



## [CNE25] Farmers' Union - The Forge

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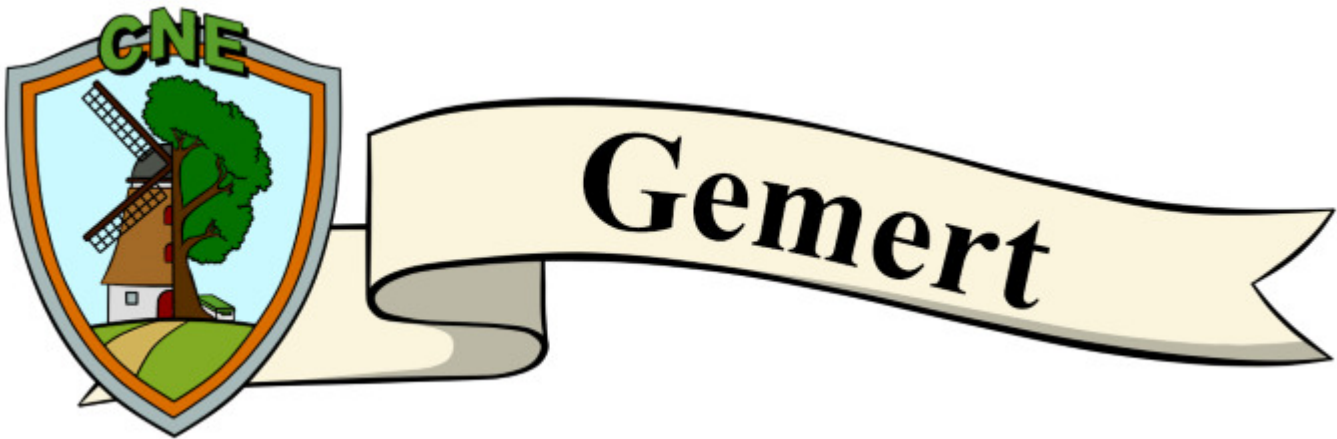
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Difficulty: ★★★★★  
Terrain: ★★★★★

Size:  (Small)

### Long Description



#### This cache is part of CNE 2025

CNE stands for the culture and nature event. The event took place on March 22, 2025 in Gemert. More information about CNE can be found at: [www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl](http://www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl)

With this event and these caches we want to show everyone all the beauty that Gemert and surroundings have to offer in terms of culture and nature. We wish you as an organization a lot of fun with these caches!

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A forge was an essential workshop in towns and cities, where the blacksmith played a central role in daily life. It was a place full of fire, sparks and the loud sound of hammers on the anvil. Here are some features of such a forge at that time:

#### The Workshop

**Appearance:** Often a small, stone or wooden workshop with an open door or large windows for ventilation. The floor was usually of packed earth or stones.

**Equipment:** The forge had a large hearth (or fire pit) in which coal or coke burned, a blower (usually a hand- or foot-operated bellows) to fan the fire, an anvil, and various hammers, tongs, and files.

**Smell and sound:** There was a typical smell of burning coal fire and molten metal. The sound of the blacksmith working the iron with his hammer could be heard from far away.

#### Work of the Blacksmith

The village blacksmith made and repaired all kinds of metal objects such as horseshoes, agricultural implements (ploughs, harrows, hoes), wagon parts, fences and kitchen utensils. He shod horses with horseshoes, a heavy but important task. Many blacksmiths also specialized in tools for craftsmen such as carpenters and shoemakers.

Sometimes he made decorative wrought ironwork such as gates, candlesticks and signs.

## The Blacksmith as a Village Figure

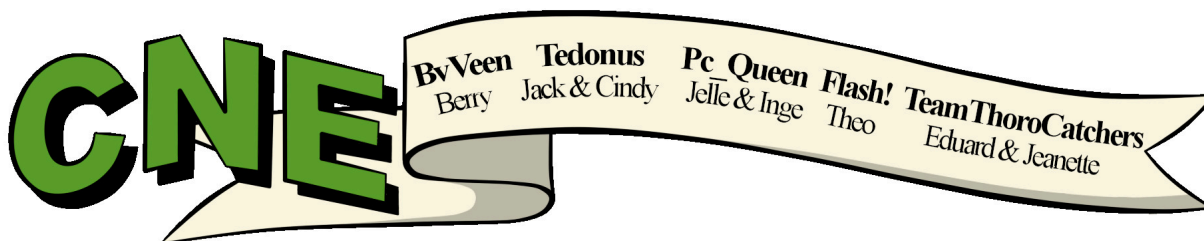
The blacksmith was a respected craftsman, often an important figure in the community. People came not only for work, but also to talk and exchange news. He usually worked with one or more apprentices or servants, who learned the trade by working with him.

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Our thanks for this.



### This cache is part of a larger series

For a complete list of the rest of these caches we would like to refer you to [www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl/caches-cne-2025/](http://www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl/caches-cne-2025/)



## Cache Attributes



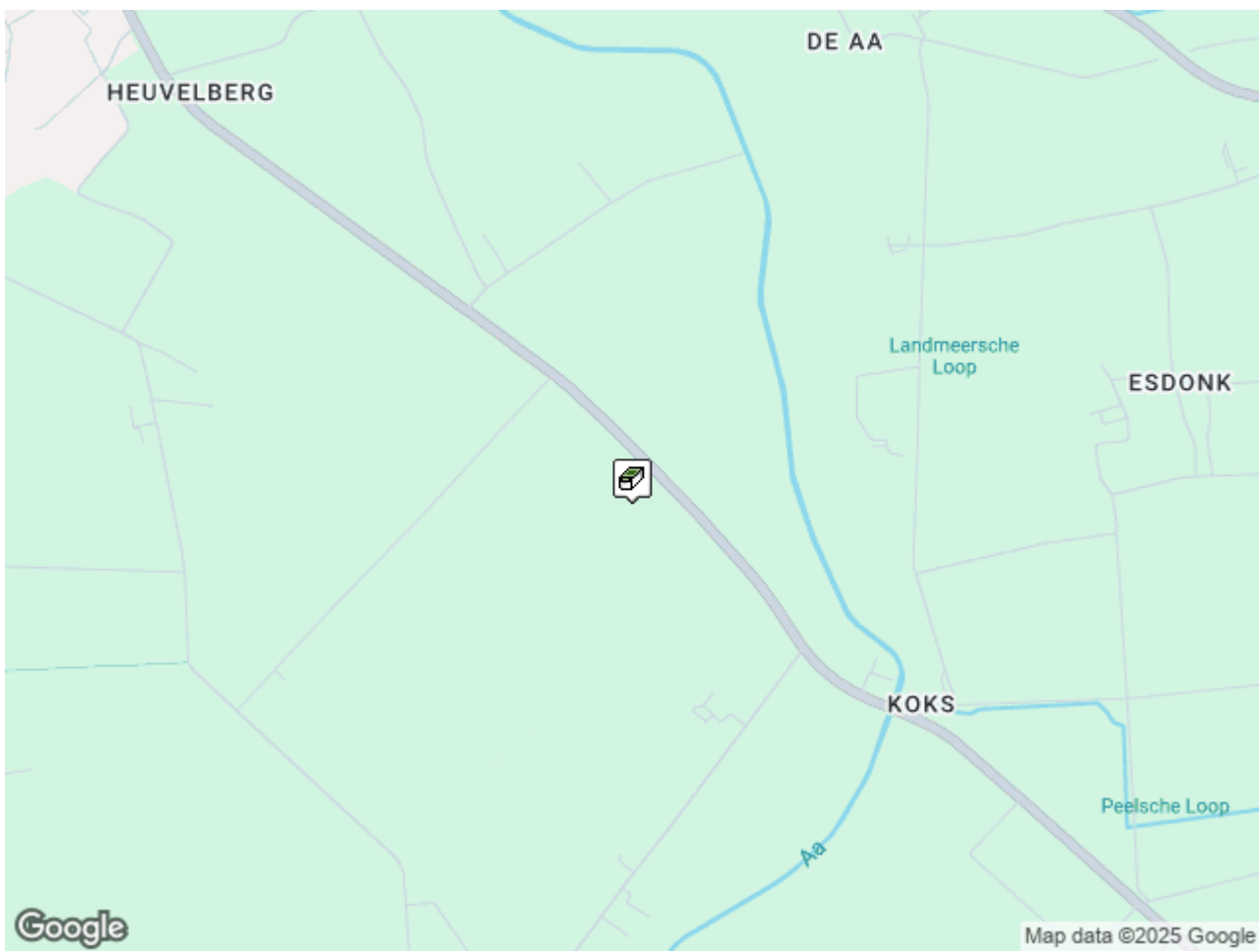
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Thorns nearby, Not wheelchair accessible, Recommended for tourists, Food nearby, Recommended for kids, 1 km–10 km hike

## Logs

## Overview Map

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