

CYCLE ROUTE – 43 KM (SHORTER ROUTE: 28 KM)

Windmill route Schiedam and Midden-Delfland

Cycling past the windmills



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About this cycle route

This 43-km cycle route takes you on an historic journey through the jenever (gin) city of Schiedam and the green polders of Midden-Delfland. The starting point is Schiedam. From there, the route winds its way via Vlaardingen, Maassluis and Schipluiden through Midden-Delfland, before returning to the centre of Schiedam. There is also a shorter route option (28 km).

This booklet contains an outline map of the route and a detailed route description, which sets out various places of interests and travel tips. Details of handy stop-off-points, such as bicycle hire centres and cafés or restaurants, are listed at the back of the booklet. The Netherlands has a bicycle network of numbered junctions that can be used to plot a recreational cycle route. The junctions which are relevant for (parts of) this cycle route are outlined on the map in this booklet. Along parts of the route you can follow the signs corresponding to the junctions.

Starting point

The route starts from the tourist information centre (VVV) in Schiedam. Ample parking is available in Schiedam for visitors travelling by car, such as 'ABC Garage' on the Kreupelstraat, 'Nieuwe Passage' on the Koemarkt, or 'Stadserfgarage' on the Overschiessestraat.

Travelling by public transport

You can start the cycle route from the railway stations in Schiedam, Vlaardingen-Oost, Vlaardingen or Maassluis.

Long live the Windmills!

This cycle route is part of a series of three cycle routes published by the Province of Zuid-Holland to mark the occasion of the 'Long Live the Windmills!' (2011) theme year. For more information about the 'Long live the Windmills!' theme year please visit www.zuid-holland.com

Enjoy your cycling tour!



The windmill history of Schiedam

In the late 18th century, twenty windmills could be found in the city of Schiedam. Of those original twenty, only six remain today.

Windmills and jenever (gin)

The windmills are a tangible reminder of Schiedam's jenever-producing history. In the 18th and 19th century, these windmills ground grains for the four hundred distilleries, which distilled malt wine ('moutwijn' in Dutch) for the jenever industry. During this time, Schiedam became the leading centre for the production of jenever in the world. Restrictions on the import of alcohol from France enabled Schiedam to benefit from a growing demand for jenever. Furthermore, shipping agents and herring fisheries were looking for new revenue streams to help offset the strong decline in the herring industry. Jenever production proved an extremely lucrative venture, leading to the worldwide export of this Schiedam speciality.

The tallest windmills in the world

To catch as much wind as possible, the windmills were built to stand high above the city; this explains why the windmills of Schiedam became the tallest in the world.



Jenever distillers laid the first stone of De Walvisch on 16 June 1794. The windmill not only ground rye, malt and barley; in the early 1830s, it also processed magnesium for medicinal purposes, among others. The windmill owes its name to the Greenland whaling industry, which had its heyday at the end of the 18th century. Today, De Walvisch houses a shop, which sells genuine miller's flour that has been ground at the mill, as well as other baking products.

*Opening times: Wed 12.00 - 17.00,
Thurs and Fri 10.00 - 17.00, Sa 10.00 - 16.00*

Place of interest 2: De Korenbeurs (corn exchange)



The grain trade in Schiedam flourished as a result of the burgeoning jenever industry. The old distilleries, warehouses and the Korenbeurs corn exchange stand as silent witnesses to these activities. In the Korenbeurs, grain, malt wine and alcohol (the main ingredients of jenever) were traded.

Route description

START: THE STARTING POINT IS THE LITTLE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (VVV) OF SCHIEDAM (BUI TENHAVENWEG 9, 3113 BC)

- 1 ← Cross over the main road and turn left (Gerrit Verboonstraat).
- 2 → Cross over the river and take the first right (Lange Nieuwstraat).
- 3 → Take the first right (Griffioenstraat).
- 4 ← At the end of the road, turn left (Lange Haven).
- 5 ← Take the third left (Walvisstraat).

**PLACE OF INTEREST 1:
WINDMILL DE WALVISCH (WITH WINDMILL SHOP)**

- 6 → Turn right at the windmill (Westvest).
- 7 → Take the second right (Korte Haven).
- 8 ← At the end of the street, turn left over the bridge.

PLACE OF INTEREST 2: DE KORENBEURS

Place of interest 3: Windmill De Kameel ('The Camel')



Reconstruction work on De Kameel (1715) began in 2008. It sustained severe structural damage during a storm in 1865, and was subsequently demolished after a fire. De Kameel served as a malt mill, and was also used as a sawmill for some years. A special feature of this windmill is its 'cave', which allowed ships to load and unload inside the windmill. The fully restored windmill will be put into use in 2011.

Place of interest 4: Museum windmill De Nieuwe Palmboom ('The New Palm Tree')



This windmill was built in 1781 as De Palmboom (The Palm Tree) and was reconstructed in 1993 after a fire in 1901, which all but destroyed the mill. De Palmboom was restored and renamed De Nieuwe Palmboom; since 1993, it has housed a museum. The museum provides an in-depth visual account of the windmill history of Schiedam, and explains the entire process, 'from Grain to Glass'.

Opening times: from Easter to 1 November, Tue to Sun incl. 11.30 - 17.00 and from 1 November to Easter, Sa 11.30 - 17.00, Sundays and public holidays 12.30 - 17.00

- 9 → Pass the Korenbeurs corn exchange, and turn immediately right onto the bridge.
 - 10 ← After the bridge, immediately turn left (Nieuwe Sluisstraat).
 - 11 → Turn right (Brede Marktsteeg).
 - 12 ← At the end of the street, turn left (Grote Markt).
 - 13 ← Take the first left (Ooievaartsteeg, which turns into Vijgensteeg).
 - 14 → Take the first right (Groenweegje).
 - 15 → Take the first right (Sint Anna Zusterstraat).
 - 16 ← At the end of the street, turn left (Schie).
- PLACE OF INTEREST 3: WINDMILL DE KAMEEL**
- 17 ← After windmill De Kameel, bear left (Schie turns into Noordvest).

PLACE OF INTEREST 4: MUSEUM WINDMILL DE NIEUWE PALMBOOM

Place of interest 5: Windmill De Noord ('The North')



Standing at a height of 33.3 meter, De Noord (1803) is the tallest windmill in the world. This former malt-grinding mill now houses a restaurant. Adjacent to De Noord is a traditional 'farmers' container', in which the residue of malt-wine, left after the first distillation, was stored. The residue was transported in closed barges to neighbouring farms, where it was used as feed for the farm animals.

Restaurant opening times: Mo to Fri incl. from 12.00, Sa from 17.00

Place of interest 6: Windmill De Vrijheid ('Freedom')



Windmill De Vrijheid was built in 1785 and has retained many of its original features. After undergoing extensive renovation, the mill is now fully equipped with three pairs of millstones. De Vrijheid was originally used to grind grain for the jenever distilleries; during the Second World War, it was used to grind peas and beans for the soup-kitchens. Along with De Walvisch and De Nieuwe Palmboom, De Vrijheid is still used today to grind grain.

Place of interest 7: Windmill De Drie Koornbloemen ('The Three Corn Flowers')



Windmill De Drie Koornbloemen was built in 1770, which makes it the oldest windmill in Schiedam, and the only one with an adjoining miller's house. Following the decline of jenever production in Schiedam, the windmill was put into use as a sawmill for mahogany wood, and also served as a rice mill. Later, the mill was also used to grind peas, maize and beans, for processing into animal feed. The windmill has even been used in the past to pulverise stones for a tiling company.

18 ↑ Continue along the Noordvest.

PLACE OF INTEREST 5: WINDMILL DE NOORD (WITH RESTAURANT DE NOORDMOLEN)

19 → After windmill De Noord, take the first right (Spinhuispad).

20 ← Turn left before the bridge (Noordvest, which turns into Vellevest).

PLACE OF INTEREST 6: WINDMILL DE VRIJHEID

21 ↑ Continue on, in the direction of windmill De Drie Koornbloemen.

PLACE OF INTEREST 7: WINDMILL DE DRIE KOORNBLOEMEN

22 → After windmill De Drie Koornbloemen, turn right and go straight across the roundabout (Vlaardingerstraat, which turns into Vlaardingerdijk).

23 → After the round-about, take the first right (P.J. Troelstralaan, which turns into Van der Bruggenlaan).

24 ← After 600 meters, you will reach a crossroads. Go straight across and turn left after the crossroads (Laan van Spieringshoek).

25 → Take the first right, onto the cycle path (Poldervaartpad).

26 → After the bridge, turn right and continue under the railway viaduct.

- 27 ← After the railway viaduct, turn left (Sportlaan).
- 28 ↑ Stay on the Sportlaan. Bear left and cross over the viaduct (Sportlaan turns into Trimpad).
- 29 ← At the end of the cycle path, turn left (Van Hogendorp-laan) and go straight across the round-about.
- 30 ↑ Continue straight ahead in the direction of Vlaardingen (Hogendorp-laan turns into 2^e Leyden van Gaelstraat).
- 31 → After approx. 1 km, turn right before the bridge (Oosthavenkade, which turns into Hoflaan).
- 32 ← At the end of Hoflaan, bear left and continue in the direction of windmill De Aeolus (Westlandseweg).

**PLACE OF INTEREST 8:
WINDMILL DE AEOLUS (WITH WINDMILL SHOP)**

Place of interest 8: Windmill De Aeolus



The name of this windmill refers to Aeolus, the Greek God of Wind. Originally built in 1790, De Aeolus stands at a height of 30 meters and was restored in 1954. The windmill is used to grind mashela (an Ethiopian specialty), barley flour and corn flour. These products, along with various other baking products, are sold in the adjacent windmill shop 't Ambacht.

*Shop opening times: Mo to Fri incl. 9.00 - 17.00,
Sa 9.00 - 16.00*

- 33 ↑ Continue your route over the Westlandseweg.
- 34 → Take the first right (Trekade). Follow the cycle path (2 km), bear left at the Y-junction (towards the bridge and bicycle junction 72).

TIP: SHORTER ROUTE

If you prefer to do the shorter cycle route (28 km in total), please follow the signs from here to the following junctions:

67 - 62 - 60

From junction 60, rejoin the original route (see page 22, instruction 62, of this booklet)

- 35 ← Turn left over the bridge and follow the cycle path (Broekpolderpad). After 500 meter, turn left at the T-junction.
- 36 ↑ Continue straight ahead on Broekpolderpad until you reach the playing fields (100 m). Turn right at the playing fields.
- 37 ← After the playing fields, turn left at the crossroads.
- 38 → At the end of the cycle path, turn right on the T-junction (Surfpad).
- 39 ↑ Cross over the A20 and stay on the Surfpad.

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Tip A: Fietscafé de Krabbeplas (Cycle café)



Fietscafé de Krabbeplas commands wonderful views of a recreational lake and is an excellent base for cycling tours. As well as enjoying a delicious cup of coffee, cyclists can recharge their electric bikes, fill their 'bidon' water bottles and purchase cycling maps.

*Opening times: Tue to Sa incl. from 11.00,
Su from 10.00*

Tip B: Wijnboerderij (Wine Farm)



De Wijnboerderij is a working farm with a 17-year-old vineyard of around half a hectare. If weather conditions are favourable, visitors can spend a leisurely Sunday enjoying the relaxing ambiance of the terrace, while savouring a delicious glass of red or white Delflandwijn. It is also possible to explore the vineyard with its many grape varieties, including Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Huxelrebe. De Wijnboerderij serves home-made Delfland grape pie and quiches.

Opening times: Su 12.30 - 18.00

TIP A: FIETSCAFÉ DE KRABBEPLAS (CYCLE CAFÉ)

40 → Cross over the river and continue on the Surfpad (700 meter). Bear right.

41 ↑ Cross over the crossroads and go straight ahead.

TIP B: WIJNBOERDERIJ (WINE FARM)

42 → Turn right at the T-junction. Stay on this road and cross over the railway crossing.

43 ← At the T-junction, turn left and stay on this road until you reach the main road (Maasslusedijk).

44 ← Cross over the main road and bear left.

45 → Take the first exit right and turn left onto the Deltapad. After following the Deltapad for approx. 10 meters, turn immediately right onto the cycle path.

46 → Before Cafeteria het Oeverbos, turn right onto Middenbospad; after 250 metres, turn left in the direction of the river (heading towards junction 40).

Place of interest 9: Windmill De Hoop



Windmill De Hoop is a smock mill. The name is derived from the fact that its construction resembles a smock. To catch the wind, the windmills were built high above the houses and warehouses. Around the mill, a gallery or balcony was constructed, so that the sails could be operated easily. Windmill De Hoop was built around 1792. The sign depicting the year '1620' refers to a wooden predecessor of the present windmill. A team of volunteer millers operate the windmill on a regular basis, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays. When De Hoop is open, visitors can purchase products ground by Windmill Aeolus in Vlaardingen.

Opening times: Wed 13.00 - 17.00, Sa 9.00 - 13.00

Place of interest 10: Wippersmolen



The Wippersmolen was built in 1726 to drain the Sluispolder. The windmill presently only turns 'for show'. When the windmill is in operation, it is open to the public.

TIP: To take a closer look at the Wippersmolen, turn right over the bridge (junction **39**). Follow the cycle path and turn right after the viaduct to approach the windmill from close by. Return to the bridge where you can regain the route.

When the windmill is in operation, it is open to the public.

- 47 ↑ Stay on the cycle path along the Nieuwe Waterweg in the direction of Maassluis (3 km).
- 48 → At the end of the cycle path, by the ferry crossing, turn right.
- 49 ← Stay on the cycle path and turn left after the railway crossing.
- 50 → Take the second right (Haven).
- 51 → At the top of the hill, turn right (Zuiddijk), in the direction of Windmill de Hoop.

PLACE OF INTEREST 9: WINDMILL DE HOOP

- 52 → Cycle back over the Zuiddijk and take the first right downhill (Jokweg, which turns into Bloemweg and then Nieuwstraat).
- 53 → At the end of Nieuwstraat, cross over the Markt and turn immediately right after the bridge (Noordvliet, turns into Maassluiseweg).
- 54 After approx. 800 meters, you will see the Wippersmolen on your right-hand side.

PLACE OF INTEREST 10: WIPPERSMOLEN

Tip C: Museum De Schilpen



For generations, a grocery store was located along 's Herenstraat. This site is now home to Museum 'De Schilpen', which has a busy shop selling confectionary, knickknacks and trinkets of days gone by. De Maaslandkamer ("the Maasland Room") provides a glimpse into everyday life in Maasland from the iron age to the present; there is also a 1900s-style living room and kitchen. Admission to the museum is free.

Opening times: Mo to Fri incl. 9.00 - 17.00

Place of interest 11, 12: Dijkmolen and Windmill De Drie Lelies



De Dijkmolen and De Drie Lelies form a unique duo of windmills along the Molenweg, to the north of Maasland. Built in 1718, the Dijkmolen is a polder windmill and was used to drain the Ommedijkse Polder. De Drie Lelies (1767) is a corn mill. The windmill derives its name from the first owners of the windmill, the Van der Lely Family.

Drie Lelies is open to the public when in operation.

Tip D: Zuivelboerderij van Winden (Dairy farm)



Zuivelboerderij van Winden is a dairy farm with an adjoining dairy shop. The former livestock barn has been converted into a shop selling home-made dairy products. In addition to cheese, milk, yoghurt and quark, the shop also sells a variety of regional products.

*Opening times dairy shop: Tue 14.00 - 17.30,
Fri 14.00 - 17.30, Sa 9.00 - 16.00*

- 55 ↑ Follow Maassluiseweg until you reach the bridge (junction 39).
- 56 ← Turn left at the bridge (Kerkweg).
- 57 ↑ Follow Kerkweg (turns into 's Heerenstraat) until you reach the end of the built-up area (approx. 1.5 km).

TIP C: MUSEUM DE SCHILPEN

- 58 ← At the end of the built-up area, turn left (Prinses Beatrixlaan).
- 59 → Take the first right (Molenweide) and stay on the cycle path (turns into Weidepad).

PLACE OF INTEREST 11, 12: DIJKMOLEN AND WINDMILL DE DRIE LELIES

- 60 ↑ Bear right on the Weidepad (Kralingerpad, turns into Gaagpad and Veldvreugd).

TIP D: ZUIVELBOERDERIJ VAN WINDEN (DAIRY FARM)



Korpershoek is located in Schipluiden. For centuries, this site has been home to a corn mill. The present windmill was built in the 1950s. The name 'Korpershoek' refers to the carp that used to spawn there.

The windmill can be visited by appointment.

PLACE OF INTEREST 13: WINDMILL KORPERSHOEK

- 61 ↑ Stay on the path and go straight across the T-junction.
- 62 → You are now passing junction 60; stay on this road. Take the first right after the playground (in the bend), (Zouteveenseweg).
- 63 ← In the built-up area ('de Kapel'), take the first left (Oostveenseweg).
- 64 → At the T-junction, go straight across and turn right onto the cycle path (Octave de Coninckpad).
- 65 ← Stay on the cycle path (600 meter) and turn immediately left before the built-up area (Schiedam) onto the narrow path. Bear right.
- 66 → In the left-angled bend, follow the asphalt path. At the end of the road, turn right (Groeneweg).
- 67 → At the T-junction, turn right (Kerkweg).
- 68 ← After 450 meters, take the first left (Joppelaan).



To find out more about the jenever history of Schiedam, why not visit the Jenevermuseum? The museum houses a fully operational distillery, where the malt-wine jenever 'Old Schiedam' is distilled in traditional fashion. Visitors to the museum can also catch a glimpse of glassblowers, coppersmiths, coopers and bag carriers 'at work'. Advertising slogans, ingredients, packaging materials and traditional tools and materials can be seen, felt and smelled, and of course Jenever can be sampled in the museum.

Opening times: Tue to Fri incl. 12.00 - 17.00, Sa, Su, public holidays 13.00 - 18.00

PLACE OF INTEREST 14: JENEVERMUSEUM

- 69 → Before the bridge, turn right onto the cycle path, and continue under the viaduct (Windas).
- 70 ← At the end of the road, turn left (Parkweg).
- 71 ↑ Stay on the Parkweg (1 km) and cross over Burgemeester van Haarenweg.
- 72 → After Windmill de Noord (on your left), turn right (Noordmolenstraat).
- 73 ← Take the third left (de Dam).
- 74 → Take the third right, immediately after the bridge (Lange Haven).
- 75 ↑ Follow Lange Haven until you reach the end. At the other side of the junction, you will see VVV Schiedam, your final destination.

END OF CYCLE ROUTE

En-route

Bicycle hire

VVV Schiedam (Starting point)

Buitenhavenweg 9, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 473 30 00

Fietspoint Schiedam

Stationsplein 1, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 245 75 49

Rijwielshop Station Maassluis

Stationsplein 1, Maassluis
T +31 (0)10 591 69 88

Eating and drinking establishments

Fietscafé de Krabbeplas

Surfpad 50, Vlaardingen
T +31 (0)10 234 07 55
Opening times: Tue to Sa incl.
from 11.00, Su from 10.00

Restaurant De Noordmolen

Noordvest 38, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 426 31 04
Opening times: Mo to Fri incl.
from 12.00, Sa from 17.00

De Wijnboerderij

Zuidbuurt 40, Vlaardingen
T +31 (0)10 460 31 20
Opening times: Su 12.30 - 18.00

The convivial centres of Schiedam, Vlaardingen and Maassluis have a great range of places to eat and drink

Places of interest

De Korenbeurs

Lange Haven 145, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 427 96 22

Dijkmolen

Molenweg 6, Maasland
T +31 (0)6 53 57 80 54

Jenevermuseum

Lange Haven 74 - 76, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 246 96 76
Opening times:
Tue to Fri 12.00 - 17.00,
Sa and Sun 13.00 - 18.00,
public holidays 13.00 - 18.00

Museum 'De Schilpen'

's Herenstraat 24, Maasland
T +31 (0)10 591 33 34
Opening times: Sa 10.00 - 17.00,
1 May to 1 Oct incl.
Wed 14.00 - 17.00

Museum windmill De Nieuwe Palmboom

Noordvest 34, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 426 76 75
Opening times: from Easter to
1 Nov, Tue to Sun incl. 11.30 - 17.00
and from 1 Nov to Easter,
Sa 11.30 - 17.00, Sunday and
public holidays 12.30 - 17.00

Windmill De Aeolus and shop 't Ambacht

Korte Dijk 16, Vlaardingen
T +31 (0)10 434 61 31
Opening times shop:
Mo to Fri incl. 9.00 - 17.00,
Sa 9.00 - 16.00

Windmill De Drie Koornbloemen

Vellevest 5, Schiedam

Windmill De Drie Lelies

Molenweg 8, Maasland
Opening times: when the mill is
in operation

Windmill De Hoop

Zuiddijk 94, Maassluis
Opening times: Wed 13.30 - 17.00,
Sa 9.00 - 13.00

Windmill De Kameel

Doelenplein 6, Schiedam

Windmill De Vrijheid

Noordvest 40, Schiedam

Windmill and mill shop De Walvisch

Westvest 229, Schiedam
T +31 (0)10 246 95 06
Opening times shop:
Wed 12.00 - 17.00,
Thurs and Fri 10.00 - 17.00,
Sa 10.00 - 16.00

Windmill Korpershoek

Gaagweg 1, Schipluiden
T +31 (0)15 380 91 28
Opening times: by appointment

Wippersmolen

Wipperskade 1, Maassluis
T +31 (0)6 18 12 38 89
Opening times: when the mill is
in operation

Zuivelwinkel van Winden

Gaagweg 36, Schipluiden
T +31 (0)15 380 91 34
Opening times: Tue 14.00 - 17.30,
Fri 14.00 - 17.30, Sa 9.00 - 16.00

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Long Live the Windmills!

The Province of Zuid-Holland has heralded 2011 as the *'Long Live the Windmills!'* theme year. Zuid-Holland boasts the highest number of windmills in the Netherlands, around 228. Not only do the windmills typify the traditional Dutch polder landscape, they are also inextricably linked to the history of the province.

The windmills of the 'green polders' of Zuid-Holland have been keeping our feet dry for centuries, and are at the heart of the hydraulic engineering projects for which the Dutch are famed throughout the world.

In various cities, the windmills played an important role in international trade. They served as saw mills for the Dutch shipyards; they produced filted textiles for the broadcloth industry and milled grain to produce bread and malt wine.

Today, the windmills on your cycling itinerary also have another purpose: some house museums that provide a glimpse into the everyday life of the miller. Others accommodate restaurants and shops, where you can enjoy a range of traditional delicacies made in and around the region.

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