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## GEOTOUR BRONCKHORST

Welcome to Bronckhorst, where you'll embark on an adventure through a landscape full of hidden treasures. In the heart of the Achterhoek, castles and estates have shaped the land for centuries. They influenced not only power and politics, but also how the landscape evolved – with hedgerows, tree-lined lanes, fields and forests as quiet witnesses of the past.

During this GeoTour, you'll follow in the footsteps of barons, farmers and pioneers. Wander through the medieval town of Bronckhorst, discover the story of missionary Ludger in Zelhem, relive the Napoleonic era in Hummelo, and taste the region at passionate local producers. Every location tells its own story – about struggle, faith, governance, nature and craftsmanship.

Go on a treasure hunt in one of the most beautiful regions of the Netherlands – history literally lies beneath your feet.

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tour on a bike.*



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## THE STORIES

This GeoTour is more than a treasure hunt — it's a journey through history, landscape and local life. Six storylines bring Bronckhorst to life:

- 1. In Service of the Emperor** – Discover the traces Napoleon and his allies left in this region. A story of soldiers, power and change.
- 2. Castles and Country Estates** – Wander along grand avenues and centuries-old walls. Here noble families shaped farming, landscape and daily life.
- 3. The Smallest Town in the Netherlands** – Stroll through the charming streets of Bronckhorst and step back in time. Small in size, rich in stories.
- 4. In the Footsteps of Ludger** – Missionary Ludger brought Christianity to this area. His legacy lives on in churches, monasteries and local traditions.
- 5. Flavours of the Region** – Taste what the Achterhoek has to offer: farmhouse ice cream, locally distilled whisky, handmade products and fresh regional food.
- 6. Landscape of Hedgerows and the IJssel Valley** – Explore the patchwork of meadows, hedges, streams and woodlands — a cultural landscape where history and nature intertwine.

## GAME RULES

**Respect nature and surroundings** – Stay on paths and respect residents' privacy.

**Record the codewords** – You'll find them in or on each cache. Write them down in your GeoTour passport.

**Be discreet** – Not everyone knows about geocaching. Keep caches hidden from curious bystanders.

**Replace everything properly** – Make sure the cache is well concealed for the next explorer.

**All codewords found? Coin!** – With a full passport or 80 points you'll receive the official GeoTour Bronckhorst GeoCoin.




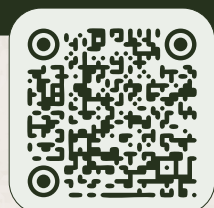
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## BONUS TREASURES & WOODIES

During your GeoTour in Bronckhorst, you can discover special Woodies at unique locations: small wooden souvenirs made especially for this tour. These Woodies are a free little gift, kindly offered by local entrepreneurs as a thank-you for your visit.

You'll also find Bonus Treasures in your passport: fun specials and discounts at unique spots in Bronckhorst. Just show your passport and enjoy!

On the hunt for a  
Woodie? Discover  
it here. 





## IN SERVICE OF THE EMPEROR

During the French occupation in the 19th century, Baron Van Heeckeren van Enghuizen chose the side of Emperor Napoleon. As a loyal ally he was rewarded with titles, power and estates in the Achterhoek. His loyalty brought prestige but also division within the Dutch nobility. After Napoleon's fall he lost his influence, but his name still echoes through Hummelo and Keppel.

### TIPS NEARBY:

1. GO STAND-UP PADDLING ON THE OUDE IJSSEL
2. VISIT CHARMING HUMMELO AND THE STATUE OF THE BAND NORMAAL
3. VISIT THE TEA GARDEN AT BANDUS NURSERY AND ENJOY YOUR COFFEE AMONG THE FLOWERS AND PLANTS
4. STROLL THROUGH COSY HUMMELO AND VISIT THE BROCANTE SHOP IN THE OLD WAREHOUSE
5. ENJOY LUNCH ON THE COSY TERRACE OF DE GOUDEN KARPEN





## THE COAT OF ARMS OF HEECKEREN



Het Wapen van Heeckeren

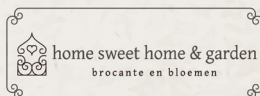
**wapenvanheeckeren.nl**

Zelhemseweg 16, Hummelo



**deklevenhorst.nl**

Van Heeckerenweg 13, Hummelo



**homesweethomeandgarden.nl**

Dorpsstraat 30, Hummelo



**bandus.nl**

Sliekstraat 9, Hummelo

*Camping  
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**siebieverden.nl**

IJsselweg 5, Laag-Keppel



**klompenmakers.nl**

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**gastenverblijfeenink.nl**

Wisselinkweg 6, Zelhem



**keukenvanhackfort.nl**  
Baakseweg 8, Vorden



**restaurantnostalgie.nl**  
Wichmondseweg 30, Baak



**bosloods1873.nl**  
De Horsterkamp 14, Vorden



**wolfershuis.nl**  
Wolfersveenweg 21a, Zelhem



**dewiersse.com**  
Wiersserallee 9, Vorden



**kasteelvorden.nl**  
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**landgoedkeppel.nl**

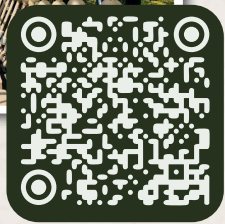
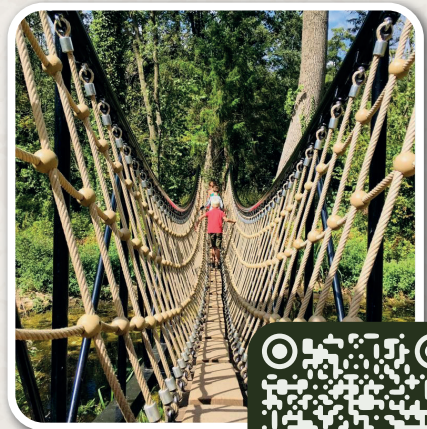


ESTATE DE WIERSSE

## CASTLES AND COUNTRY ESTATES

Bronckhorst lies in the heart of castle country. Elegant houses and moated estates recall the rich past of noble families. Built strategically along trade routes and waterways, they served as both residences and centres of power. The fertile soil brought prosperity and helped shape the landscape we see today.

*Note: Most castles are privately owned. Feel free to admire them from the outside, but please respect residents' privacy.*



### TIPS NEARBY:

1. VISIT CASTLE VORDEN
2. STROLL THROUGH THE DE WIERSSE GARDENS
3. WALK THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY HERTENPAD
4. VISIT CASTLE HACKFORT
5. ENJOY LUNCH AT DE KEUKEN VAN HACKFORT

## THE SMALLEST TOWN BRONKHORST

# THE SMALLEST TOWN WITH BIG STORIES

Granted city rights in 1482, Bronkhorst is known as the smallest town in the Netherlands. Behind its historic façades and cobblestone streets lie centuries of stories. Once home to the noble Lords of Bronkhorst, the site of their castle still whispers tales of power and heritage.

### TIPS NEARBY:

1. CYCLE ALONG THE RIVER IJSSEL
2. JOIN A GUIDED CITY WALK
3. VISIT THE BRONCKHORSTER BREWERY
4. CLIMB TO THE RHA VIEWPOINT FOR RIVER VIEWS
5. EXPLORE THE CASTLE HILL WITH PANORAMAS TOWARDS POSBANK AND ZUTPHEN



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Aaltenseweg 11, Zelhem



JACUZZIHUISJES WEIDEBOSCH

[jacuzzihuisje.nl](http://jacuzzihuisje.nl)

Haitinkweg 6, Zelhem



THE LUDGER CHURCH AT SMEDEKINCK

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LUDGER

First mentioned in 801, Zelhem owes much of its history to missionary Ludger, who founded churches and spread Christianity throughout the region. His legacy remains visible — from the Ludger Church in Zelhem to the monument in Vierakker.



### TIPS NEARBY:

1. VISIT THE ST WILLIBRORD CHURCH – VOTED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN GELDERLAND
2. HIKE THE LUDGER TRAIL
3. LEARN MORE AT MUSEUM SMEDEKINCK
4. EXPLORE THE MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS ART OR CLIMB THE CHURCH TOWER



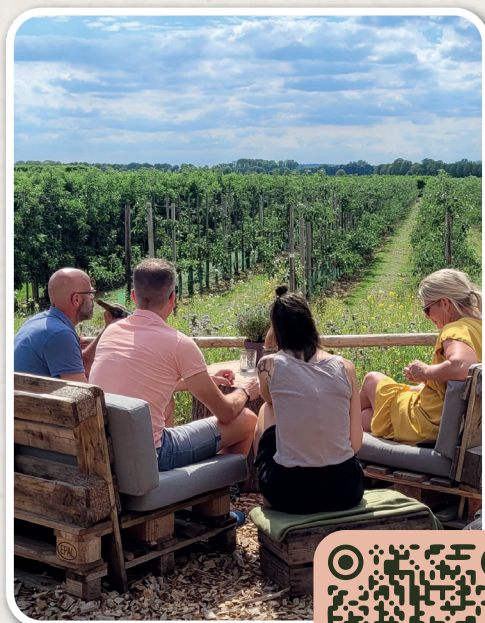


## FLAVOURS OF THE REGION

Farmers and producers in Bronckhorst work with passion and respect for nature and tradition. Whether it's cheese, wine, honey or meat – here you can truly taste the region.

### TIPS NEARBY:

1. RELAX ON THE ORCHARD TERRACE AT FRUIT FARM HORSTINK
2. PICK UP LOCAL TREATS IN ONE OF THE FARM SHOPS
3. JOIN A WHISKY TASTING AT DISTILLERY DE BRONCKHORST





KRUISBRINK IN THE APPLE ORCHARD



**berlewaldebier.nl**  
Enkweg 2A, Zelhem



**bronckhorster.beer**  
Rhabergseweg 9, Rha



**dekruisbrink.nl**  
Kruisbrinkseweg 7, Toldijk



**ijsvandesteeoven.nl**  
Broekstraat 2, Hummelo



**devijfspromg.nl**  
Reeoordweg 2, Vorden



**bronckhorsterbeef.nl**  
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**degrooteweij.nl**  
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**imkerijhethoningatelier.nl**  
Prunushof 9, Zelhem



**eetcafedevelldhoek.nl**  
Varsselseweg 55, Hengelo gld.



**bakkerijcholten.nl**  
Smidsstraat 13, Zelhem



**boldiek.nl**  
Boldijk 6, Halle



**gczelle.nl**  
Vierblokkenweg 1, Henglo gld.



**zorgboerderijdebult.nl**  
Beekstraat 13, Toldijk

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HENGELSER SAND

## LANDSCAPE OF HEDGEROWS AND THE IJSSEL VALLEY

Bronckhorst's landscape is wonderfully varied: hedgerows, riverbanks, heaths and old forests. Waterways, farmland and estate gardens together tell the story of centuries of harmony between people and nature.

*"Follow the paths, treat nature with care and leave no trace – so everyone can keep enjoying it."*



### TIPS NEARBY:

1. CYCLE ALONG THE OLD IJSSEL RIVER
2. WANDER ACROSS THE HENGELO SAND
3. WALK THROUGH NATURE RESERVE HET GROTE VELD

# BONUS POINTS

## IN BRONCKHORST



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# CODE WORDS

## RECEIVE A GEOCOIN


You'll find the codewords inside the caches or in the logbooks. Add up your points – if you've earned at least 80 (bonus) points, you qualify for the exclusive GeoTour Bronckhorst GeoCoin. Present your completed original passport to claim your coin. One GeoCoin per family, team or address. Scan the QR-code to see where to hand in your passport and pick up your reward!

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YOUR REWARD!

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