

# Tournée locale

4 beer cycle routes  
in the Westhoek



# Welcome to the Westhoek

The age-old hop landscape around Poperinge gives it away: the Westhoek is home to the world's best breweries and, hence, the world's best beers. Once a well-kept secret, these days the Westhoek's name is known the world over, so much so that it has become a mecca for beer lovers from all four corners of the globe. In this cycle pocketbook, we bring you 4 beer cycle routes that will allow you to experience the Westhoek in all its glory. Each route takes you along numerous must-visit places like breweries, authentic pubs...

Cheers!



The novel info panels, in the form of beer bottles, dotted along the routes are a mine of great tips and fun facts. Time for a selfie?

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Route  
**Poperinge  
 Vleteren** 33,7 km

Nodes: 46-16-86-85-39-83-99-87-48-77-76-78-65-  
 2-6-96-92-98-68-67-66-26-42-46  
 Start: Hopmuseum, Gasthuisstraat 71, Poperinge

This route starts at the Poperinge Hop Museum, the pre-eminently starting point to explore the hop landscape of Poperinge and Vleteren. It takes you along three breweries, three hop farms and numerous cosy pubs where you can sample the Westhoek beers.

*Between nodes 46 and 16*

### HOP MUSEUM - the Centre of Hop & Beer



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Gasthuisstraat 69, Poperinge, +32 497 54 82 62

### ROMANHOF

As you're about to leave the city and head into the countryside, look out for Romanhof which serves anything from a tasty snack, a culinary delight to a delicious regional beer. Great value for money and the place to try your hand at the Manneljesspel (a popular game)!

Duinkerkestraat 37, Poperinge - [www.romanhof.be](http://www.romanhof.be), +32 57 33 60 54

*Between nodes 16 and 86*

### HOP FARM TER SCHOUEMONTHOEK / BELHOP



In 1903, Carolus Boeraeve planted his very first hop field on this particular 'corner'. The mild sea climate and the typical sandy loam of Poperinge give the hop a unique palette of flavours which imparts a quintessential taste to the beers brewed with Poperinge hop. Farmer Bart is the fifth generation to follow in Carolus's footsteps. Under the name BELHOP, the business is expanding sustainably. Group visits by appointment.

Kleine Casseldreef 2, Poperinge - [www.belhop.be](http://www.belhop.be), +32 473 32 31 87

*Near node 83*

### DE HELLEKETEL

This authentic pub (anno 1895) on the edge of the Helleketelbos (forest) is the perfect place to stop for a refreshing regional beer or a Picon (house speciality) and to have a shot at a popular game.

Vuileseulestraat 6, Watou, +32 57 36 08 89

*Between nodes 99 and 87*

### ST. BERNARDUS BREWERY



Alongside the brewery, a veritable hop field has arisen and in 2018 a brand-new wing was opened. The new visitor centre has its own rooftop bar, 'Bar Bernard', and offers a stunning 360° panorama of the magnificent surroundings. Visitors are welcome by appointment and are given an expert explanation of the brewing process. Tours are hosted in English, French and Dutch.

Trappistenweg 23, Watou - [www.sintbernardus.be](http://www.sintbernardus.be), +32 57 38 80 21



### LEROY BREWERIES - site Watou

This brewery was founded in 1820. The flagship of Leroy Breweries - site Watou is the Poperings Hommelbier (hommel = hop in the local dialect), a golden ale. Aside from its Hommelbier, the brewery is also known for a. o. Kapittel Blond (mild blond high-fermentation beer with secondary fermentation in the bottle) and Watou's Wit (wheat beer refermented in the bottle). The brewery can be visited by appointment.

Douveweg 2, Watou - [www.leroybreweries.be](http://www.leroybreweries.be), +32 57 38 80 30

### HET BROUWERSHOF

Leroy Breweries - site Watou's own pub, serves food and drinks, the latter obviously brewed by Leroy Breweries.

Douveweg 4, Watou, +32 57 48 76 16

*Between nodes 77 and 76*

### HET OVENHUIS

Oozing all the warmth and delicious smells you'd find wafting out of a bakery, this establishment couldn't have come up with a better name for itself. Het Ovenhuis serves sumptuous meals and quick snacks. In summertime, the terrace with a view on Watouplein (square) is a spot of Heaven on earth.

Watouplein 1, Watou - [www.hetovenhuis.be](http://www.hetovenhuis.be), +32 57 38 83 38

### WETHUYS

With its extensive menu and fine cuisine, the Wethuys, where the Magistrate of the Earldom of Watou used to pass his sentences in days gone by, is a must-visit establishment for confirmed epicureans. The building retained its historical character but was extended with a large terrace on the square and a cosy courtyard garden.

Watouplein 2, Watou - [www.wethuys.be](http://www.wethuys.be), +32 57 20 60 02

### BOLTRA-CAFÉ ST.-GEORGES

More energy to burn? Then call into Café St.-Georges for a game of boltra (ancient bowling), the popular game for all the family. Suitable for young and old, the sporty and the non-sporty, great fun guaranteed! Those in need of a breather can enjoy a regional beer on the terrace.

Watouplein 3, Watou - [www.boltra.be](http://www.boltra.be), +32 497 85 68 38

### DEN EENDRACHT

This authentic old-time bar in the centre of Watou is especially known for its unique rotating dart board. The game is played like ordinary darts but the moving dart board makes scoring that little bit trickier. Who dares to take up the challenge?

Watouplein 7, Watou, +32 57 38 87 62

### DE PATERSTAFEL

Following the rhythm of the seasons, De Paterstafel serves gorgeous dishes, all prepared with fresh products. The place to call into if you are dying for traditional cuisine in the pleasant and relaxed atmosphere of the art village of Watou.

Watouplein 14, Watou - [www.depaterstafel.eu](http://www.depaterstafel.eu), +32 498 59 84 85

## EEN HUIS TUSSEN DAG EN MORGEN

Restaurant 'Een huis tussen dag en morgen' is situated in the centre of Watou on the charming Watouplein (square). Serves drinks and wonderful dishes prepared with regional products.

Watouplein 15, Watou - [www.eenhuisussendagenmorgen.be](http://www.eenhuisussendagenmorgen.be), +32 57 38 88 24



## 'T HOMMELHOF

Here, Chef Stefaan Couttenye, aka the pioneer of beer cuisine, conjures the most delectable beer-based creations.

Watouplein 17, Watou

[www.hommelhof.be](http://www.hommelhof.be), +32 57 38 80 24



## Between nodes 65 and 2

### HOP FARM 'T HOPPECRUYT



The Desmyter family has been running this hop farm in the heart of Proven, a borough of Poperinge, since 1893. 't Hoppecruyt is a modern-day hop farm which grows 9.10 hectares of clean green hop, using the latest cultivation techniques. Singing hop farmer's wife Benedikte fascinates young and old with the story of the Belgian hop and the Poperinge hop shoots. Visits (various formulas) by appointment. Guided tours in English, French, Dutch and German.

Provenplein 69, Proven - [www.hoppecruyt.be](http://www.hoppecruyt.be), +32 57 30 05 98

## Near node 98

### SAINT-SIXTUS ABBEY



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Donkerstraat 12, Westvleteren - [www.sintsixtus.be](http://www.sintsixtus.be)

Donkerstraat 13, Westvleteren - [www.indevrede.be](http://www.indevrede.be), +32 57 40 03 77

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Kallestraat 33, Westvleteren, +32 57 33 36 68

## Between nodes 66 and 26

### HERBERG CANADA

This converted farmhouse near De Lovie Castle Demesne and the Canadabossen (woods) offers a pleasant, rustic setting where you can enjoy freshly prepared grilled dishes, numerous regional beers and their distinctive aperitif 'de papfles (baby bottle)'. And with a child-friendly playground, even the youngsters are well catered for.

Canadaweg 44, Proven - [www.herberg-canada.be](http://www.herberg-canada.be), +32 57 33 44 75

## Near node 26

### KWIZIEN KATRIEN

From the 1st of June until the 30th of September, cyclists can stop at the terrace of 'Kwizien Katrien' for a delicious 'Picon' (regional drink), a foamy local beer, a soft drink, coffee or tea. To satisfy your hunger, they serve southern tapas. You enjoy the simplicity on the terrace in the green scenery.

Canadaweg 14, Poperinge - [www.kwizienkatrien.be](http://www.kwizienkatrien.be), + 32 478 58 62 06

## Between nodes 42 and 46

### LEGEN DOORN

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Sint-Sixtusstraat 1, Poperinge - [users.telenet.be/legendoorn](http://users.telenet.be/legendoorn)  
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*Route*  
**Vleteren - Alveringem**  
**Lo-Reninge 34 km**

Nodes: 98-68-67-66-2-84-64-62-61-60-59-89-95-91-4-69-70-92-98  
 Start: In de Vrede, Donkerstraat 13, Westvleteren

This route starts at 'In de Vrede', located in the shadows of Saint-Sixtus Abbey, the only pub in the world permitted to serve the famous Trappist Westvleteren. Cycling along, you will discover the stunning Westhoek landscape with some of its typical pubs and restaurants specialised in regional fare.



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*Near node 62*

### **DEN AMIGO**

Den Amigo is a village pub in the centre of Stavele where you can acquaint yourself with the local dialect and lifestyle. It serves various regional beers.

Alexis De Carneplein 1, Stavele, +32 494 36 45 30

### **T HOF VAN COMMERCE**

Here, you eat every part of the pig, from its nose to its tail. Other than that, various types of pâtés, rillettes, meat balls, black pudding, white pudding, ham, bacon and egg, pork belly, you name it... A unique combination of an artisan butcher shop and a pub. The home-made Picon comes highly recommended!

IJzerstraat 16, Stavele - [www.hofvancommercestavele.be](http://www.hofvancommercestavele.be), +32 58 28 86 20



*Between nodes 62 and 61*  
**'T JACHTHUIS VAN EVERSAM**

Away from the hustle and bustle, surrounded by stunning countryside and protected by the Yser, you will find Bos van Eversam (wood). Monks and Lords were no fools when it came to choosing the most heavenly spots but also visitors without aureole or title are most welcome in this stunning part of the Westhoek. Benevolent to patrons but exacting when it comes to produce is the motto here!

Eversamstraat 2, Stavele - [www.jachthuisvaneversam.be](http://www.jachthuisvaneversam.be), +32 57 40 12 74

*Near node 59*  
**DE HOOPIETE**

In the Vandenberghe family since 1979, son Wannes has now picked up the torch. According to the Michelin Guide, this is where you get the very best pating in 't groen (eel in a green herb sauce); equally mouth-watering are their regional dishes prepared with Reninge Oud Bruin, a mixed fermentation beer brewed by Seasonal brewery Vandewalle.

Fintele 7, Pollinkhove - [www.hooipiete.be](http://www.hooipiete.be), +32 58 28 89 09

**BIJ DE WITTEN**

'Au Bienvenue (welcome) Bij De Witten' is the full name of this cosy pub, although everybody calls it just 'Bij de Witten'. A pub with character and a history of over a 100 years. Next to the local beers, you can also taste international beers with all trappists and associated appetizers as an extra asset on the menu. Peter and Ellen welcome you from the 1st of April onwards.

Fintele 8, Pollinkhove - [info@bijdewitten.be](mailto:info@bijdewitten.be), +32 474 84 86 86

**DE LISDODDE**

De Lisdodde, where Mieke has been beavering away at the stove for more than 30 years, exudes passion and calm. Excellent menu that changes with the seasons and an outstanding original dish prepared with Reninge Oud Bruin.

Fintele 24, Pollinkhove - [www.delisdodde.be](http://www.delisdodde.be), +32 58 28 85 78

*Near node 95*  
**SEASONAL BREWERY VANDEWALLE**



Seasonal brewery Vandewalle was founded by Chris Vandewalle in 2012. Albeit a young company, the Vandewalle family has a long-standing brewing tradition with roots that go back all the way to the 18th century (1756). A copious portion of regional raw materials, a generous dash of craftsmanship, the influence of Mother Nature, time and a rich past are the ingredients that go into the creation of the beers brewed by the 'smallest brewery of the Westhoek'. Visits (various formulas available) by appointment (guided tours also hosted in English).

Zwartestraat 43, Reninge - [www.seizoensbrouwerij.be](http://www.seizoensbrouwerij.be), +32 497 54 95 85

**L'HERITAGE**

Cosy sun terrace where you can enjoy a refreshing regional beer or home-made ice cream.

Dorplaats 15, Reninge - [www.lheritage.be](http://www.lheritage.be), +32 57 40 09 99

*Between nodes 4 and 69*  
**HET WITTE PAARD**

In 2008, Het Witte Paard was named Flanders' cosiest pub. An accolade it continues to live up to this very day!

Oostvleterendorp 1, Oostvleteren, +32 473 43 35 76



**STRUISE BROUWERS BREWERY**

Voted the best brewers in the world in 2008, this is the place to call into on a Saturday afternoon. In their little school, they serve no less than 30 draught beers. Going to school has never been so much fun! The shop and brewery are open on Saturdays from 14:00 until 18:00. Group visits (by appointment) are possible on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

Kasteelstraat 50, Oostvleteren - [www.struise.com](http://www.struise.com), +32 495 28 86 23

**'T OUD POSTJE**

This authentic little pub stocks a stunning selection of Vleteren beers. The adjoining restaurant 't Molenhof' serves delicious, honest dishes.

Veurnestraat 2, Oostvleteren, +32 477 47 46 22

*Near node 69*  
**TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE VLETEREN**

In 2018, the Tourist Office of Vleteren received the permission of the monks to sell the Trappist beer in a tasting box (2 bottles of Saint-Sixtus Abbey, 2 bottles of De Struise Brouwers brewery and 2 bottles of Deca Brewery).

Veurnestraat 4, Vleteren  
[www.toerismeVleteren.be](http://www.toerismeVleteren.be)  
+32 57 400 901







## Route

# Poperinge - (Vleteren)

## Ypres 46,5 or 38 km

Long route: 46-42-67-68-98-31-80-74-52-8-75-25-24-35-39-89-93-38-69-66-17-12-34-94-15-56-38-28-40-46

Short route: 46-40-90-50-82-81-25-24-35-39-89-93-38-69-66-17-12-34-94-15-56-38-28-40-46

Start: Hopmuseum, Gasthuisstraat 71, Poperinge

The route starts at the Hop Museum in Poperinge, a splendid spot from where to explore the Westhoek beer landscape. The long route takes you to Ypres via Saint-Sixtus Abbey. Known for its triennial Cats Festival, also beer lovers are well catered for in Ypres. Via the hop fields and Brewery De Plukker, this route will take you straight to Leroy Breweries - site Boezinge.

## LONG ROUTE

Near node 46

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Between nodes 80 and 74

### DECA BREWERY



In Woesten, beer is brewed since 1920: 9 different dark and light beers with secondary fermentation in the bottle. Four kinds of beer mature in oak barrels. The 15 guestbrewers found their home in the craft brewery. The brewery was renovated the last few years. There is a new tasting room called 'Deca-bar' overlooking the oak barrels, which is open on Saturday afternoon from 13 until 17 pm. There you can taste all the local beers, brewed in the brewery. The brewery can be visited in small groups/ from 10 persons onwards (guided visit, tasting with a snack, € 10 pp.). Visits are possible in Dutch, French and English. Please make the reservation one week in advance. There's also a breweryshop.

Elverdingestraat 4, Woesten - [www.decabrouwerij.be](http://www.decabrouwerij.be), +32 57 42 20 75

Near node 25

### LEROY BREWERIES - site Boezinge



As their assortment of high-quality beers attests, Leroy Breweries has been synonymous with tradition, craftsmanship and passion for more than 4 centuries. With the tenth and eleventh generation of Leroy family brewers running the show these days, it is clear that even the French Revolution and World War I couldn't put this brewery out of business.

Diksmuidseweg 404, Boezinge - [www.leroybreweries.be](http://www.leroybreweries.be), +32 57 42 20 06

*Near node 89*

### LOCAL PRODUCE STORE CHEZ MARIE

Chez Marie offers a wide assortment of Belgian beers, from large and (mainly) artisan breweries alike!

Neermarkt 6, Ieper - [www.chezmarie-ieper.be](http://www.chezmarie-ieper.be), +32 57 20 02 06

*Between nodes 89 and 93*

### CAFÉ SINT ARNOLDUS

Café Sint Arnoldus stocks no less than 25 draught beers. Do enquire about their tasting boards.

Menenstraat 19, Ieper - [www.starnoldus.be](http://www.starnoldus.be), +32 473 66 45 81



### KAZEMATTEN BREWERY



The unique historic 'Kazematten van het Houten Paard (the casemates of the wooden horse)' at Rijselpoort were transformed into an authentic brewery. Kazematten brewery's first beer is Wipers Times 14, a blond speciality beer with an alc. vol. of 6.2%. Kazematten brewery is also the cradle of the unique Grotten Santé (dark-brown, spicy beer). The brewery welcomes visitors on Saturdays from 15:00 until 17:00; visits end with a great tasting session.

Houten Paard 1, Ieper - [www.kazematten.be](http://www.kazematten.be), +32 57 38 80 21

*Near node 93*

### BRASSERIE KAZEMATTEN

The casements or 'basements' were built around about 1685, according to plans by Vauban, Louis XIV's famous military engineer. For ages, they served as bakery for the garrison that was based at the fortress. Over the past 100 years, the basements changed use a number of times. These days, it houses a stylish brasserie, under the wings of the St.-Bernardus Brewery, where you can enjoy regional beers and a selection of savouries, and an interpretation centre that takes you through the ten centuries of Ypres as a stronghold.

Bollingstraat 1, Ieper [www.brasseriekazematten.be](http://www.brasseriekazematten.be), +32 57 46 94 62



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### DE PLUKKER BREWERY



De Plukker is the first organic hop farm to set up its own brewery and brew artisan beer with its own organic hops. Their assortment includes the following beers: Keikoppenbier (deep golden beer), Rookop (brown top-fermented ale), Tripel Plukker (blond top-fermented beer), Single Green (amber coloured beer made with green hops) and All Inclusive IPA (India Pale Ale). The brewery is open for direct sales on Saturday afternoons from 14:00 until 17:00.

**Elverdingseweg 16, Poperinge**  
[www.plukker.be](http://www.plukker.be)



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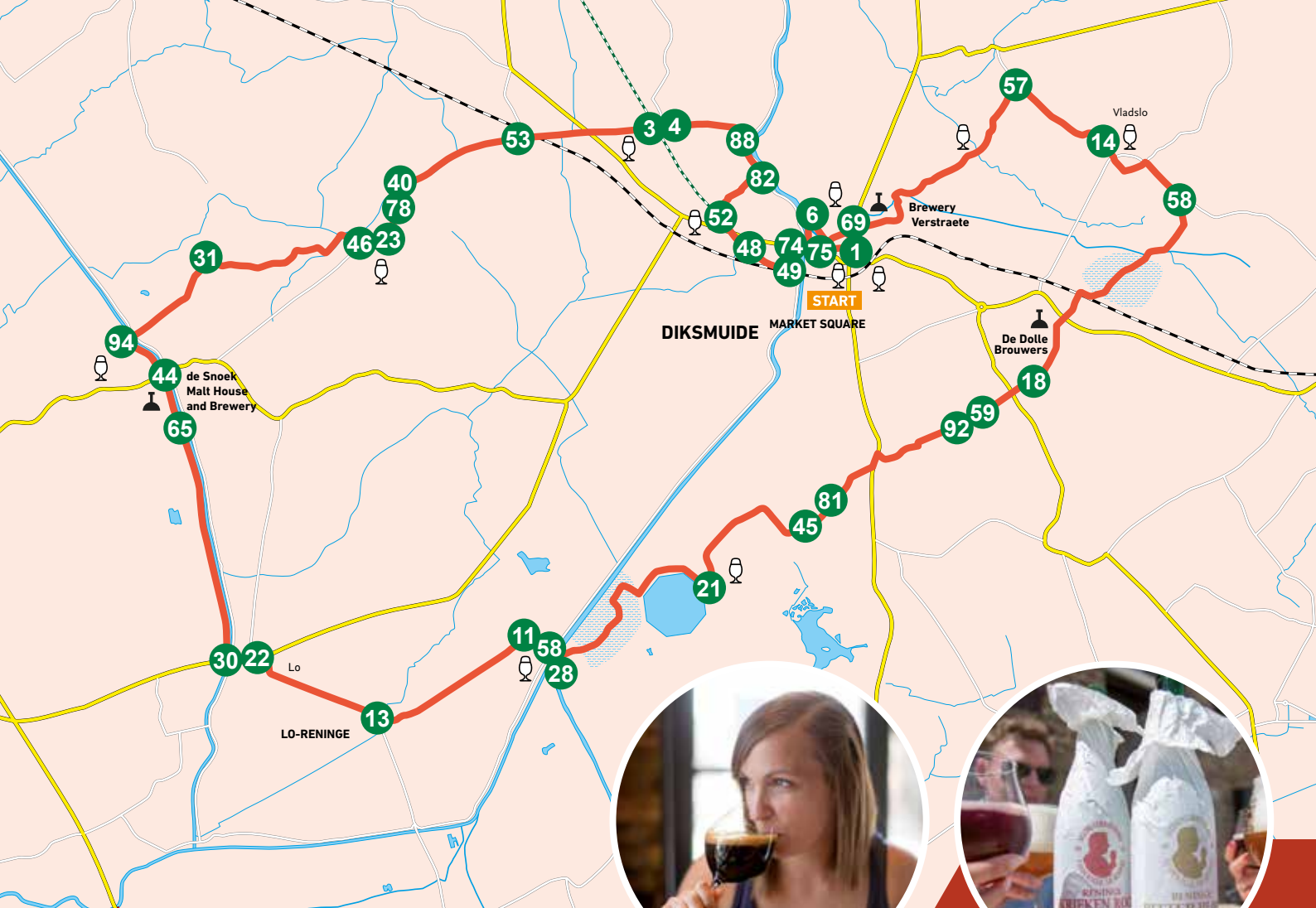
*Near node 93*

### BRASSERIE KAZEMATTEN

The casemats or 'basements' were built around about 1685, according to plans by Vauban, Louis XIV's famous military engineer. For ages, they served as bakery for the garrison that was based at the fortress. Over the past 100 years, the basements changed use a number of times. These days, it houses a stylish brasserie, under the wings of the St.-Bernardus Brewery, where you can enjoy regional beers and a selection of savouries, and an interpretation centre that takes you through the ten centuries of Ypres as a stronghold.

**Bollingstraat 1, Ieper** - [www.brasseriekazematten.be](http://www.brasseriekazematten.be), +32 57 46 94 62





*Route*  
**Diksmuide - Lo-Reninge**  
**Alveringem** 44,9 km

Nodes: 1-69-57-14-58-18-59-92-81-45-21-28-58-  
 11-13-22-30-65-44-94-31-46-23-78-40-53-  
 3-4-88-82-52-48-49-74-75-6-69-1  
 Start: Market Square Diksmuide

This route starts at the Market Square of Diksmuide. The City of Butter boasts two breweries: Brewery Verstraete and De Dolle Brouwers. From Diksmuide, the route takes you to Lo and Alveringem. On your travels, you will come across nostalgic pubs and old breweries.

*Near node 1*

## DE MANE

Near the 'Manneke uit de Mane', the statue that symbolises West-Flemish humour, you can enjoy the finest beers from home and abroad. The place to call into if you're looking for a tasty snack or fancy half a spit-roast chicken.

Grote Markt 20, Diksmuide, +32 51 50 47 34

## BROUWERSHUYS

Since 2002, Diksmuide's smarter beer bar. Cosy décor with cooled beer tanks on the ceiling, a real eye catcher! Aside from draught Cristal, the Brouwershuys stocks some 100 regional beers. Unique location in the centre of Diksmuide with a view of the Grote Markt (main square) from the covered terrace.

Grote Markt 19, Diksmuide - [www.brouwershuys.com](http://www.brouwershuys.com)

## DE VREDE

The ideal (beer) stop for anyone looking for some much-needed peace. Comfortable tearoom and spacious terrace with a unique location on Grote Markt and a stunning view of the City Hall with belfry.

Grote Markt 35, Diksmuide, +32 51 50 00 38

*Between nodes 69 and 57*

## OUD PAVILJOEN

At Elza's and son you get to travel back in time. This little pub has charmed locals and passers-by on the cycling network since time immemorial. Regional beers at couleur-locale prices.

Grauwe Broedersstraat 91, Diksmuide



*Between nodes 69 and 57*

## DRIE MUSSENBRUG, -CHEESE AND BEER

To mark the completion of the Drie Mussenbrug (bridge) over the Handzamevaart (small river) and the landscape restoration of the Drie Mussen area in the Handzame Valley, two regional products were launched: Drie Mussenbier (beer) and Drie Mussenkaas (cheese). Drie Mussen cheese is produced by the organic cheese farm Het Dischhof and is made from superior quality organic milk. Het Dischhof grazes its cattle in the fields in and around the Drie Mussen area. The cheese is sold in the finer cheesemongers', at producer's Het Dischhof in Keiem and at the Diksmuide farmers' market (Saturday afternoons). Drie Mussenbier is an 8 % beer, full of character, brewed by Brewery Verstraete. You can sample the beer in several pubs across Diksmuide. Tip: call into de Centrale, on IJzerlaan, the mecca for regional beer lovers! It stocks all the regional beers.



*Between nodes 14 and 58*

## DE SMESSE

Is a rural bistro where you can call into for a bite to eat and a chat. It serves small and large snacks, spare ribs, fish stews and scrumptious desserts like pancakes, apple pie and ice cream.

Vladstoplein 1, Vladslø - [www.de-smesse.be](http://www.de-smesse.be), +32 472 52 34 77

*Between nodes 58 and 18*

## DE DOLLE BROUWERS



In 1980, Brewery St.-Henricus was taken over by three brothers who started practising the art of brewing at home, in a copper wash kettle. These days, the brewery has earned itself the accolade of the speciality brewery of Flanders. Their most famous beer is undoubtedly Oerbier, a strong dark ale. In addition, they produce Arabier (pure malt beer), Boskeun (special Easter beer), Stille Nacht (a prestige beer brewed for Christmas) and other things wet and strong. Guided tours in English are hosted on Sundays at 14:00. Guided tours in Dutch are organised on Sundays at 15:00.

Roeselarestaat 12B, Esen - [www.dedollebrouwers.be](http://www.dedollebrouwers.be), +32 498 10 29 35

*Near node 58*  
**DE KNOCKEBRUG**

Pleasant weekend pub, idyllically located at the confluence of the leperlee and the Yser. A great place for a chat over one of the many regional beers and enjoy the lovely vintage music in the background.

IJzerdijk 1, Diksmuide, +32 474 53 83 45



*Near node 22*  
**LAUKA**

Visitor centre Lauka is based in the former St-Jozef brewery and is a listed building. It was carefully restored to accommodate the tourist information office and is rightfully called one of the most stunning information offices of Belgium. Inside, you will spot the signs of the former brewing set-up, which was completely dismantled in 1962 and moved to the Bocholter Brouwerijmuseum (Bocholt Brewery Museum).

Markt 17a, Lo - [www.lauka.be](http://www.lauka.be)  
+32 58 28 91 66

*Near node 44*  
**DE SNOEK MALT HOUSE AND BREWERY**

Malt and brewing house 'de Snoek' is the only, fully intact brewery and malthouse from the 19th century where you can experience how beer was produced for thousands of soldiers during World War I. Call into the authentic pub to sample a Snoekbier (dark, high-fermentation beer) or Blond (blond ale). Various family-friendly formulas.

Fortem 40, Fortem  
[www.desnoek.be](http://www.desnoek.be)  
+32 479 71 34 72



*Near node 46*  
**ZANNEKIN**

Under the church tower of the charming village of Lampernisse, Taverne Zannekin serves a marvellous selection of regional beers. The terrace offers stunning views of the vast protected komgronden (bowl-shaped low-lying areas outside of the river bed, consisting of heavy river clay). This quiet area is the perfect spot to recharge your batteries before embarking on the next stage of your cycle.

Zannekinstraat 20, Lampernisse, +32 51 50 57 08

*Between nodes 53 and 3*  
**LETTENBURG**

This restaurant and tearoom is located in a former WWI aid station. Children will have a royal time here in the revamped playground while the parents can have an equally royal time over a regional beer on the terrace or in the tearoom.

Lettenburgstraat 15, Oostkerke - [www.restaurantlettenburg.be](http://www.restaurantlettenburg.be)  
+32 51 55 57 83

*Near node 75*  
**BRASSERIE 'T HAANTJE**

The spot to sip a delicious regional beer on a spacious and sunny terrace with a view of Diksmuide Marina and the Yser Tower.

IJzerlaan 91, Diksmuide - [www.thaantjebrosserie.be](http://www.thaantjebrosserie.be) - 051 50 59 16

*Near node 69*  
**WATER EN VUUR**

On the highest floors of the former animal feed factory "De Polders" you can enjoy picturesque and tasty.

Grote Dijk 6, Diksmuide - [www.waterenvuur.be](http://www.waterenvuur.be), +32 51 511 511

*Near node 69*  
**BREWERY VERSTRAETE**

Papegaei is an artisan, blond, high-fermentation, unfiltered, unpasteurised beer that is refermented in the bottle and has an 8 % alcohol content. The fresh hop cones give it its specific taste (the beer is brewed in the rural village of Woesten, by Brouwerij Deca). The Papegaei shop is open on Sundays from 11:00 until 18:00.

Grote Dijk 13, Diksmuide - [www.papegaei.be](http://www.papegaei.be) , +32 51 50 51 05







## THE WESTHOEK

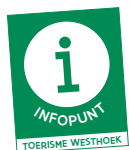
### WESTHOEK MAP

This cross-border map gives you an overview of infinite vistas, rolling hills, flat polders, the awe-inspiring silence... Everything you need for endless hiking or cycling fun, far away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, made all the more enjoyable by the welcoming pubs and charming restaurants in the most idyllic of spots. The Westhoek flirts with the French border and the icing on the cake is that the Belgian Coast is within cycling distance.



### MORE CYCLING TIPS

3,180 km cycling fun on West-Vlaanderen's revamped cycling network. The maps are for sale in the tourist offices or via [shop.westtoer.be](http://shop.westtoer.be)



### INFO POINTS

Call into our 'Infopunten Toerisme' and discover the most hospitable spots of the region! Info Points are dynamic restaurateurs, publicans or tourist businesses who, like true ambassadors, provide their customers with tips on what the region has to offer. Discover them at [www.toerismewesthoek.be/infopuntenwesthoek](http://www.toerismewesthoek.be/infopuntenwesthoek)



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