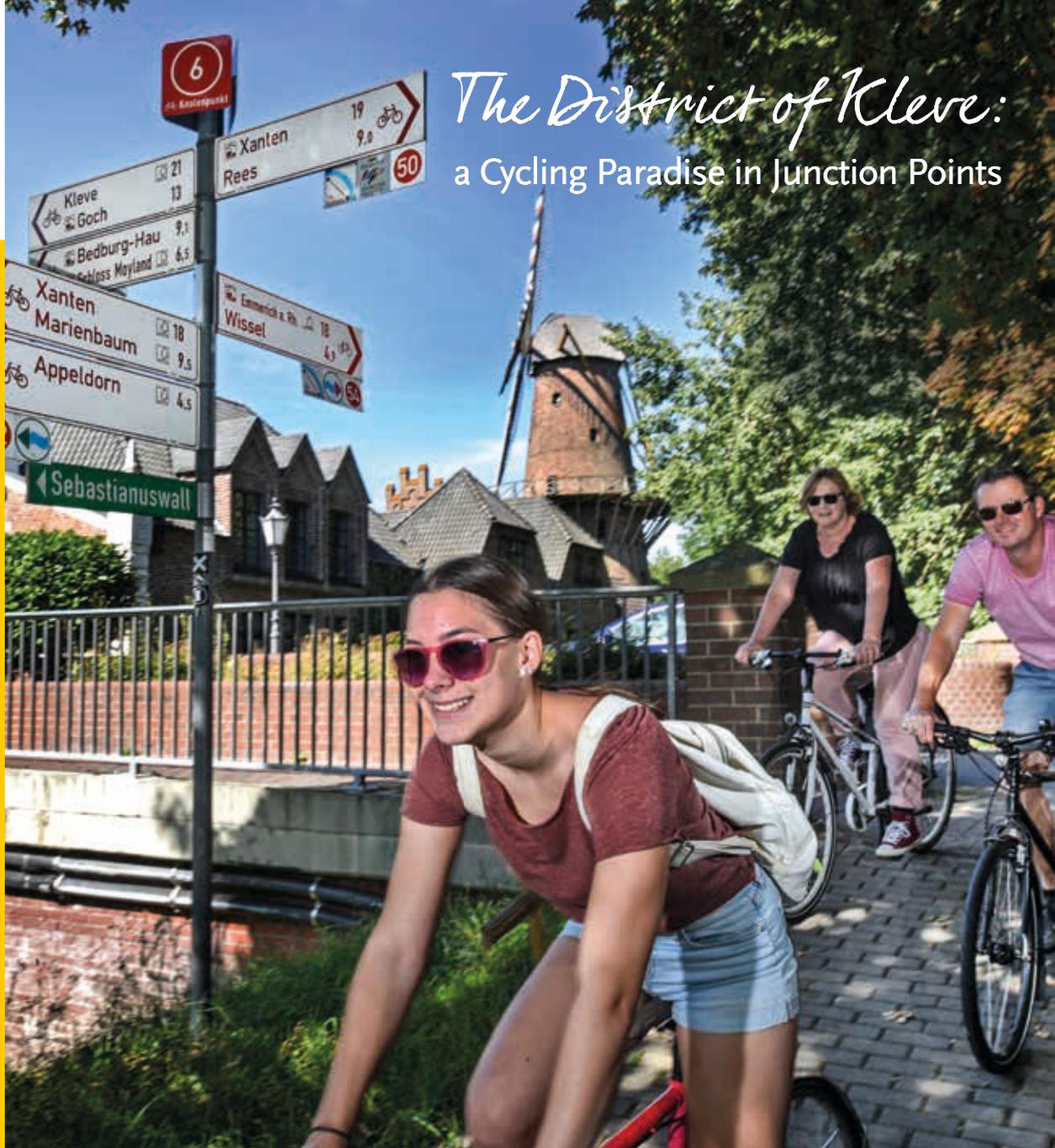




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The District of Kleve: a Cycling Paradise in Junction Points



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A bike ride through the district of Kleve:

Wilhelm Schlote from Cologne is one of Germany's most famous city poster illustrators. Here he is looking for new subjects for his art.

Introduction

Winding Down in the Saddle

Dear citizens,
valued guests of the district of Kleve,
dear friends of the Lower Rhine region,

Every year many people show their affection for the Lower Rhine region and the district of Kleve. Some visitors come for a day trip from the nearby Ruhr area or from the Randstad in the Netherlands to discover the landscapes and towns near the Dutch border. Others bring their bicycles to explore some of the 1,500 km of cycle paths this adventurous, green area near the river Rhine has to offer. And Wilhelm Schlote, one of the most famous city poster illustrator in all of Germany, pulls his trusty coloured pencils out of his pockets to capture the region's iconic landmarks, such as the mills and the pollard willows, on paper.

The Wirtschaftsförderung Kreis Kleve is delighted that the artist currently residing in Cologne is always happy to leave his studio in the big city behind to come to the district of Kleve and experience the subjects of his illustrations first hand. If time allows it, he rents a Niederrhein-Rad, chooses a route using the new cycle junction point system to get to the various cities and villages, and enjoys winding down in the saddle.

To all of you, we extend a very warm welcome.
We're glad you're here.

Your Wirtschaftsförderung Kreis Kleve



JUNCTION POINTS AND MAJOR SIGNPOSTS



There are 160 junction points distributed across the district of Kleve. All major signposts are equipped with an additional red sign

featuring a big, white junction point number in its centre. This allows you to easily plan bike rides in the area. Simply remember the junction points on your route and then follow the signposts from one number to the next. Underneath NRW's red and white cycle signposts, you'll see a pointer directing you to your next junction point or to one of the themed routes. Good to know: the cycle junction point system is continued in the neighbouring districts of Viersen and Wesel as well as in the Netherlands.

JUNCTION POINT MAPS



At each junction point, you'll find a junction point map. These maps give you a broad overview of the region and show you your current location as well

as junction points near you. This allows you to track, change or adjust your route at any given time. The junction point maps also highlight nearby tourist attractions and your nearest tourist information.

MINOR SIGNPOSTS



All routes are equipped with major as well as minor signposts. Simply follow the square, white minor signposts featuring a red arrow and a bicycle

symbol, since all routes follow the direction indicated.

Map Key

- 63 Junction point
- 48 Junction point NL
- Junction point system D
- Junction point system NL
- Cycling network NRW
- Themed routes
- District border
- i Tourist information
- ★ Attractions
- P Free parking
- Your starting point

THEMED ROUTES IN THE REGION

- Rheinradweg / Niersradweg
- Via Romana
- Niederrheinroute
- Niederrheinnebenroute
- Oranierroute

ROUTE 1

Kleve – Kranenburg – Kalkar – Bedburg-Hau

ROUTE 2

Emmerich am Rhein – Kleve – Kalkar – Rees

ROUTE 3

Uedem – Goch – Weeze

ROUTE 4

Wallfahrtsstadt Kevelaer – Weeze – Uedem

ROUTE 5

Geldern – Kerken – Wachtendonk – Straelen

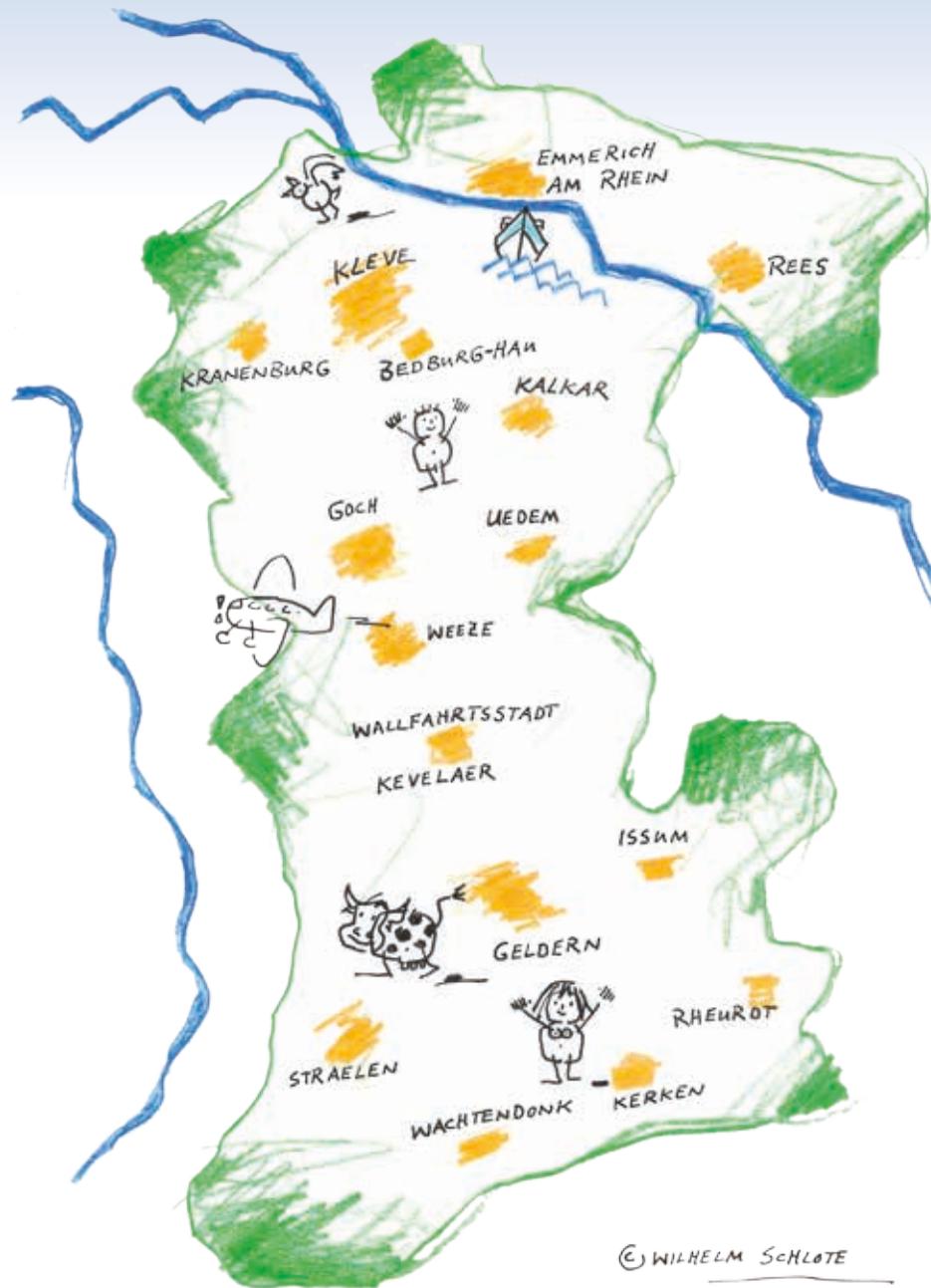
ROUTE 6

Issum – Rheurdt – Kerken – Geldern

The routes' GPX tracks can be accessed via the QR code or by visiting www.wfg-kreis-kleve.de



The District of Kleve at a Glance



The Cycle Junction Point System: a Valuable Asset

“Welcome to the cycling region of Kleve.” The district of Kleve has long been a magnet for people who love to spend time in the saddle. Here you can discover cycle paths taking you through nature, past castles, and along dykes that go on for miles before leading you to one of the area’s charming farm cafés. In recent years, the number of people interested in this type of relaxing leisure time has grown enormously and the needs and expectations of cyclists took on new forms.

One of the biggest requests: a cycle junction point system, which connects the most beautiful routes in the district. These connecting points should have an allocated number so that you can navigate by simply cycling from one number to the other.

Now this request has become a reality: the new cycle junction point system is here. A total of 160 signposts allow bike tourists to fully experience what the region has to offer.

“Our fellow citizens and guests see the new cycle junction point system as a very valuable asset,” the district of Kleve reports. The slogan “Welcome to the cycling region” greets cyclists on every signpost. Opposite the district’s logo, you can find the white junction point number boldly setting itself apart from the red background. At each major signpost, you’ll also see an information board with a map. You can find your current location’s junction point in the centre of the map. Each of the 160 boards is 100 cm x 76 cm in size, encased in a custom-made tubular frame, and placed strategically within the 1,000 km long route network.

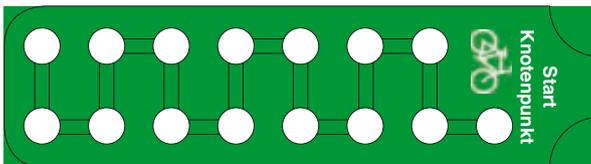
Put it to the test - and use the small “Lenkerkarte” (handlebar map), which makes cycling by numbers even easier.

NIEDERRHEIN
SO GUT. SO WEIT.

Thousands of „Lenkerkarten“ (handlebar maps) for the New Cycle Junction System

They are colourful and feature little cyclists as well as the new slogan “Niederrhein - So good. So far”. Additionally, district of Kleve’s vibrantly green logo boldly sits in the corner of the small strip of paper, which is just waiting to be used as a “Lenkerkarte” on one of the Lower Rhine’s many cycling routes.

The new junction point system and the “Lenkerkarten” allow you to sum up your cycling route in the district of Kleve in a few numbers. You write the numbers on the “Lenkerkarte” and then... simply think about the Lower Rhine’s finer things.



Available in the region’s tourist information centres: “Lenkerkarten” allowing you to write down the junction point numbers of your chosen route.

Route 1 - Outline



BEDBURG-HAU

Bedburg-Hau is a treasure trove for nature enthusiasts. Here you can discover fields and forests as well as man-made landscapes steeped in history alongside unspoilt nature. The cultural heart of Bedburg-Hau is Museum Schloss Moyland. The castle is home to the largest collection of works by Joseph Beuys. Its fascinating museum, majestic architecture, and beautiful landscape park attract thousands of visitors each year.

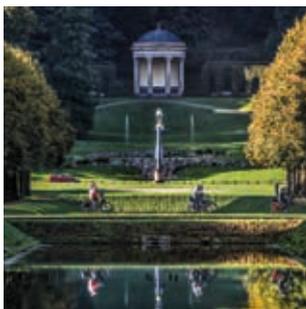
www.bedburg-hau.de



KALKAR

An integral part of a good bike ride is a good rest. Kalkar with its historic market square, its gothic town hall, and its various restaurants and cafés is a great place to take a break. Not far from here, you'll also find the town's tourist information in the Städtisches Museum (city museum). Other highlights include the windmill, St. Nicolai church with its uniquely carved wooden altars, and the castle Burg Boetzelaer in Kalkar-Appeldorn. It also doesn't take long to get to the two fun parks Wunderland Kalkar and Wisseler See or to the little Rhine town of Grieth. Two passenger and bicycle ferries connect the cycle paths on both sides of the Rhine, so you can reach these attractions easily.

www.kalkar.de



KLEVE

The district's capital and shopping paradise Kleve is always worth a visit. Discover art and culture in the museums Kurhaus and B.C. Koekkoek-Haus, explore Schwanenburg Castle or enjoy a family-friendly bike ride on even paths to the historic gardens and the animal park - Kleve offers something for everyone. The vibrant city centre with its many cafés and the campus of the young Rhine-Waal University invite you to linger and relax. Thanks to the fast cycle route Europa-Radbahn, Kleve has a direct connection to Kranenburg and the Dutch city of Nijmegen.

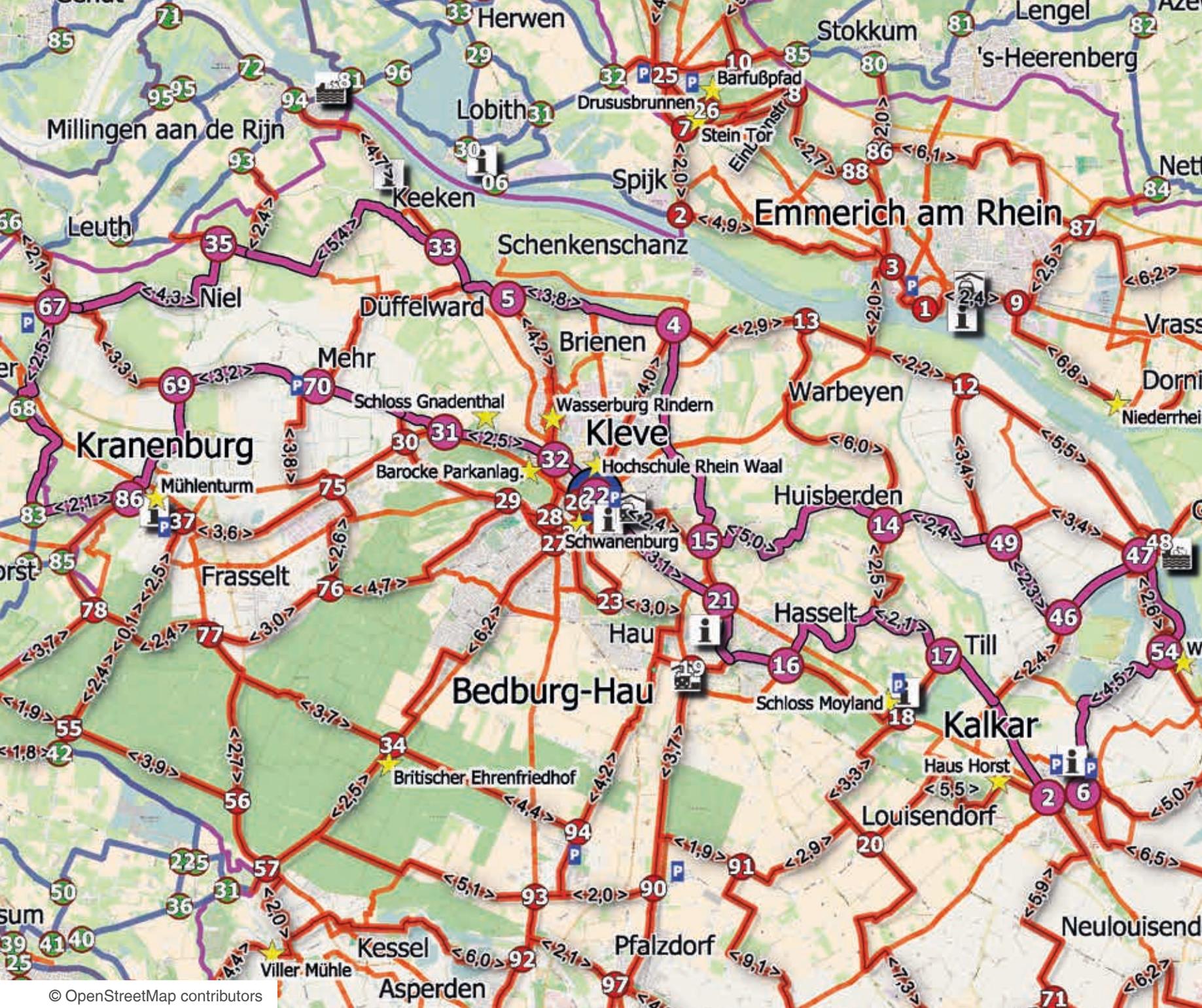
www.kleve-tourismus.de



KRANENBURG

Art lovers, friends of nature and cyclists have known for a long time that Kranenburg has a lot to offer. Nestled between the Reichswald, the biggest continuous forest area in Germany, and the landscape of the Düffel, Kranenburg is a great place for bike rides through unique nature. If you're looking for something to do, then you'll be sure to find a fun activity in this town near the Dutch border. Swap your bike for the rail push trolley Grenzland-Draisine and visit the museum Katharinenhof and the St. Peter and Paul church. Be sure to also drop by the town's landmark: the Mühlturm (mill tower). If after all that your legs are still up for it, you can quickly reach the neighbouring cities of Kleve and Nijmegen (NL) via the fast cycle route Europa-Radbahn.

www.kranenburg.de



Route 1



ROUTE LENGTH:
80,6 km, 5:22 h (Ø 15 km/h)



START:
Junction point 22:
Roundabout Wiesenstraße,
47533 Kleve



JUNCTION POINTS:
22, 32, 31, 70, 69, 86, 83, 68
(NL), 67, 35, 33, 5, 4, 15, 14,
49, 46, 47, 54, 6, 2, 17, 16,
21, 22



Route 2 - Outline



EMMERICH AM RHEIN

Cycle through the Lower Rhine's vast meadows, past forests and along river paths until you reach the waterfront overlooking the Rhine and one of Germany's longest suspension bridges - Emmerich am Rhein is full of exciting things to experience. Take your time and visit the relaxing district of Elten. From the peak of the 82-m-high mountain Eltenberg, you can enjoy an unforgettable view over the Lower Rhine region, start your exploration of the barefoot path and nature discovery trail, and visit the windmill Gerritzens Mühle. Also worth visiting are the modern art museum "PAN kunstforum am Niederrhein" and the Rheinmuseum (rhine museum).

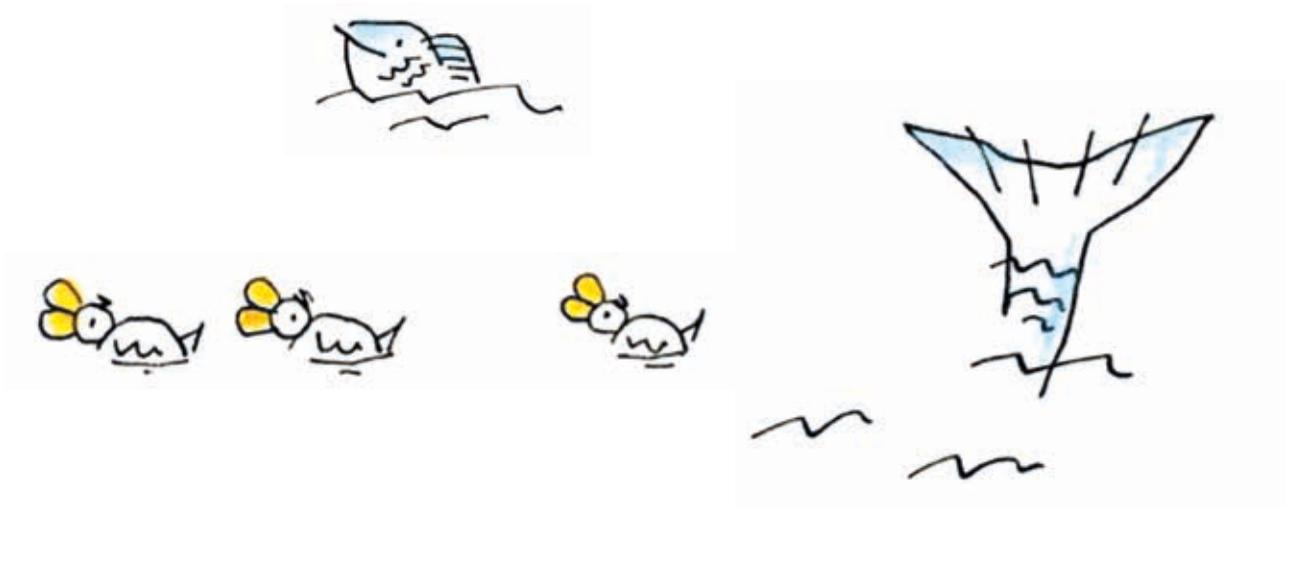
www.emmerich.de

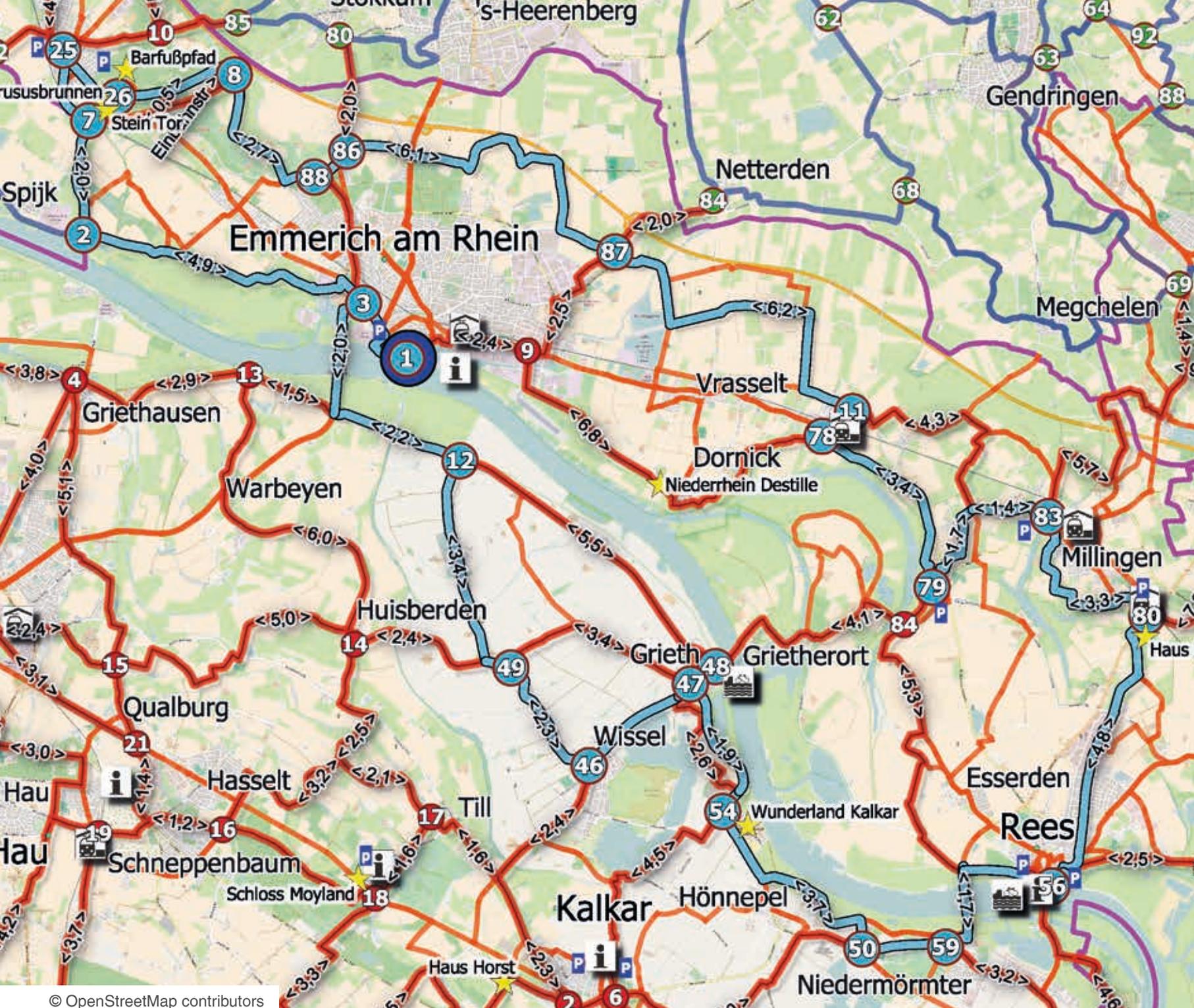


REES

Rees' title "bike-friendly city" is well deserved because the needs of cyclists are its top priority. The extensive cycle path network takes visitors through nature, to the historic centre with its old city walls and the sculpture park all the way to the underground casemates. Three ferries and the passenger ship "Stadt Rees" offer trips across the Rhine while Rees' waterfront is famous for being one of the most beautiful Rhine promenades in the country.

www.stadt-rees.de





Route 2



ROUTE LENGTH:
71,3 km, 4:45 h (Ø 15 km/h)



START:
Junction point 1:
Alter Markt 4,
46446 Emmerich am Rhein



JUNCTION POINTS:
1, 3, 12, 49, 46, 47, 48, 54, 50,
59, 56, 80, 83, 79, 78, 11, 87,
86, 88, 8, 26, 25, 7, 2, 3, 1



Route 3 - Outline



GOCH

Goch calls itself the “miteinander Stadt Goch” (together city Goch). Cyclists love to start their bike rides along the river Niers in Goch and explore some of the area’s themed routes. Ride through the “Spargeldorf Kessel” (asparagus village Kessel) and visit the monastery Kloster Graefenthal or the “crazy puppeteer” Heinz Bömler in the old oil and flour mill Viller Mühle. If you fancy a break then relax at the centrally-located riverside stairs Nierswelle near Goch’s famous Steintor or visit one of the many farm cafés.

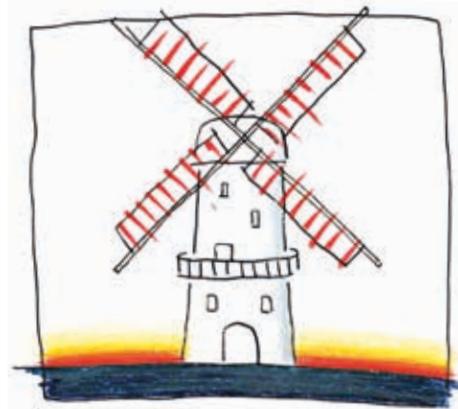
www.goch.de

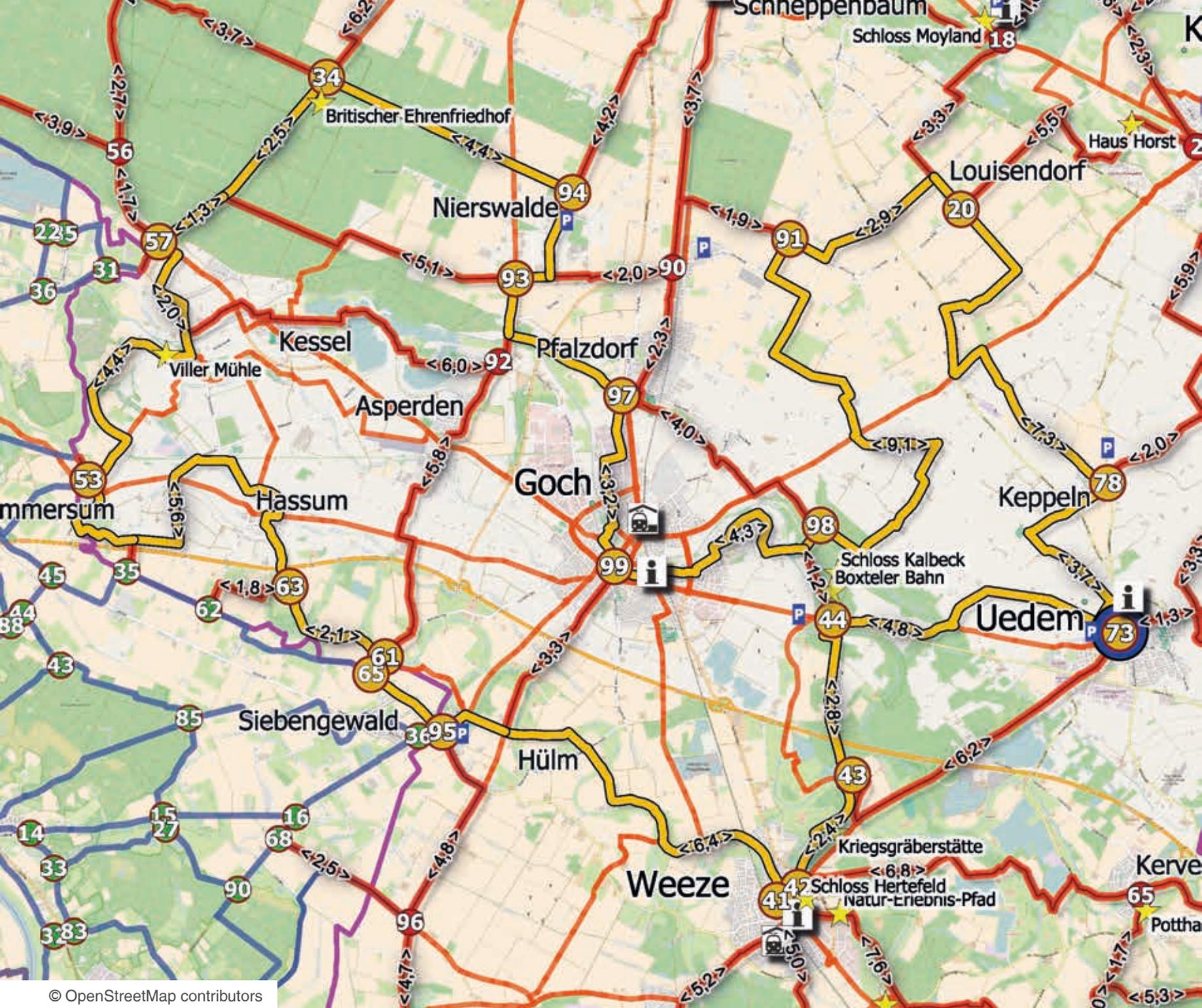


UEDEM

In Uedem you can leave behind the hectic rush of everyday life. Along the vast cycle path network discover attractions such as the mill Hohe Mühle with its Schustermuseum (cobble museum) or the fountain Seemannbrunnen at the market square. And why not take a rest in one of the cosy street cafés or restaurants? Uedem “livable...loveable” - the town’s motto certainly rings true.

www.uedem.de





Route 3



ROUTE LENGTH:
82,2 km, 5:28 h (Ø 15 km/h)



START:
Junction point 73:
Mühlenstraße /
at the corner of Viehstraße,
47589 Uedem



JUNCTION POINTS:
73, 78, 20, 91, 98, 99, 97, 93,
94, 34, 57, 53, 63, 61, 65 (NL),
95, 41, 42, 43, 44, 73



Route 4 - Outline



WALLFAHRTSSTADT KEVELAER

The clue is in the name: as the biggest place of pilgrimage in northwestern Europe, the Lower Rhine town of Kevelaer is a magnet for believers from all over the world. The Kapellenplatz (chapel square) with its Gnadenkapelle (Chapel of Grace), Kerzenkapelle (candle chapel) and Marienbasilika (St. Mary's Basilica) is usually buzzing with life. Kevelaer is the starting point of many cycling routes taking you to the bakery preparing sacramental bread, the farm-adventure oasis Irrland, the Sologarten St. Jakob as well as many other attractions around the city.

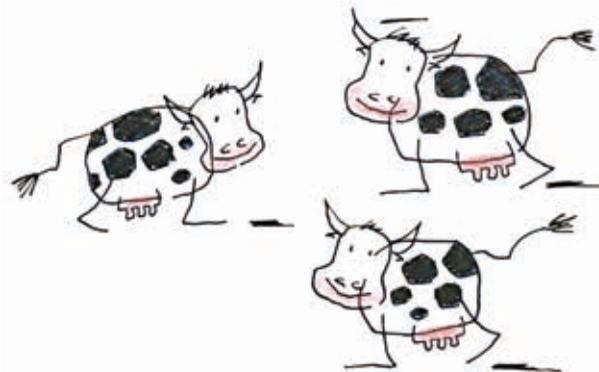
www.kevelaer.de

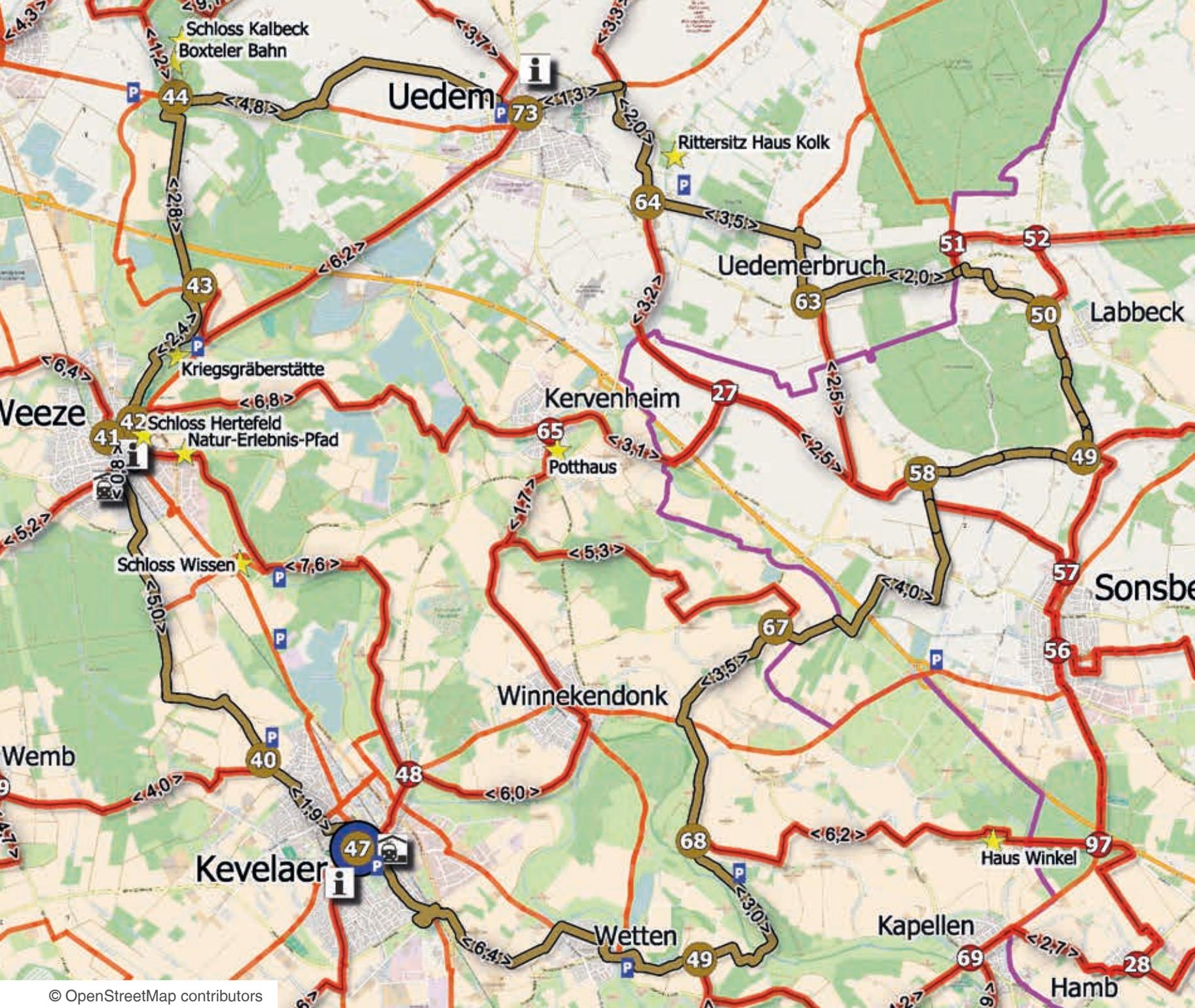


WEEZE

The idyllic landscape in and around Weeze attracts cycle tourists wishing to explore the community at the river Niers. Discover the historic castles Hertefeld and Wissen while cycling along the Niers, through beautiful forests, and past lovely meadows. Families can enjoy a visit to the town's popular animal park featuring a forest nature trail, a petting zoo, and the nearby nature discovery trail Natur-Erlebnis-Pfad. If you're interested in the history of the British RAF, then you should pay a visit to the Royal Air Force Laarbruch-Weeze museum at Weeze Airport.

www.weeze.de





Route 4



ROUTE LENGTH:
50,1 km, 3:20 h (Ø 15 km/h)



START:
Junction point 47:
Peter-Plümpe-Platz,
47623 Kevelaer



JUNCTION POINTS:
47, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 73, 64,
63, 50, 49, 58, 67, 68, 49, 47



Route 5 - Outline



GELDERN

The people of Geldern like to call their city “LandLebenStadt” (Countryside Living City), which captures the essence of their attitude towards life. Visit Geldern and discover wide open spaces, a great network of cycle paths, and beautiful nature. At the same time, Geldern is an exciting urban centre with great shopping opportunities, relaxing leisure activities, and a diverse cultural programme. There is something going on all year round always making Geldern worth a visit.

www.geldern.de



STRAELEN

Straelen also goes by the name “Blumenstadt” (city of flowers) and there is a good reason for that. The town is home to the biggest horticultural area in all of Germany putting more flowers and vegetables on the market than any other region. Straelen’s other unique selling point is its vast network of cycle paths - over 300 km of tracks and trails are just waiting to be explored by avid cyclists.

www.straelen.de

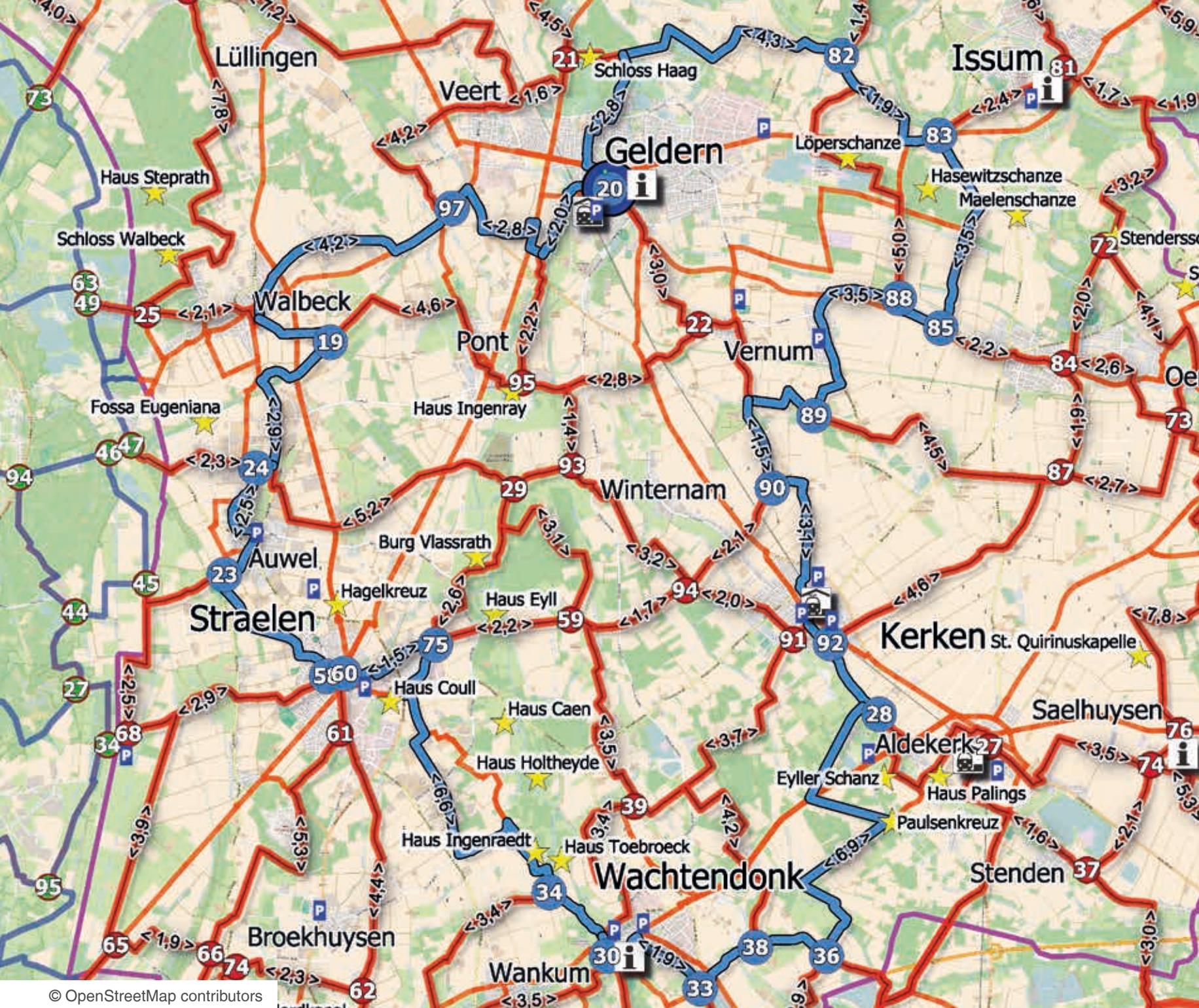


WACHTENDONK

The entire old town of Wachtendonk is listed as a historical monument and is the municipality’s primary tourist magnet. If you love nature then a trip to the nature reserve Wankumer Heide is a must as well. Forests, lakes, moorland, meadows, and fields make this one of the most picturesque corners of the Lower Rhine region.

www.wachtendonk.de





Route 5



ROUTE LENGTH:
65,9 km, 4:23 h (Ø 15 km/h)



START:
Junction point 20:
Junction Südgasse /
Gelderstraße,
47608 Geldern



JUNCTION POINTS:
20, 82, 83, 85, 88, 89, 90, 92,
28, 36, 38, 33, 30, 34, 75, 60,
58, 23, 24, 19, 97, 20



Route 6 - Outline



ISSUM

Issum enchants its visitors with its many beautiful forests and lakes. The municipality is also home to the only former village synagogue still intact in the Lower Rhine region as well as to a local history museum called "His-Törchen". The latter offers ever-changing exhibitions making each visit an interesting experience. Cyclists get to enjoy bike trails meandering through meadows and forests and past lakes and ponds in the so-called "Altbierdorf" (village of top-fermented dark beer).

www.issum.de



KERKEN

In the southern parts of the bike-friendly region of Kleve, you'll find Kerken with its charming old districts Aldekerk and Nieuwerk. Kerken is full of things to do: from good restaurants and lovingly-designed squares to an impressive church, which even gave the town its name. The surrounding marshy landscape, which is so typical for the Lower Rhine region, makes cycling in and around Kerken a joy. Since the introduction of the cycle node systems planning a bike ride here got even easier.

www.kerken.de

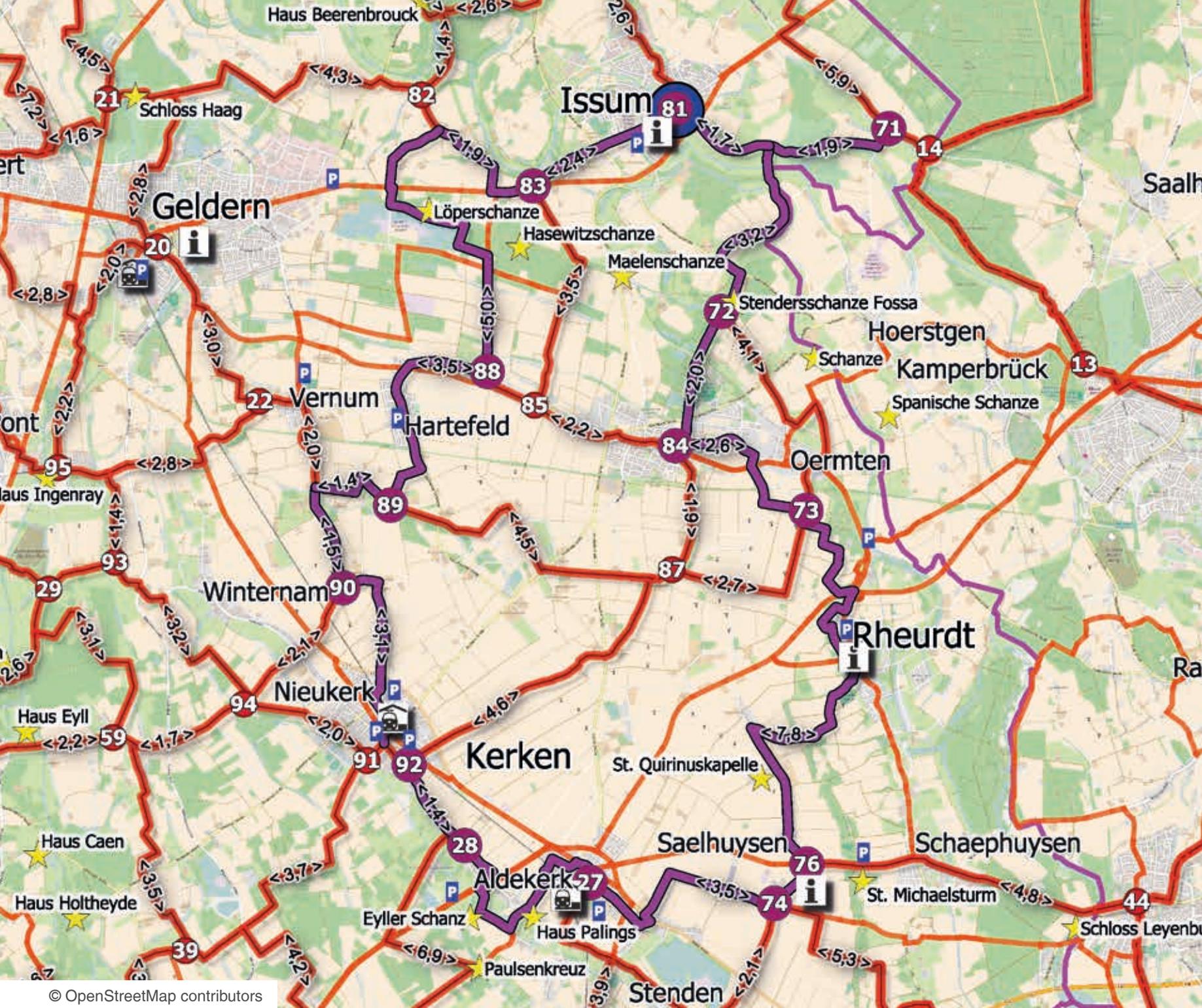


RHEURDT

Look forward to beautiful views, excellent cycle paths, diverse nature preserves, and relaxing leisure activities in Rheurdt. The Oermter Berg (Mount Oermter) with its game enclosure, playground, high rope course, and carriage rides offers a fun day out for the whole family. A trip to the tower mill in Rheurdt's so-called ecovillage can also be highly recommended.

www.rheurdt.de





Route 6



ROUTE LENGTH:
46,6 km, 3:06 h (Ø 15 km/h)



START:
Junction point 81:
Vogt-von-Belle-Platz,
47661 Issum



JUNCTION POINTS:
81, 71, 72, 84, 73, 76, 74, 27,
28, 92, 90, 89, 88, 83, 81



Cycle Junction Paradise even for e-Bike Riders

The district of Kleve is a paradise for e-bike riders. Between Kranenburg and Emmerich am Rhein in the north and Rheurdt, Wachtendonk, and Straelen in the south, e-bike riders have approximately 100 charging stations at their disposal. The tourism promoters and service providers of the 16 cities and villages as well as the Wirtschaftsförderung Kreis Kleve have gone all out to offer cyclists from near and far something special. Naturally, those who use the 1,500-km-long cycling network will also have the chance to stumble across many of the welcoming farm cafés and inviting mills.

The region-wide network of e-bike charging points perfectly rounds off the district's excellent accommodation options including great 5-star hotels, 31 caravan sites, and 400 holiday

homes, all offering visitors a temporary home away from home. Cycle along old, tree-lined avenues and over seemingly endless dykes around Emmerich am Rhein or the bike-friendly city of Rees. You can also discover some of the themed routes and their scenic waypoints. The cycle route network strongly confirms the region's slogan: "Niederrhein - So good. So far."

All e-bike charging stations can be found on our website www.wfg-kreis-kleve.de.





You can find the district of Kleve's entire cycle junction system in the cycle map called "Die schönsten Radtouren im Kreis Kleve" (The most beautiful bike rides in the district of Kleve) published by Bielefelder Verlag. The map is available for sale at Kreis Kleve and in many bookshops.

ISBN: 978-3-87073-955-3



Discover the Region by NiederrheinRad

The NiederrheinRad is the Lower Rhine region's bike rental system offering unlimited riding fun. The system comprises 50 rental stations, 14 of which can be found within the district of Kleve. For only a few euros a day you can rent a Gazelle bike and you'll even receive tips on the region's best cycling routes and tourist attractions. What makes the NiederrheinRad spe-

cial is the fact that you can freely choose your starting point as well as the rental station at which you wish to return the bike. This means that you don't have to end your NiederrheinRad bike ride at your starting point; instead, you can stop at any station you want.



RENTAL STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT OF KLEVE

- **Emmerich am Rhein**
infoCenter Emmerich
- **Geldern**
See Park Janssen
Schloss Walbeck
- **Kalkar**
Ferien- und Campingpark Wisseler See
GreenLine Hotel Landhaus Beckmann
- **Kerken**
Haus Thoeren
Landgasthaus Wolters
- **Kleve**
Akzent City Hotel Kleve
The Rilano Hotel Kleve City
- **Kranenburg**
Grenzland Draisine
- **Rees**
Hotel Rheinpark Rees
- **Wallfahrtsstadt Kevelaer**
Rilano 24|7 Hotel Kevelaer
- **Weeze**
Tierparkhotel Uhu-Lodge
Jan an de Fähr



Spargel, das königliche Gemüse, sorgt in jedem Frühjahr dafür, dass Hunderte, ja Tausende von Tagestouristen in den Kreis Kleve anreisen, um es sich richtig schmecken zu lassen.

More tourist-relevant information regarding the region can be found for free at the Wirtschaftsförderung Kreis Kleve.



„MHMMMM, Grünkohl-Woche im Kreis Kleve“. Die Grünkohl-Woche lockt die hungrigen Seelen in der Regel vor dem Start in die Adventszeit in die Region unweit der niederländischen Grenze.



See you soon in the *district of Kleve*



District of Kleve –
1,500 km of cycle path network



District of Kleve –
118 charging stations for e-bikes & e-scooters



District of Kleve –
31 caravan sites



District of Kleve –
420 holiday homes



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