



## [CNE25] The Farmers' Union Route

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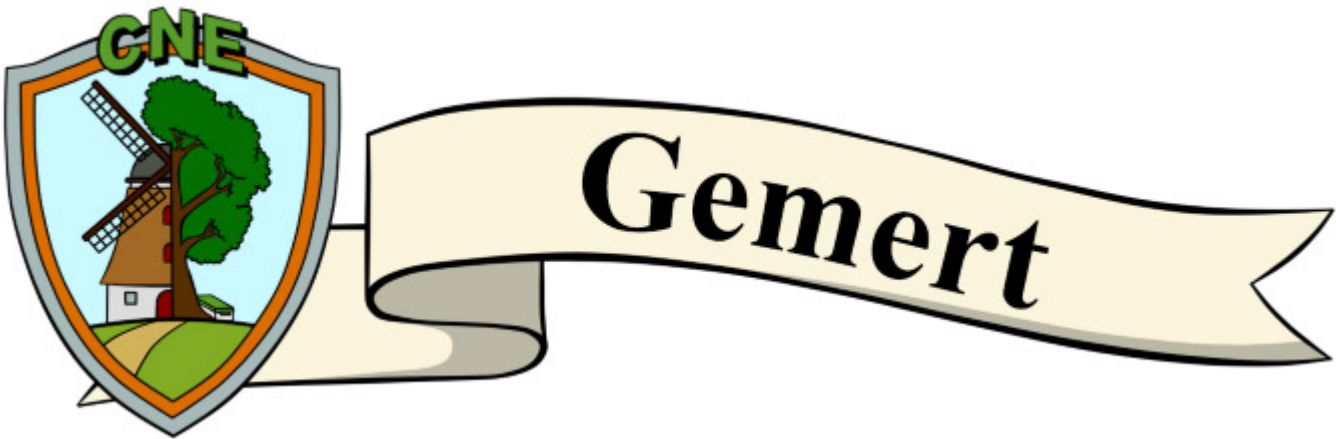
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Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆  
Terrain: ★★☆☆☆

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### 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!

**BvVeen, Tedonus, Pc\_Queen, Flash! en TeamThoroCatchers**

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(Cycling route approx. 33 km)

Father Gerlachus van den Elsen, the 'farmer's apostle', born in 1853 in Gemert, was one of the founders of the North Brabant Christian Farmers' Union (NCB, now ZLTO).

This route takes you through all the villages of the municipality of Gemert, before it merged with the municipality of Bakel and Milheeze in 1997 to form the current municipality of Gemert-Bakel. It is a beautiful mix of age-old landscapes and the relatively young reclaimed peat landscape. And of course the birthplace of Father Gerlachus van den Elsen at Pandelaar 106 in Gemert (nowadays the Boerenbondsmuseum is located here) cannot be missed on this route.

The route can be followed via waypoints in the listing. You will also encounter signs with the symbols of the Boerenbondsmuseum that will show you the way.

**Please note: There are also several unpaved sections. But definitely worth the extra effort. Binoculars can be useful for this trip.**

We start the Boerenbondsroute at the Boerenbondsmuseum. This is an open-air museum where you go back in time about a hundred years. Experience the stories of the past with original and authentically furnished farms and buildings. Definitely worth a visit, but that is not necessary for this tour. To do so, go to the information board near the parking lot.

Here you will find information about dairy cows and the Karrespoor. **Look at the map of the Karrespoor and count how many fields of flowery grassland are located near this path. That is A.**

Stap nu op de fiets en ga via knooppunt 75 en 30 naar knooppunt 50. Onderweg kom je langs Leengoed Espendonk (Tussenspnt 1.1), een oude boerderij die tegenwoordig tot de kasteelgoederen van Gemert behoort. Hier is geen vraag over. Iets verder kom je uit bij het



Esdonks Kapelleke (waypoint 2). Deze kapel is gewijd aan Maria Magdalena. Er is een legende over het ontstaan van deze kapel. Voor het uitbreken van de Tachtigjarige Oorlog, was er een Spaanse majoor in Esdonk die een zonde had begaan. Voor straf werd hij ziek, op dat hij zou komen te sterven. Maar door te bidden tot Maria Magdalena, en oprecht berouw te tonen, genas hij. Als dank liet hij een kapel bouwen gewijd aan haar. Kijk zeker even binnen, deze kapel is dagelijks geopend. Voor de vraag moet je buiten zijn.

Aan de noordkant zie je daar een raam het houten beeld van Jezus.

Hier kun je ook iets bijzonders offeren?

**Wat precies wordt hier geofferd? De letterwaarde van de tweede letter is B.**

Cycle now to junction 51. The route runs along the hamlet of Esdonk and further through the Gemert farmland. In addition to the well-known grasslands, corn and potato fields, many berries are also grown here. You can see the latter when you cycle over the Verreheide, towards waypoint 3. At the intersection with the sandy path, there are other routes than just this one. The walking route network and also the neighbourhood route.

Here you see a street name sign of the Lieve-Vrouwensteeg.

**Below it are four numbers. The last number is C.**

Now go left over the sandy path towards and continue the route to junction 51. At the end of the sandy path you have arrived at Nature Centre De Specht. This information centre is run entirely by volunteers. Thanks to lectures, excursions, a youth department and much more, nature is brought to people's attention. Feel free to walk around here and enjoy the beautiful nature around you.

Under the canopy of the black barn you will find an information board about songbirds.

**What number does the reed bunting have? That is D.**

Now go through Handel via junction 51 and cycle further towards junction 24. After Handel you cycle further through the countryside until you reach the Spijkerhof. Here a silent garden has been created that is freely accessible. An oasis of peace, please respect this.

Walk to waypoint 5 where you will find a totem pole.

**How many animals are there on this totem? This is E.**

Walk back to your bike and continue towards junction 24. Near waypoint 6 you will see meadows with very neat grass. These are specially grown turfs.

There is also a farm with a beautiful name here.

**What is the name of this farm? The letter value of the third letter is F.**

Continue the route to junction 24. Via the Middenpeelweg you will arrive in Elsendorp. This village, founded in 1926, has a church dedicated to the patron saint of road users.

At waypoint 7 you will also see a small chapel with this patron saint.

**What is his name? The letter value of the last letter is G.**

We deviate a bit from the route for waypoint 7.1. Here you will find a gigantic birdhouse that is also still occupied. No question here, just fun to look at. Carefully cross the road here and continue the route towards junction 23. After the



Middenpeelweg we turn right and cycle past Landgoed Cleefswit. This estate is one of the older examples of large-scale peat extraction. In 1889, extraction started here, but it was a total failure. Most of this area was continuously under water. It was then decided to redesign this area. Nowadays it is partly a nature reserve.

You are standing here (waypoint 8) in front of one of the access gates of the Estate. There are prohibition signs on and around the gate.

**How many do you see here? This number is H.**

Cycle further towards junction 23. Near Camping De Kastanjes you will find an information board about De Krim. It is a walking area southeast of Elsendorp where the old peat landscape is still clearly visible. This entire region used to be like this, but it has all been reclaimed now. There is also a special phenomenon to see in De Krim, namely pingo ruins. This information board explains how they were formed.

You can also read how many are still present.

**How many are there? This number is I.**

The route continues to junction 23. Turn left at this junction and head towards junction 53. On the Reijseweg, take a short detour to see the Peelsche Loop. This stream flows from De Rips via the farmlands past Gemert to end up at the Aa again. This used to be a straight stream, but in recent years the banks have been widened and more space has been created along the river. Better for biodiversity, but also for water processing.

The orange water is also striking. This is not pollution, but iron oxide thanks to the Peel fault. The water flows along an iron ore layer. On this bridge you can clearly see how the river meanders through the landscape.

There is also a blue sign with the name of the river.

**How many peaks do the waves have under the name of the river? Also count the ends.**

**This is J.**



Continue to junction 53 and then to junction 54. Here too you cycle through the typical Brabant countryside. It is a diverse landscape with arable farming, horticulture, livestock farming and much more. At this waypoint you can read more about the agricultural world. This is also a nice resting point to look around and enjoy.

The two signs also show animals.

**How many animals are there in total on these two signs? This number is K.**

The route continues through the countryside until you reach junction 54. Turn right here and follow the beautiful and varied forest edge of the Mortelse forests. They are busy increasing biodiversity at the forest edges here. You can read more about this at waypoint 12.

If you look closely, you will also see birdhouses and bat boxes hanging in the trees.

**Look closely at this sign and count the number of red berries at the bottom. This number is L.**

Meander further towards junction 18. During the route you may have seen a large tower in the distance. This

is a 127-metre high media tower. It was built in 1989 and completed after just over a year. It is popularly known as 'De Wortel van De Mortel'. The tower is still used for radio, DAB+ and the mobile network. Peregrine falcons have been breeding on the tower since 2005.

A webcam is also installed here every year so that everyone can enjoy it. At waypoint 13 you are at the spotter's location.

From here you have a beautiful view of the tower, and if you look closely, also of the peregrine falcon nest. Binoculars are useful here.

**From top to bottom, on which ring is this box? This is M.**



Cycle from De Wortel via junction 18 and 66 towards junction 31. You cycle here over the former lands of the Teutonic Order. The hamlet of Tereyken then had five farms, all on the north side of the road. Nowadays it is privately owned, but the number of farms has hardly changed. There are now six, a few of which are on the other side of the road.

Many farms also have their own name, including this one at waypoint 14.

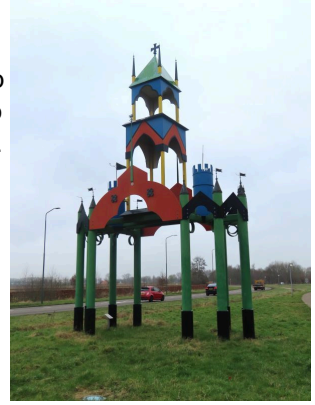
**What is the letter value of the letter before the apostrophe? This value is N.**

Cycle via junction 31 to junction 17. Along the way you will see more old monumental farms, including this one on Broekstraat (waypoint 14.1). But not everything is old and historic in Gemert. That can be seen at waypoint 15. Here is the Klaïda, the welcome gate by artist Gerard van Lankveld. Gerard van Lankveld is a representative of outsider art, also called Art Brut. This is an art style in which the rules of the standard art world are ignored or rejected.

And Klaïda is a perfect example of this style.

**In which year was Klaïda placed? The last digit of this year is O.**

From Klaïda you cycle into Gemert and follow the route to junction 58. Be careful not to miss the turn. At waypoint 16 you will arrive at Heerlijck Hopveld, part of the Association for Ecological Living and Cultivation, abbreviated as VELT. This is an old village landscape set up as an educational garden. Feel free to take a tour through the area and use all your senses to enjoy yourself. Everything is grown in a sustainable manner, so no poison or artificial fertilizer. For the question you only have to go a short distance into the garden. Here you will see all kinds of steel containers with herbs. Each container has specific herbs especially for a certain purpose.



Find the container especially for meat.

**What number does Sanguisorba minor have? This number is P.**

Continue the route to junction 58. Here you cycle through the historic center of Gemert. Along the way you will see the castle, town hall, Sint-Jans Onthoofdingskerk and much more. From junction 58 you cycle to junction 47. There is a small chapel here. This is the St. George's Chapel, built in 2013. This is the newest chapel in the region, and it took a long time before it was finally built. The first plans were made in 1975, but it took another 38 years before it was finally built. Feel free to take a look inside, but think of your fellow man. Also look up before you go inside.

You will see a number of wall anchors above you.

**How many wall anchors do you count here? This number is Q.**

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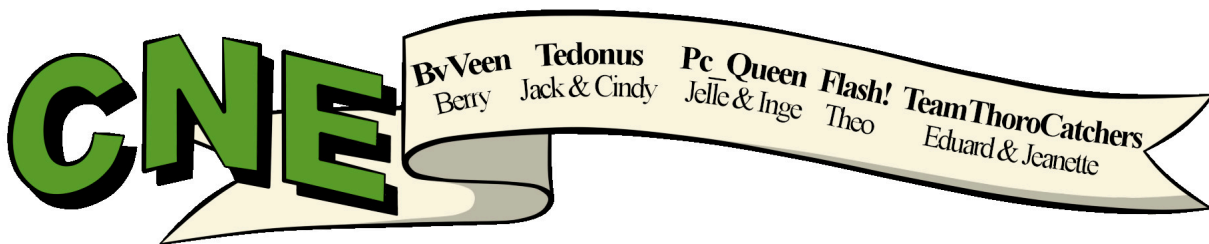
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EQ° I(CB). (GE)O(N+J)(KA)

Permission for placing this cache has been granted by the municipality of Gemert-Bakel.  
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  
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## Additional Hints

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## Additional Waypoints

Prefix	Lookup	Name	Coordinate
00		<a href="#">Virtual stage</a> (Parking Area)	N 51° 33.896 E 005° 40.091
Note:			
01	01	<a href="#">Waypoint 01</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 33.901 E 005° 40.124

Decryption Key [[Decrypt](#)]

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Note: Hier vind je informatie over melkkoeien en het Karrespoor.			
Bekijk de kaart van het Karrespoor en tel hoeveel velden bloemrijk grasland bij dit pad liggen. Dat is A.			
	02	02 <a href="#">Tussenspnt 1.1</a> (Reference Point)	N 51° 34.689 E 005° 39.769
Note: Leengoed Espendonk			
	03	03 <a href="#">Waypoint 02</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 34.710 E 005° 39.962
Note: Aan de noordkant zie je daar een raam het houten beeld van Jezus.			
Hier kun je ook iets bijzonders offeren?			
Wat precies wordt hier geofferd? De letterwaarde van de tweede letter is B.			
	04	04 <a href="#">Waypoint 03</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 34.712 E 005° 41.911
Note: Je ziet hier een straatnamenbord van de Lieve-Vrouwensteeg.			
Daaronder staan vier getallen. Het laatste getal is C.			
	05	05 <a href="#">Waypoint 04</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 35.060 E 005° 42.431
Note: Onder het afdak van de zwarte schuur vind je een informatiebord over zangvogels.			
Welk nummer heeft de rietgors? Dat is D.			
	06	06 <a href="#">Waypoint 05</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 35.121 E 005° 43.559
Note: Wandel naar waypoint 5 waar je een totempaal vindt.			
Hoeveel dieren zijn er op deze totem? Dit is E.			
	07	07 <a href="#">Waypoint 06</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 35.397 E 005° 44.586
Note: Dit zijn speciaal gekweekte graszoden.			
Hier staat ook een boerderij met een mooie naam.			
Hoe heet deze boerderij? De letterwaarde van de derde letter is F.			
	08	08 <a href="#">Waypoint 07</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 34.765 E 005° 46.027
Note: Bij waypoint 7 zie je ook een klein kapelletje met deze patroonheilige.			
Hoe heet hij? De letterwaarde van de laatste letter is G.			
	09	09 <a href="#">Tussenspnt 7.1</a> (Reference Point)	N 51° 34.736 E 005° 45.924
Note: Gigantisch vogelhuis			
	10	10 <a href="#">Waypoint 08</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 34.160 E 005° 45.792
Note: Je staat hier (waypoint 8) voor één van de toeganshekken van het Landgoed. Op en bij het hek staan verbodsborden.			
Hoeveel zie je er hier? Dit aantal is H.			
	11	11 <a href="#">Waypoint 09</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 34.237 E 005° 44.684
Note: Op dit informatiebord wordt uitgelegd hoe die zijn ontstaan.			
Ook lees je hoeveel er nu nog aanwezig zijn.			
Hoeveel zie je er hier? Dit aantal is I.			
	12	12 <a href="#">Waypoint 10</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 33.629 E 005° 44.110
Note: Op deze brug kun je goed zien hoe de rivier meandert door het landschap.			
Ook hangt hier een blauw bordje met de naam van de rivier.			
Hoeveel toppen hebben de golven onder de naam van de rivier? Tel ook de uiteindes mee. Dit is J.			
	13	13 <a href="#">Waypoint 11</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 32.501 E 005° 44.888
Note: Dit is ook een mooi rustpunt om even rond te kijken en te genieten.			
Op de twee borden staan ook dieren afgebeeld.			
Hoeveel dieren staan er in totaal op deze twee borden. Dit aantal is K.			
	14	14 <a href="#">Waypoint 12</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 31.850 E 005° 43.559
Note: Als je goed kijkt, zie je ook vogelhuisjes en vleermuiskasten hangen in de bomen.			
Bekijk dit bord goed en tel het aantal rode bessen aan de onderkant. Dit aantal is L.			
	15	15 <a href="#">Waypoint 13</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 31.590 E 005° 42.415
Note: Vanuit hier heb een mooi uitzicht op de toren, en als je goed kijkt ook op het slechtvalknest. Een verrekijker is handig hier.			
Van boven naar beneden, op welke ring staat deze kast? Dit is M.			
	16	16 <a href="#">Tussenspnt 14.1</a> (Reference Point)	N 51° 31.689 E 005° 41.118
Note: de Broekstraat			
	17	17 <a href="#">Waypoint 14</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 32.307 E 005° 40.817
Note: Veel boerderijen hebben ook een eigen naam, waaronder deze bij waypoint 14.			
Wat is de letterwaarde van de letter voor de apostrof? Deze waarde is N.			
	18	18 <a href="#">Tussenspnt 16.1</a> (Reference Point)	N 51° 32.672 E 005° 40.841
Note: Farm Aan de Stinckart			
	19	19 <a href="#">Waypoint 15</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 32.854 E 005° 40.617
Note: And Klaīda is a perfect example for this style.			
In what year is Klaīda placed? The last digit of this year is O.			
	20	20 <a href="#">Waypoint 16</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 33.066 E 005° 40.894
Note: Each bin has specific herbs specifically for a specific purpose.			
Find the bin specifically for meat.			
What number is Sanguisorba minor? This number is P.			
	21	21 <a href="#">Waypoint 17</a> (Virtual Stage)	N 51° 33.282 E 005° 40.383

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Coordinate

Note:Also, look up before you go inside.

You will see a number of wall anchors above you.

How many wall anchors do you count here? This number is Q.

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Note:N AM° (F-D)H. (J-K)(L-P)(B-L)

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## Cache Attributes



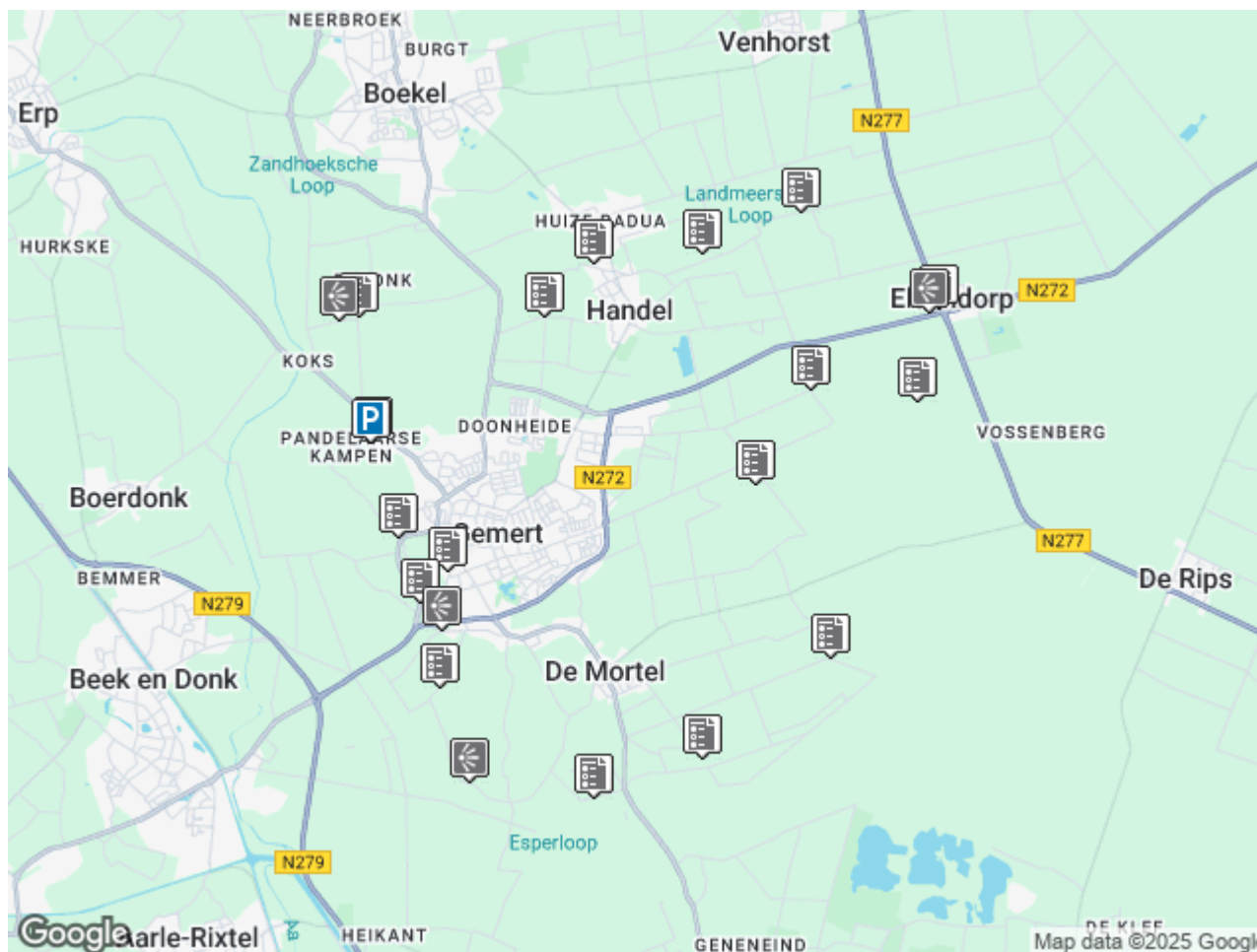
[What are Attributes?](#)

Ticks nearby, Not recommended at night, Accessible in all seasons, Not wheelchair accessible, Not stroller accessible, Bicycles allowed, Picnic tables nearby, Recommended for tourists, Available in winter, Livestock nearby, Scenic view nearby, >10 km hike

## Logs

## Overview Map

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