

The Grebbe

In the 13th century, people began digging peat in West Brabant to make peat and extract salt. Where the peat was excavated, drainage channels were needed, also peat cruises for transport. The Grebbe was dug straight through Bergen op Zoom and the peat was transported to the harbor.

In the 13th and 14th centuries, clothiers, dyers and tanners collected the water they needed for their craft from the Grebbe. Later the beer brewers did the same. They also disposed of their garbage on the Grebbe, as well as the inhabitants of the ever-growing city.

In 1485 the Lord of Mons wished to expand the Markiezenhof and therefore the first overpass took place (vault over it). More and more citizens followed this example, of course for a fee.

Despite various attempts to regulate the discharge of dirt, a centuries-long, continuous struggle arose against the dirt in the now largely underground Grebbe.

In the construction of the sewer in the city (1920/1930) it even became the main sewer!

In the fifties of the last century an improvement plan was implemented and the still open sections were covered. In the beginning of the current century, the Grebbe National Monument was declared and the largest monument of the city was restored on a large scale. The separation of sewage and rainwater could also be realized.

Go underground! Visit this largest monument of the city and experience the now completely clean traces of dealing with waste during the walk through the ages.

Individual visitors:

- All Saturdays from 29 April to 31 October.
Start at: 13:00 and 15:00.
- Reservations via:
<https://www.vvvbrabantsewal.nl/nl/nieuwspagina/2017/gondleiding-2017>
- Choose a date / time.
- Click on step: 3 and enter the number of people.
- Click on step: 4 and then on: Place in Shopping basket.
- On the day itself at: VVV Brabantse Wal. (If there are still places available)

Group visit:

- May to October. (not on Saturday)
- Reservations on request via VVV Brabantse Wal. (No later than 10 days in advance)
- Minimum group size: 10 people.

Information :

- Start circular walk: At La Pucelle in the Markiezenhof, Hofstraat 2.
- Costs: 7.50 euro pp incl. Coffee or tea at the start. (for all ages)
- Duration of excursion: approx. 1.5 hours.
- Maximum group size: 20 participants.
- The excursion continues as the circumstances allow.
- If the excursion is canceled, the visitors will be informed.



The registration fee is refunded after statements by mail of the IBAN number.

- Advice is to wear sturdy, preferably waterproof, footwear.

Conditions :

- Entering the Grebbe is entirely at your own risk.
- The Grebbe is not accessible with buggies, rollers, wheelchairs, etc. Not even for people with walking difficulties.
- It is not allowed to make the excursion with small children on their back or in their baby carrier.
- Walking on the round pipe is not allowed due to smoothness.

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