

Welkom!

Friendly Greetings! (Vriendelijk Groeten!)

We extend our warmest welkom to you today and we certainly appreciate your decision to visit us today. We are focused on making this an amazing experience for you and your family, and we think you will find our staff to be the friendliest people around!

As you decide where to go, please keep in mind that the times of the scheduled demonstrations are posted in the bell tower and near each demonstration. However, the best way to decide what to do next is to talk with our employees and ask them to help you decide and how to get there.

Listed below are descriptions of a number of other interesting items that aren't numbered. Please be sure to check them out as well!

Thanks so much for visiting us today! (Dank je well!)

CARILLON BELL CONCERT

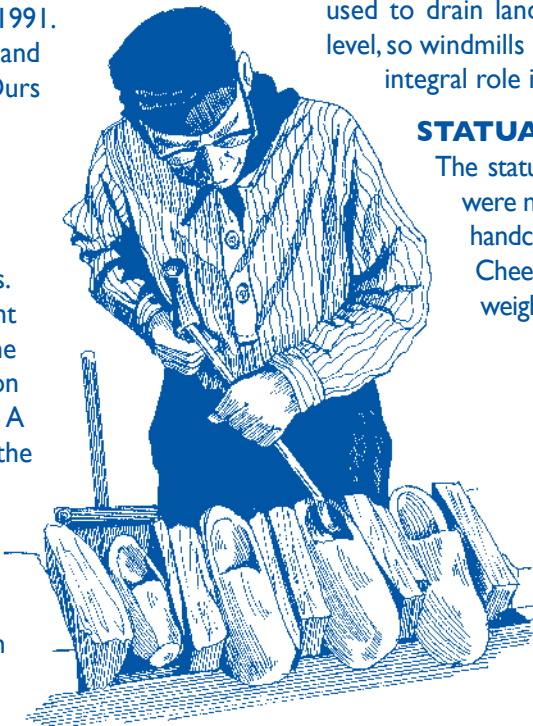
Our 25-bell carillon was imported from Royal Eijsbouts in Asten, Netherlands in 1991. Carillons can be found atop landmarks and churches throughout all of Europe. Ours plays a song on the hour and half hour.

PROVINCIAL FLAGS

The 12 flags you see flanking the walk to the carillon bell tower entrance are the flags of the provinces of the Netherlands. The provinces are the political equivalent of our counties. Always at war with the sea, the Dutch completed the reclamation of 12th province, Flevoland, in 1986. A second set of these flags is across from the Frisian farmhouse and barn.

UP ON THE ROOFTOPS

There are several different roof styles depicted throughout our village. These include the cedar shake roof seen on the carillon bell tower, the thatched roof made from reed on the Queen's



Inn dining room, and the clay tiles (dakpannen) seen on the farmhouse and gift shops. There is a display of different types of these clay tiles in the barn.

WAGONS & CARTS

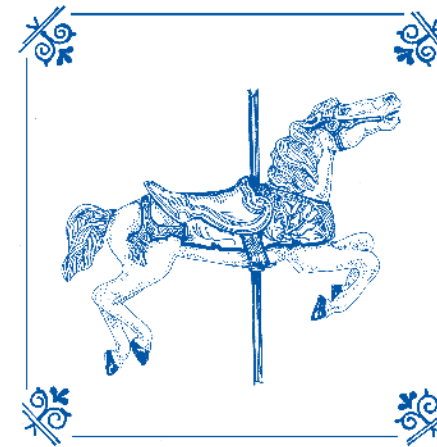
All the wagons and carts you see here had specific uses, and were powered by horses, goats, dogs and bicycles. Wagons were used for mail, transporting people and products, and hauling manure (can you guess which one?) Carts were more manageable on the narrow streets and used by vendors selling fish, bread, flowers and other perishable goods.

WINDMILLS

Windmills were a common sight throughout the Dutch countryside. They were fashioned in many different styles, and each style served a distinct purpose such as sawing wood, grinding grain or draining land. Our mill, located along the rose garden, is a polder mill (poldermolen). Polder mills were used to drain land. Much of the Netherlands is below sea level, so windmills (especially polder mills like ours) played an integral role in keeping the land dry and habitable.

STATUARY

The statues seen in vignettes throughout the village were modeled from some of our own villagers and handcrafted in cement by local artist Joyce Sweers. Cheese vendors transport their products to the weigh house before going to market. The baker



transports his fresh products to the farmer's wife by bicycle (bakfiets). When the fleet comes in from the sea with a fresh catch of fish, herring (haring) are eaten raw right at dockside. The fisherman also acts as his own netmender, making net repairs as needed. Notice the long points on his wooden shoes (klompen), which serve as a third hand to assist the process. The little boy with his finger in the dike and the priest represent the fairy tale of the little boy who saved Holland from flooding by plugging a leak in the dike.



Family Fun in a bit of 'Old Holland'

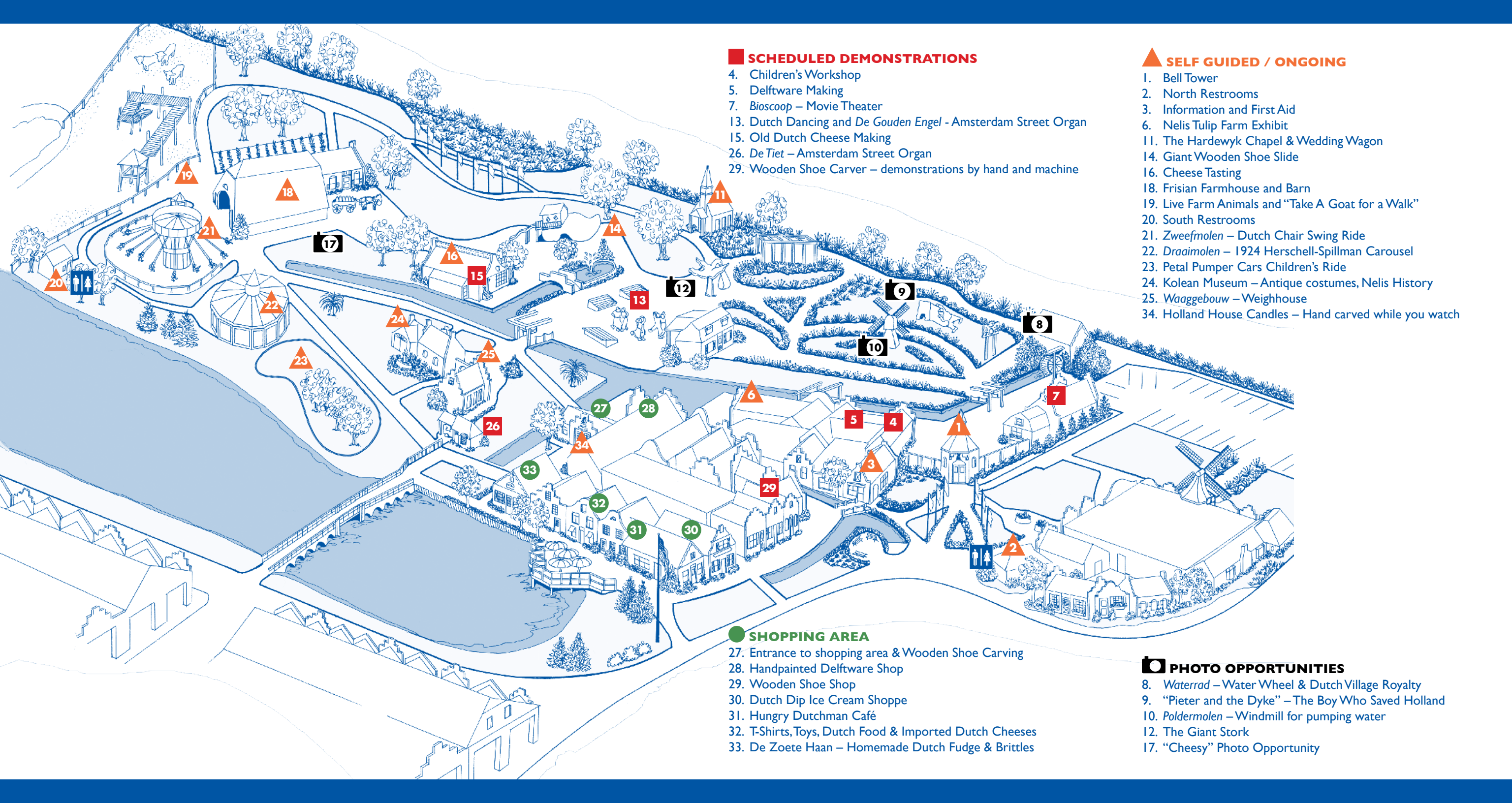
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SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATIONS

- 4. Children's Workshop
- 5. Delftware Making
- 7. Bioscoop – Movie Theater
- 13. Dutch Dancing and De Gouden Engel - Amsterdam Street Organ
- 15. Old Dutch Cheese Making
- 26. De Tiet – Amsterdam Street Organ
- 29. Wooden Shoe Carver – demonstrations by hand and machine

SELF GUIDED / ONGOING

- 1. Bell Tower
- 2. North Restrooms
- 3. Information and First Aid
- 6. Nelis Tulip Farm Exhibit
- 11. The Hardewyk Chapel & Wedding Wagon
- 14. Giant Wooden Shoe Slide
- 16. Cheese Tasting
- 18. Frisian Farmhouse and Barn
- 19. Live Farm Animals and "Take A Goat for a Walk"
- 20. South Restrooms
- 21. Zweefmolen – Dutch Chair Swing Ride
- 22. Draaimolen – 1924 Herschell-Spillman Carousel
- 23. Petal Pumper Cars Children's Ride
- 24. Kolean Museum – Antique costumes, Nelis History
- 25. Waagebouw – Weighhouse
- 34. Holland House Candles – Hand carved while you watch

SHOPPING AREA

- 27. Entrance to shopping area & Wooden Shoe Carving
- 28. Handpainted Delftware Shop
- 29. Wooden Shoe Shop
- 30. Dutch Dip Ice Cream Shoppe
- 31. Hungry Dutchman Café
- 32. T-Shirts, Toys, Dutch Food & Imported Dutch Cheeses
- 33. De Zoete Haan – Homemade Dutch Fudge & Brittles

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

- 8. Waterrad – Water Wheel & Dutch Village Royalty
- 9. "Pieter and the Dyke" – The Boy Who Saved Holland
- 10. Poldermolen – Windmill for pumping water
- 12. The Giant Stork
- 17. "Cheesy" Photo Opportunity