

 **[CNE26] The Very Hungry Caterpillar 4**

Placed by: Pc\_Queen

Placed Date: 7-12-2025

N 52° 09.121 E 005° 18.903

UTM: 31U E 658379 N 5780473

Difficulty: ★★★★★

Size:  (Small)

Terrain: ★★★★★

Log Counts:  1 Post Reviewer Note  1 Temporarily Disable Listing  1 Submit for Review**Long Description****This cache is part of CNE 2026**

CNE stands for the culture and nature event. The event took place on March 21, 2026, in Amersfoort. More information about CNE can be found at: [www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl](http://www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl)

With this event and these caches, we're eager to show everyone all the wonderful things Amersfoort and the surrounding area has to offer in terms of culture and nature. We hope you have lots of fun with these caches!

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

**[CNE26] The Very Hungry Caterpillar 4**



This route takes you through the Korte Duinen nature reserve. Over a distance of 4.5 kilometers, you'll find 12 caches. Numbers 8 and 12 are bonus caches, the coordinates of which can be calculated using the bonus codes at the top of the logbooks. You are free to walk on the roads and paths in this nature reserve. Dogs must be kept on a leash. Have fun!

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**On Tuesday, he ate his way through two pears. But he still wasn't satisfied.**

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Pears grow on pear trees. Along with the apple tree, it's one of the most well-known fruit trees in the Netherlands. Pear trees often take three to seven years before they produce their first fruit. Pear tree blossoms are usually seen in April and are white or light pink. A large number of blossoms on a tree allows for a large number of pears. Bees fly from flower to flower, pollinating the blossoms. Pollen that sticks to their bodies while searching for nectar pollinates the blossoms. Without pollination of the blossoms, there will be no harvest. A pear blossom has four or five small chambers. Seeds can grow in each chamber. These seeds ensure that the flesh of the pear develops well. If not all chambers are fertilized, fewer seeds will develop. The flesh then doesn't develop evenly, and the pear becomes flat on one side. You don't see such flat fruits in supermarkets, because only nice, round pears are sold. This can also happen if apples suffer from incomplete pollination.

After pollination, the petals fall off. A small pear tree slowly grows there. It draws its nutrients from the tree's leaves. To distribute the nutrients evenly, the unfertilized mini-pears are rejected. During the summer, the pear tree grows larger. Diseased pears or pears damaged by birds and insects are rejected early by the tree so that the healthy pears can receive the most nutrients.

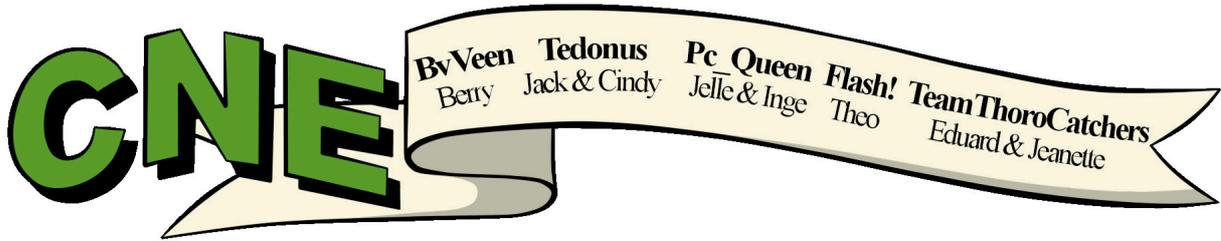
The pears are picked at the end of summer or in the fall. The pears growing on the south side ripen first. Also, the pears on the outside ripen before those growing on the inside. Sometimes there's a two-week difference between them. Often, the harvested pears are still a bit hard. After picking, they continue to ripen until they are deliciously sweet and juicy.

Occasionally, your pear tree will also bloom in the fall. This can happen when the weather is warm for a longer period and your pear tree gets confused because the autumn day lengths match those of the spring. Don't count on a second blossom; you have no control over it, but it's nice when it does happen! You can even get extra pears from it.

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**This cache is part of a larger series**

For a complete list of the rest of these caches, please refer to [www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl/caches-cne-2026/](http://www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl/caches-cne-2026/)



## Additional Hints

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## Additional Waypoints

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Note:				

## Cache Attributes



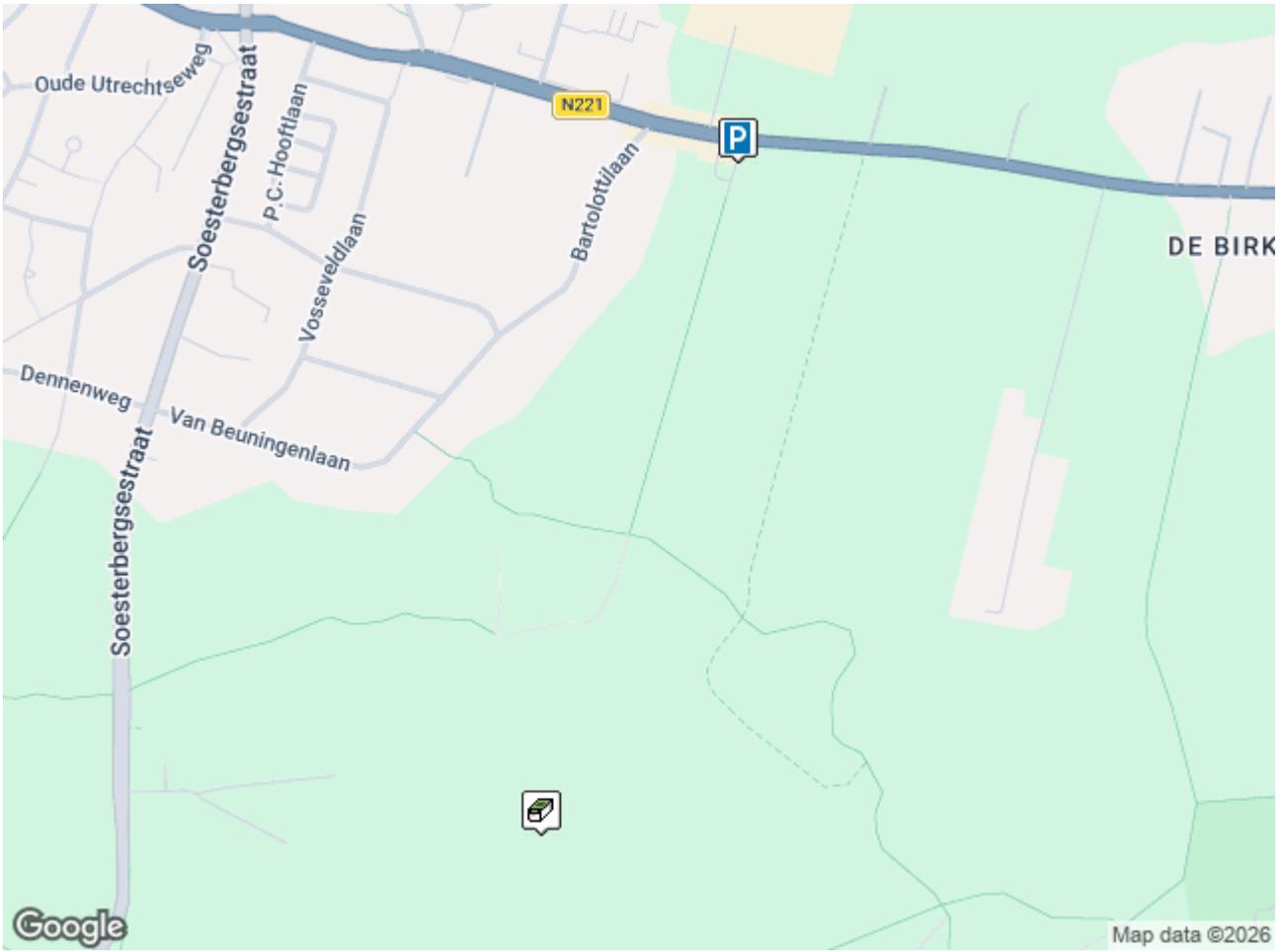
[What are Attributes?](#)

Not wheelchair accessible, Recommended for kids, Stealth required, Food nearby, 1 km–10 km hike

## Logs

## Overview Map

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