the first motorcycle race through the Drenthe countryside in 1925, organised by Motorclub Assen en Omstreken, a different course was found the following year. The Assen–Hooghalen street circuit was more compact, only 16 kilometres long, and used paved roads only. Start and finish were still at the same spot as today's TT circuit at De Haar. Other well-known points were Barteldsbocht, Oude Tol, Hooghalen, Laaghalen and Laaghalerveen. From 1926 to 1954 the TT of Assen grew from a national race into a successful annual international event. For a few days each year, the otherwise quiet province suddenly became a true 'motor mecca'. This storyline covers that period and includes great spots for a pit stop.

Regional tips!

- TT Circuit
- TT Festival, during TT Assen week
- Tour de TT, cycling/ driving route 65 km
- Take your Tour de TT selfie at the hotspot at the Bonte Wever



The origins of Assen

The town of Assen came into being when the Cistercian convent of Maria in Campis (Mary in the Field) relocated. The convent originally stood near Coevorden, but every year its lands flooded, so the community could not support itself. Around 1260 the convent moved to the sparsely populated, wooded area of Hassen in the 'marke' of Witten. The peace and space suited the lifestyle of the Cistercian nuns, who lived by the three vows of poverty, chastity and detachment and by the Rule of Benedict (of Nursia). This Rule prescribes that the nuns devote themselves in silence to literature and the work of God. Through silence they were permanently connected with God and protected against the temptations of the devil.

In the Origins of Assen storyline you visit places once owned by the convent of Maria in Campis and learn more about the people who belonged to the convent community. You find the coordinates of the locations by solving convent stories and various puzzles.

Regional tips!

- VVV Assen (tourist office)
- Drents Museum
- Sustainability Centre
- Drents Archief / Bartje
- Overcingel Estate
- Baggelhuizerplas (lake)



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Ice Age – a timeless discovery

'Long before villages arose here and anyone knew the word "Drenthe", the land lay under thick sheets of ice.' So begins the age-old story of Ahunza and Ahunze, curious young hunters from a small tribe who lived in the landscape we now know as the area between the streams of the Drentsche Aa and the river Hunze. It was a world of bitter cold, roaming mammoths and even a rather headstrong sabre-toothed squirrel. During a night of dancing northern lights they had a vision: "Follow the trail of the ice. Whoever knows the past can protect the future."

This story lets you relive their journey. Each of the caches tells part of their voyage of discovery through the wild ice landscape. A lovely cycle route connects all the caches.

Found all the caches? Then you can collect a special Ice Age tag at Hotel de Koningsherberg.

A special cycle route takes you past the caches in this storyline and the most beautiful spots in the municipality of Aa en Hunze. Find the cycle route on the digital map.

Regional tips!

- DX Adventurepark
- C+B Museum Grolloo
- Drentsche Aa National Park Visitor Centre in Deurze
- Canoeing on the Hunze at Breeland Recreatie
- Find many more tips on the digital map

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Write down the code words here

The code words can be found in the cache containers or are written in the logbooks. Add up your total points at the end: with a score of at least 100 of the 150 points you receive a geocoin, to be collected at VVV Assen (while stocks last). Have you collected all the points? Then claim your online souvenir in the app.

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GT KvD 86
1 Point

New! Ice Age – a timeless discovery

Have you noted down all the code words of the newest storyline 'Ice Age – a timeless discovery'? Then collect your special Ice Age tag at Hotel de Koningsherberg in Anloo.



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This GeoTour consists of more than 80 caches. They can be found in the Kop van Drenthe region, made up of the municipalities of Assen, Noordenveld, Tynaarlo, Midden-Drenthe and Aa en Hunze. The icons show roughly where in the area the caches of each storyline can be found. Of course, we won't give away anything more: the puzzling and searching is up to you. Have fun!

Many more tips for your visit to the Kop van Drenthe?
Scan the QR code.



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Passport

Total number of points

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Town and country:

Email:

Geocaching name:

What did you think of the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe?

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How many days did you spend on the GeoTour Kop van Drenthe?

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How many people were you here with?

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What was (the name of) your accommodation?

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Did you spend money at (participating) businesses?

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How did you hear about GeoTour Kop van Drenthe?

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Are you planning to come back?

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Suggestions for improving GeoTour Kop van Drenthe:

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