

# WALKING TRAILS IN THE ZAAN REGION

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## INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

5 km

Starting point: Beatrixbrug Bridge Zaandam

The route mostly follows the banks of the Zaan. Housing complexes similar in form and size to what came before now occupy the places where factories once stood. On the old East and West side river dykes you can still see the capital villas of the manufacturers whilst in the side streets there are many workers' houses. All these side paths used to have ditches which have nearly all been filled in.

On the eastern flank you will find several social housing estates while on the western side of the Zaan there are more private homes. Along the way there are different wonderful views over the water to enjoy.

Some of the factories have been redeveloped, including the former Verkadé biscuit factory and the old Zwaardemaker barley mill.

**TIP** On the Stuurmanspad cul-de-sac there are some beautiful private homes and even a farmhouse. The ditch is still visible as well.

