

Welcome to Nuenen!

This is a short walking tour of Nuenen, intended mainly for children and their (grand)parents. Vincent van Gogh appears on the photos as a Playmobile character. Normally you can buy these from the shop in the Vincentre Museum, but currently only from the Van Gogh Museum webshop. You can take your own favourite doll or t-rex or cuddly toy and put them in a photo with Vincent. Selfies or no photos, that's also fine!!

Start: (Park Nuenen) or outside the Vincentre Museum (4)

1. Potato Eaters statue: Park



The De Groot family are sitting together and eating potatoes in this sculpture. Mother is pouring the coffee. You can sit down with them on the empty chair.

2. Vincent van Gogh's statue: Park



Vincent van Gogh's statue was unveiled here 100 years after Vincent had lived and worked in Nuenen. You can read how much Vincent loved Brabant on the pedestal. The text is in Dutch, but it translates as: "And reality sometimes comes very close to the Brabant that one has dreamt."

There is more to see. It's time to go for walk!

Walk from the Park into the Berg.

Take the first turn to the right on the Berg: into the Aardappeleeterssteegje' (Potato Eaters alleyway)

Turn left at the end of the Aardappeleeterssteegje: you are now walking past the long gardens of two very old villas. Left again immediately on the first path: Achter de Heggen. You are now walking past the garden of the old Vicarage, where Vincent's parents lived. This is still the house where the minister of the church lives.

3. Painting "Pond with kingfisher", Achter de Heggen



It's possible to stand in almost the same spot where Vincent painted this picture and look through a gap in the hedge. There's a tree stump that you can stand on if you can't quite reach it. The overgrown trees and shrubs have been cleared so once again you have an uninterrupted view of the Clemenskerk Church. The pond also has water in it again. This is where a kingfisher once lived! Let's hope the kingfisher can find its way back!

4. Vincentre Museum: Berg 29

When you come back out of the Achter de Heggen path, you will be standing opposite the Vincentre Museum. This museum is housed in Nuenen's old Town Hall. Unfortunately, it is closed at the moment, but if you turn round, you will see the Vicarage, often known as the rectory.

5. The Vicarage, Berg 26



When he came to Nuenen, Vincent lived with his parents in the vicarage of the Dutch Reformed Church where his father was a minister.

He was allowed to use the washroom behind the house as his studio. It was cold in the studio so his parents provided him with a stove and a bed.

Vincent made a painting of the vicarage and produced several drawings and paintings of the vicarage garden.

6. Verger's House: Berg 40



This is a very old house: it was built in 1763.

There used to be many weavers, and weavers' houses in Nuenen. This is the only one left. A weaver lived here with his entire family. The weaving loom would have been in the living room.

Vincent often walked past this house because he was interested in the weavers. He painted and drew them working on their weaving looms. Later on the church verger lived in this house, which is why it is known as the Verger's House. It is now a Bed & Breakfast.

7. Van Gogh Chapel: Papenvoort 2a



This chapel has become a National Monument because of its historical importance.

Vincent van Gogh's father was the preacher in this church. His name was Theo van Gogh. Vincent van Gogh made several sketches and a painting of this chapel.

***This is the end of the walking tour.
You can walk along the Berg back to the Park.***



Maybe Vincent would have made a selfie somewhere along the way.

Why don't you?

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