

WALKING TRAILS IN THE ZAAN REGION

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WORMERVEER

6.5 km

Starting point: train station Wormerveer

Wormerveer is the only Zaan village with an open waterfront. The front doors to the properties all face the Zaan so that the residents could see their factories on the opposite side. The Zaanbocht ('Bend in the Zaan') is home to a range of different specialist stores and restaurants. The Wandelweg ('Strolling Road') runs parallel to the Zaan and although the name may suggest otherwise, it is now a busy main road. Between these two thoroughfares there is a public park which was opened in 1899 by the young Queen Wilhelmina and named after her. It is one of the few Dutch public parks in private ownership.



Apart from the iconic factories belonging to, amongst others, Lassie, De Adelaar and Boon the walk also features two early examples of social housing in courtyards. The public cemetery (a municipal monument since 2017) is worth a visit because it contains the oldest trees in the area, where herons nest in great numbers.

TIP In the summer months Bakkie Leut opens its terrace on the Zaan where you can enjoy a drink and the view over the Zaan.

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