

THE FREE STATE OF THE LAND VAN RAVENSTEIN



Discovery trip 1



A fortune of religious heritage and countless stories

— A 27-kilometre cycle route in the area around Ravenstein —

Explore the county(side)

The Land of Ravenstein consists of the current municipalities of Boekel, Maashorst and Oss. Get on your bicycle and become acquainted with this beautiful region. Discover unique locations in the Brabant countryside with its woods and heathlands in the Maashorst. Cycle over winding dykes along the Maas and look out over the vast polders and floodplains. Visit the attractive medieval cities or town centres and settle down on a charming terrace.

The ten discovery trips allow you to become acquainted with the beauty in this area. You cycle past many monasteries, churches and chapels, with the opportunity of stopping in at Museum Krona in Uden or staying in the great outdoors. Something for everyone!





VRIJSTAAT LAND VAN RAVENSTEIN

Cycle through a cultural treasure

The ten cycle routes transport you through the history of the Land of Ravenstein. The Land of Ravenstein has a special history because, from 1360 to 1795, it was a sovereign country where religious freedom ruled. Catholic monastic orders that were driven off by the Dutch after the treaty of Munster in 1648 found a safe haven in the Land of Ravenstein as well as in the adjoining county Megen. This unique history has provided an incredible wealth of cultural, religious and monumental heritage in a country that has also been royally endowed with areas of magnificent natural beauty.



How do these discovery trips work?

Get on your bicycle and become acquainted with this special piece of country! Are you able to earn the passport by cycling all of the routes? Or are you only visiting the Land of Ravenstein for a short while? The route forms for all ten of the discovery trips and the day pass (one free cycle route) can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centres in Oss, Megen, Ravenstein or Uden. The folder with all ten discovery trips costs € 14.95.

Collecting letters

Each journey has a name that is linked with the history of the Land of Ravenstein. It is up to you to figure it out by collecting letters. These letters can be found on the coats of arms at monuments and catering locations along the route. The locations of the letters are given on the route forms. Take a picture of the letter or write it down.

Let's get going!

If you have done all ten journeys, then get started with the letters that you have collected. In other words, start solving the puzzle! If you have figured out the answer and think you have earned the passport, stop in at the stamping point, which is also the head office of the Land of Ravenstein (Sint Luciastraat 2, Ravenstein), and anxiously wait to see if you will be granted access to this country.

*'Long live the Land of Ravenstein!
Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!'*



35 stamps and you have the passport!

Congratulations! You have collected 35 stamps and your application is being taken into consideration. If the recommendation is positive, you will receive the passport of the Free State of the Land of Ravenstein! And ... a delicious bottle of Free State wine!



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ROUTE DETAILS

Total route: 27 kilometres

S Start and finish points

Wijnhuis Lodewijk Napoleon
Stadsherberg De Keurvorst
(Marktstraat, Ravenstein)

JUNCTIONS

18 – 42 – 16 – 17 – 23 –
34 – 01 – 24 – 25 – 60 –
59 – 27 – 61 – 18

LEGEND OF PLACES OF INTEREST / LETTER PICKUP POINTS

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|---|---|
| 1 Lodewijk Napoleon wine tavern | 9 De Potter pub |
| 2 Philip of Cleves bulwark | 10 Erfdijk holiday home |
| 3 Hertogswetering (Hertog's watercourse) | 11 Saint Sebastian's Church |
| 4 Tuinderij 't Tuureind vegetable market | 12 Saint Lambert's Church |
| 5 Annakapel chapel | 13 Bondsgebouw (Union Building) |
| 6 Boer Bens family farm | 14 De Nijverheid windmill |
| 7 De Kriekeput restaurant | 17 Saint Lucia Church |
| 8 Zonnewijzer (Sundial) | 16 Hotel restaurant De Keurvorst |
| | 17 Town Hall |



DENNENBURG

URSEN

HAREN

18

42

BENDELAAR

STATIONSSINGEL

RAVENSTEIN

HUISELING

BREDESTRAAAT

OSSENDONK

16

WATSelaar

BRUULWEG

KOOLWIJKSE STRAAAT



HEERLIJKHEID HERPEN

BERGHEMSE WEG

17

SCHAIJKSE WEG

61

HAAR STRAAAT

KOOLWIJK

BOSWEG

HERPEN

ROG STRAAAT

OVERLAND

39

ERFDIJK

27

59

3
HESCHENBAAN
PERDUIN

HERPENSPAD

60

OLIEHEILEN STRAAAT

SCHAIJK

62

SCHUTSBOOM STRAAAT

24

25

MOLENHAAR STRAAAT

HOEK STRAAAT

01

EIKENLAAN

HOOGHEISTRAAAT

34

KOOLWIJKSE WEG

RUISVENENWEG

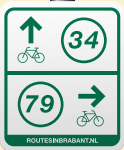


During the ten exploratory journeys, you visit all the cities and villages of the Land of Ravenstein, the adjoining county Megen and the surrounding areas. You can simply follow the routes and enjoy all the beauty, or you can study the history and culture of this region. To do so, download the interactive “Free State of the Land of Ravenstein” app and click on the places of interest that are given on the cycle routes. Discover more about everything that has taken place in this area.

Download the app



CYCLE ROUTE NETWORK



Follow the route from one intersection to another using the familiar cycle route signs. You simply cycle from one number to the next. You will see the intersection numbers on signs at the side of the road. Arrows then direct you on the route to your chosen number.