



International Scout and Guide Center Scouting Estate Zeewolde

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Location of Centre:

<https://goo.gl/maps/7N6d87jzEL12>

Description:

On the estate, scouts and non-scouts can camp on sheltered fields in the woods or on the banks near the water Nuldernauw, and experience challenging outdoor activities and new adventures. Hiking through the vast woods of the Horsterwold, a sailing hike to Scout Centre Harderhaven or the islands in the lake. visit Walibi, Amsterdam or Lelystad, the possibilities are endless! Campsites for groups vary from six to sixty campers, each with its own fire place.

Languages the centre can offer activities in:

English

Dutch

German



The natural places of interest:

The landside of the Scout Estate is part of the 'Netherlands Ecological Network', the waterside is part of Natura 2000. With 70 ha of nature the Scout estates offers the guests wide grass land to camp and play, woods with different kinds of heights, which are surrounding some sides, some ponds where the scouts can do water activities, and the combination of wide water, where you can sail or canoe.

It's good to tell that most of the Scout Estate is below sea level and still safe to camp.

On the campsite you can find different kinds of special species, like orchids, bee friendly bushes and trees and species which like the clay soil.

On the terrain, you can see roe deer, a lot of goose, swans and ducks, sometimes a buzzard. And on the terrain there is also a herd of sheep.



Environmental Education

On the Scout Estate, you can experience camping below sea level. You can see this in the sustainable sanitair pavilions where the wall will tell you where the sea level is.

For all the guests we offer a Goose-the-Game Nature edition, where you can experience the surroundings by investigation and research. For international scouts, we can provide the activities which are part of the World Scout Environmental Program, such as the sticky leaves and exploring water and soil quality.

In cooperation with the local association for nature education, there is a nature trail across the Scout Estate, with six points where you can find some explanation on the soil, the water birds, the flora on different places.

On your own you can walk all over the Scout Estate and discover our Fauna Tower, the hill for the kingfishers, the polder herd, the environmental street for the waste.

If you like to do more hands-on activities we can offer making rocket stoves or solar boxes.



Environmental Management practices

The Scout Estate has a high ambition for the premises. In the near future we want to build a Adventure House for young and older guests which has the highest standards for sustainability, like being energy neutral and be built by the standards of circular buildings, with the lowest CO2 impact on the surroundings and for the future.

For the current guests we built two sanitair pavilions with as much as daylight and natural ventilation as possible. There is a second circuit for grey water to flush the toilets.

With our waste company, we agreed to separate the waste in nine fractions. The guests are required to separate the waste at their own campsite and after that they can sort it out in the environmental street.

We offer the guests ecological dish washing soap. And they are required to clean the toilet room with ecological soap, too.

Other relevant information:

At the Scout Estate you can moor with your boat.

We offer bicycle rent to our guests.

You are not allowed to drive with your car at the Scout Estate, besides loading and unloading.

Scout Estate Zeewolde is part of the Dutch Network of Labelterreinen (Scout Campsites). We have different arrangements with other Scout Campsites to hike to.

Scout Estate wants to beat the plastic pollution by restricting the use of disposables. We offer the guests of events the Dutch cups, which are reusable.