

'City and Village Loop Walk'

Wijk bij Duurstede, Cothen, Langbroek

Distance about 18 km

Walking "clockwise"



The walk can be started at any place mentioned in the description.

TL= turn left. TR = turn right

Area at Langbroek through the fields and along the Cothegrift can be quite swampy after prolonged rainfall. Long pants are recommended in spring and summer because of high grass and thistles in the meadows.

Shortening of the walk is possible refer * (forwards) and ** (reverse) in the text.

1. **Start** on the Markt at Wijk bij Duurstede. With your back to the VVV, go to the right. Walk into the Rijnstraat between the Blokker and terStal (following the "klompenpaden" signs on the street lantern posts).
2. At the end of the Rijnstraat cross the Singel and go into Langs de Rijn. (See also the blue sign 'Kromme Rijnpad'. Follow these signs to Cothen). At the end of Langs de Rijn TL over the small bridge.
3. After the bridge, TR, take the underpass (under the apartments), walk across the parking area, and turn left. At the T-intersection TR into Prins Hendrikweg. Follow this road to Nieuweweg.
4. Cross the Nieuweweg following the small footpath in the same direction. You walk through a park parallel to the Kromme Rijn.
5. At the end of the park TR. Walk over the small bridge. Immediately after the bridge TL, onto the Kromme Rijnpad / Groenewoudweg. This is a narrow sealed path along the Kromme Rijn. The path veers to the right, but you should take the first path to the left. Follow this path between the meadows.
6. TL at the end into the Groenewoudseweg.
7. Go over the bridge of the Kromme Rijn. Cross the provincial road (*be careful, cars driving fast!*).
8. TR into the Zandpad parallel to the provincial road.
9. Take the gravel road on your left.
10. At the end of the Zandweg TR into the Dorpsstraat. At the Brink TR, walk across the cobbles veering slightly to the right, and cross the bridge over the Kromme Rijn (Rhynesteyn).
11. At the iron gate on the right TL and go into the Beukenlaan.
12. At the end of the Beukenlaan cross the road (Langenbroekerweg) * **Note!** Here you are leaving the signs "Kromme Rijnpad" (If you require 'refreshments', 50 metres to the left is Café 't Molentje; and slightly further, cafeteria Het Oude Raedthuys) and follow straight ahead onto the Graaf van Lynden van Sandenburgweg.

**Here is also the location of the bus stop Cothen provincialeweg (approx. 6 km shorter). If coming by bus from Wijk bij Duurstede; walk to the parallel road, TR going under the tunnel, in the direction of Cothen, and at the first road TR, onto Graaf of Lynden van Sandenburgweg. If coming from Utrecht: walk towards Cothen centre, and TR directly at the entrance of the bicycle tunnel, onto de Graaf van Lynden van Sandenburgweg.*

13. After about 1100 metres, at the Kleidijk bus stop ** TR crossing the provincial road (be careful, high speed cars!) onto the Kleidijk. Where the asphalt path turns to the left, go straight and pass the fence with the sign "Hindersteyn". Veer to the right along the path and TL at the clear wide gravel road.

**** Here is a bus stop Cothen Kleidijk. If coming from Wijk bij Duurstede walk back 20 metres along the grass edge of the road and TL, onto Kleidijk. If coming from Utrecht, walk back approximately 20 metres, crossing the provincial road (be careful, high speed cars!) and go onto the Kleidijk.**

14. Walk the path all the way to the Langbroekerdijk.
15. At the Langbroekerdijk TR. Beware of traffic as you walk along the road towards Langbroek. (In Langbroek is an ice cream parlour, supermarket where you can drink coffee, and cafeteria De Ruif.)
16. Cross the Provincialeweg in Langbroek, and go straight ahead (café/restaurant Torbijn, closed on Monday).
17. TR after the bridge over the Cothergrift, take the grass path along the Cothergrift. Walk along the Cothergrift and, where the Cothergrift veers to the right, TR and cross the wooden footbridge.
18. TL directly after crossing the bridge, and continue along the Cothergrift, following the red signs.
19. TL and cross a second wooden bridge (just before the fire station).
20. Now follow the path alongside the canal to the next small bridge. Cross to the meadow, following the red signs.
21. At the next Bridge TR (follow red signs) and through the meadow alongside an old barn (on your left hand).
22. Cross the next bridge (water-level controller) with red mark and TR immediately (taking the path on a small dyke between the trees).
23. At the crossing TL. Follow this path to the T-intersection near the tall poplar trees (here's no red marking anymore). TR here.
24. At the next cross road go straight ahead. Continue on the wide grass path along the tortured willows, and small canal. At the old poplar trees veer along the path to the right. After about 500 metres the path veers to the left, continue following the grass path.
25. Cross the pasture, and keep to the forest path track. Go left at a slight turn, taking the wooden plank across the ditch.
26. Cross the meadowland and take the plank across the ditch. Continue along this path (small and winding) into low ash-tree bushland.
27. At the T-intersection TR. Follow this grass path between the low ash-trees and hawthorns to the Landscheidingsweg. TL here and walk to the Wijkerweg. TR here. At the crossing TR.
28. Go over the bicycle / walkway bridge (you will recognise it). TL onto the Noorderwaardpad. (Here is the sign of the Kromme Rijnpad again). Follow this path to Nieuweweg. Cross over this road and continue on the bike/hiking trail which runs parallel to the Kromme Rijn. This path meets the Prins Hendrikweg.
29. Take the second road to the left (De Zaagmolen) and continue through the residential area and under the underpass. Then TL going over the bridge, and then TR (along the canal).
30. At the end of this small road you cross the Singel and enter the Rijnstraat. At the end of the Rijnstraat you will see the Markt in Wijk bij Duurstede with the Tourist Office (VVV). *The bus stop for buses to Utrecht and Amersfoort are located in the Steenstraat (approx. 3-minute walk from the Markt).*

