



'City and Village Loop Walk'

Wijk bij Duurstede, Langbroek, Cothen

Distance about 18 km

Walking " anti-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 Cothergrift 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 turn into Langs de Rijn. (See also the blue sign of the 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. **Pay attention!** Here you leave the Kromme Rijnpad! Instead keep following the Langbroekseweg and at the junction TL, to enter the Landscheidingsweg.
6. Opposite house number 9 TR, and follow the grass path with ash-bush and hawthorn alongside. At the point where the tree-lining turns into oak trees, TL and follow a small grass path (which is a little concealed in the bushes). This path runs beside a large oak tree.
7. At the sign "vervolg wandelpad" cross the plank over the ditch. Then cross the pasture straight ahead.
8. On the other side, take the plank over a ditch (fence wire). Continue the path alongside the hawthorns. At the Y-junction, turn right into the wide grass road. (Continue following the Sandenburg Trail).
9. Turn along the road to the right, and then follow the road as it veers to the left. Keep walking straight ahead, ignoring the wide path to the right. TL 40 metres after this 'wide path' (on the right you will notice high poplar trees) and enter onto the grass road.
10. Ignore ALL side paths. At the end of the path, TR at the red sign. Now you are walking on a grassy dike between oaks, and you should continue ignoring side paths. This path ends in a meadow. TL and cross the bridge (water-level controller) and follow the red signs.
11. TR immediately after passing the bridge. Walk alongside the barn, and continue following the red signs through the meadows.
12. Cross the bridge and follow the red signs across the meadows. TR, crossing the bridge, and continue along the path beside the canal. At the end of this path, cross the small bridge and walk through the bush along the blue cabinet until you reach the next wooden bridge (Cothergrift). Cross this bridge.

13. After the bridge TR and walk along the Cothergrift towards Langbroek. Cross the next bridge (you will leave behind the red signs here !). After this bridge TL and walk along the opposite side of the Cothergrift to Langbroek.
14. After the parking area, TL going over the bridge, and walk towards the Provincial road (Café / Restaurant Torbijn, closed on Monday).
15. Cross the Provincial road and continue walking along the Langbroekerdijk (supermarket which serves coffee, an ice cream shop, and a snack restaurant De Ruif).
16. 200 metres after the sign Rodensteynselaan, TL onto the gravel road. This road will pass nearby the Castle Hindersteyn. Continue along this path all the way. At the end of the path TR, veering left following the path, and continue until you reach the Provincial road ******.

**** here are bus stops for buses heading to Wijk bij Duurstede, and / or to Utrecht.**

17. Cross the Provincial road (be careful, high speed cars!). TL onto the parallel road (Graaf van Lynden van Sandenburgweg) and continue along this road until you reach Cothen (Langbroekseweg) *****.

*** When you wish to stop walking here, there is a bus stop for buses to Wijk bij Duurstede. On the other hand, the bus stop for buses to Utrecht is reached by a TL, passing by the walking and cycling tunnel, another TL and a short walk to the bus stop.**
18. Cross the road (Langbroekseweg) and go into the Beukenlaan. From here you follow the Kromme Rijnpad to Wijk bij Duurstede).
19. At the end of the path TR , on your left hand you see the Rhynesteyn Castle. Cross the bridge (Kromme Rijn). Walk over the Brink and TL into the Dorpsstraat.
20. TL at the Zandpad, following this path as it veers right and continues alongside the vegetable gardens. Continue following this path along the hawthorn hedges, cross over the road, and follow the path alongside the orchard. This path will enter into the Grindweg. Keep walking straight ahead. The path then emerges onto an asphalt road that runs parallel to the provincial road. TR here. Cross at the intersection and TL (onto the separated cycle path).
21. Cross the provincial road (be careful, cars are driving fast!). Go straight into the Groenewoudseweg. Pass the bridge (Kromme Rijn) and TR into the Groenewoudpad.
22. At the end of the path TR and begin following the signs Kromme Rijn / Utrecht path.
23. This path runs alongside the Kromme Rijn. At the end TR, across over the bicycle / walkway bridge (perhaps you recognise it?).
24. After the bridge TL onto the Noorderwaardpad. (Here you will see the sign of the Kromme Rijnpad again). Follow this path to Nieuweweg. Cross over this road, and continue along the bike / hiking trail which runs parallel to the Kromme Rijn. This path joins the Prins Hendrikweg.
25. 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).
26. 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).*

