

# Leisure

## Nature and Recreation

Diemen has lots of greenery, within the town limits but above all outside the town. By bike or on foot you are soon in nature.

Nature park De Omloop is, besides having a pedestrian path, a very attractively set up playground for children. Here much use has been made of natural materials.

The Mandela Park is in the centre of Diemen, right behind the shopping centre Diemerplein. Along the waterside there is a pathway where you can stroll or stop at one of the benches along the route to enjoy some sunshine or the ducks and swans that can often be found there.

Just outside the centre, at the crossing of Prins Bernhardlaan and Muiderstraatweg, is the children's petting zoo with many different animals. Here children's activities are organised on a regular basis.

One of the most attractive places for recreation is the Diemberbos. In this extensive city woods is a network of hiking, cycling and horseriding pathways. There are three marked hiking routes, two, three and seven kilometers long. Scattered in the woods are places for picnics. Especially for the children there is the Banjerbossie.

An exceptional nature park is Diemer Vijfhoek. Here you can take walks or spot many types of birds. Due to its unique character and the animals present there, it is not permitted to cycle here.

In the north of Diemen you can also find the recreational region Diemerpolder and in the direction of Muiden the recreational area called Overdiemen can be found, where you can take fine walks with your dog.

With so much greenery in and around Diemen it is enjoyable to cycle or to take walks. Within a few minutes you will find yourself in the middle of nature, and the Amsterdam forest is also easily reached by bicycle from Diemen.

In and around Diemen there is lots of water so that it is really pleasant to take a boat through the Weespertrekvaart in the direction of the Amstel river to the centre of Amsterdam or in the other direction through the Weespertrekvaart to Gein en Vecht.