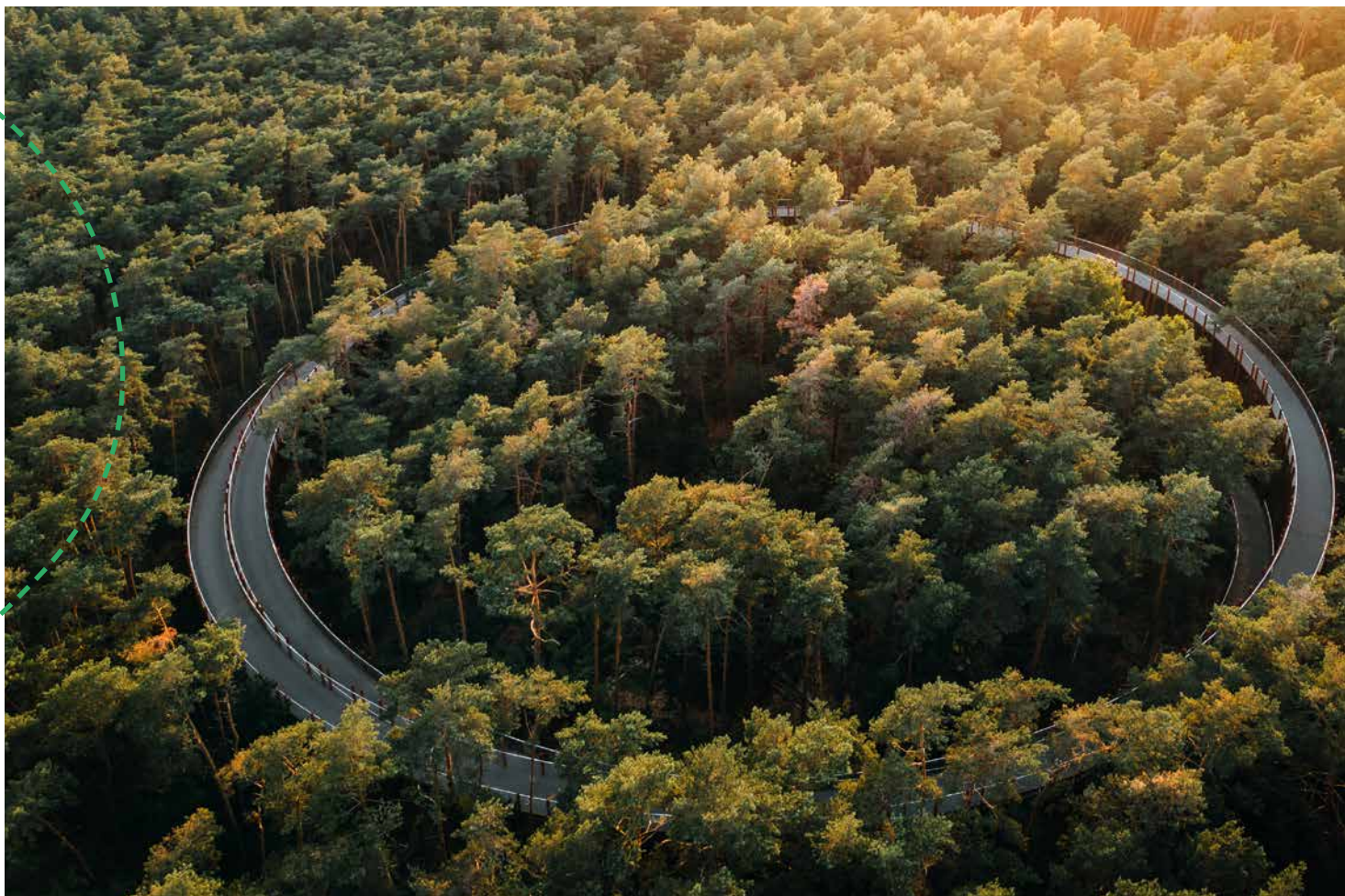




National Park Bosland

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National Park Bosland

National Park Bosland is a truly unique natural wonder. Located in the largest natural massif in Flanders, it offers unparalleled tranquillity and unforgettable experiences, such as cycling through the trees.

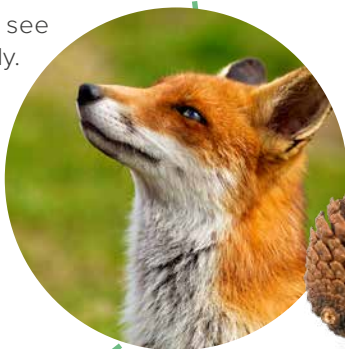
The National Park connects three municipalities: Hechtel-Eksel, Lommel, and Pelt. Each has its own character, but all share the wonderful Bosland feeling. Enjoy the beautiful nature, unforgettable biking, horseback riding, and hiking tours, or indulge in cultural experiences. Discover all the unique spots here.

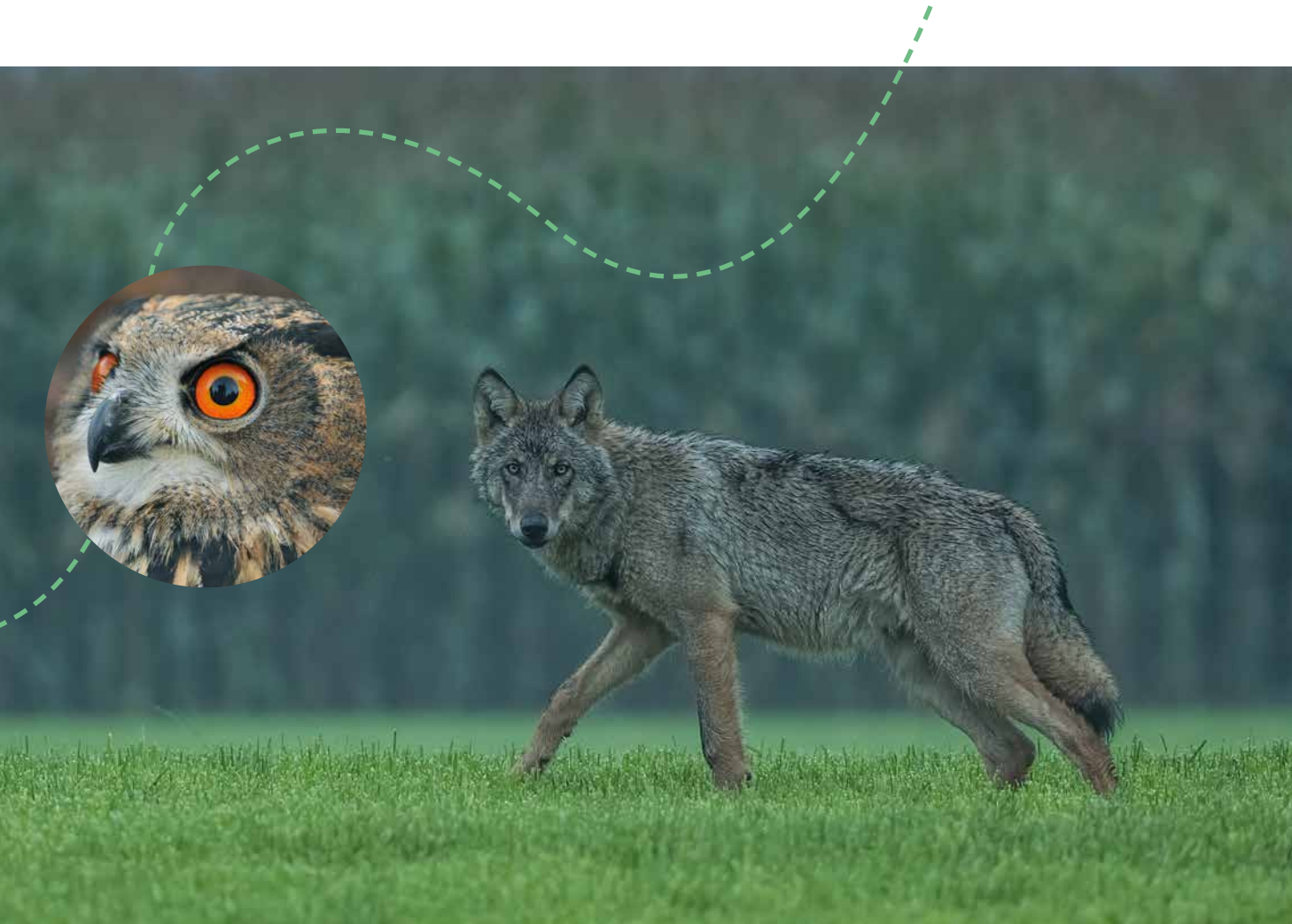


Big Five

It is a sanctuary for numerous endangered species. It boasts its own 'Big Five' (wolf, eagle owl, fox, roe deer, and wild boar) and 'Magnificent Seven' (nightjar, spring fire spider, slippery snake, field pearl moth, tree lark, garlic toad, and kingfisher), which represent only a fraction of the diverse life that exists above and below ground, as well as in and under the water.

This guide inspires you to see the trees and the forest clearly. National Park Bosland provides the perfect setting for experiential moments and fresh air.









Mission National Park Bosland

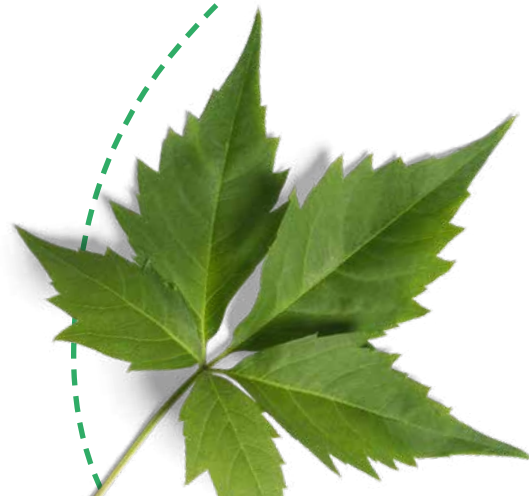
Bosland National Park cherishes Flanders' largest natural massif and continues to grow it into an ecological, attractive and internationally exemplary region in which our current and future generations live and experience.

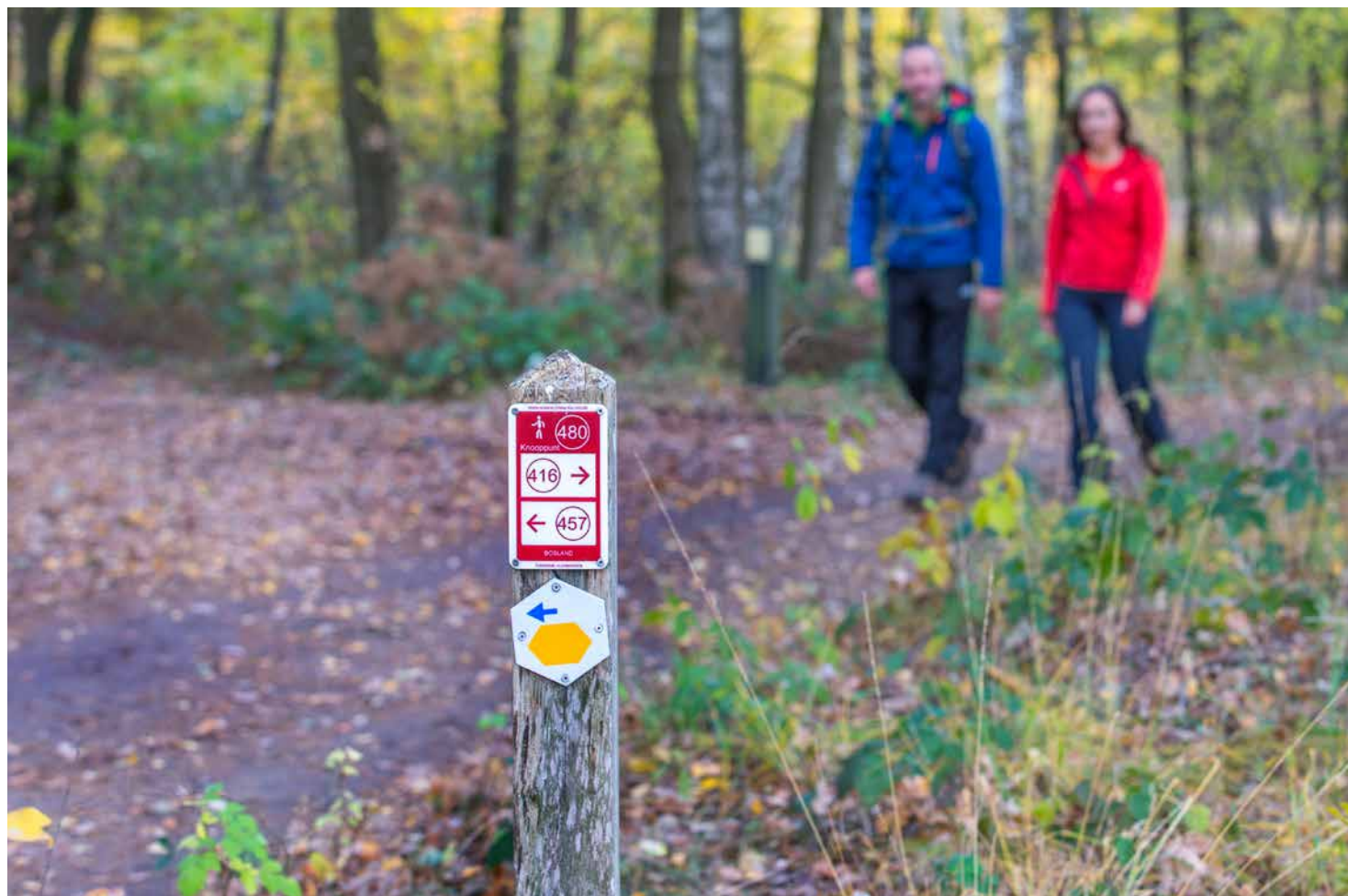




Cycling route network

In this cycling paradise in Limburg, you will have the freedom to enjoy a wide variety of experiences while riding. Use the Visit Limburg cycling map to plan your route from node to node or choose from many suggested routes.





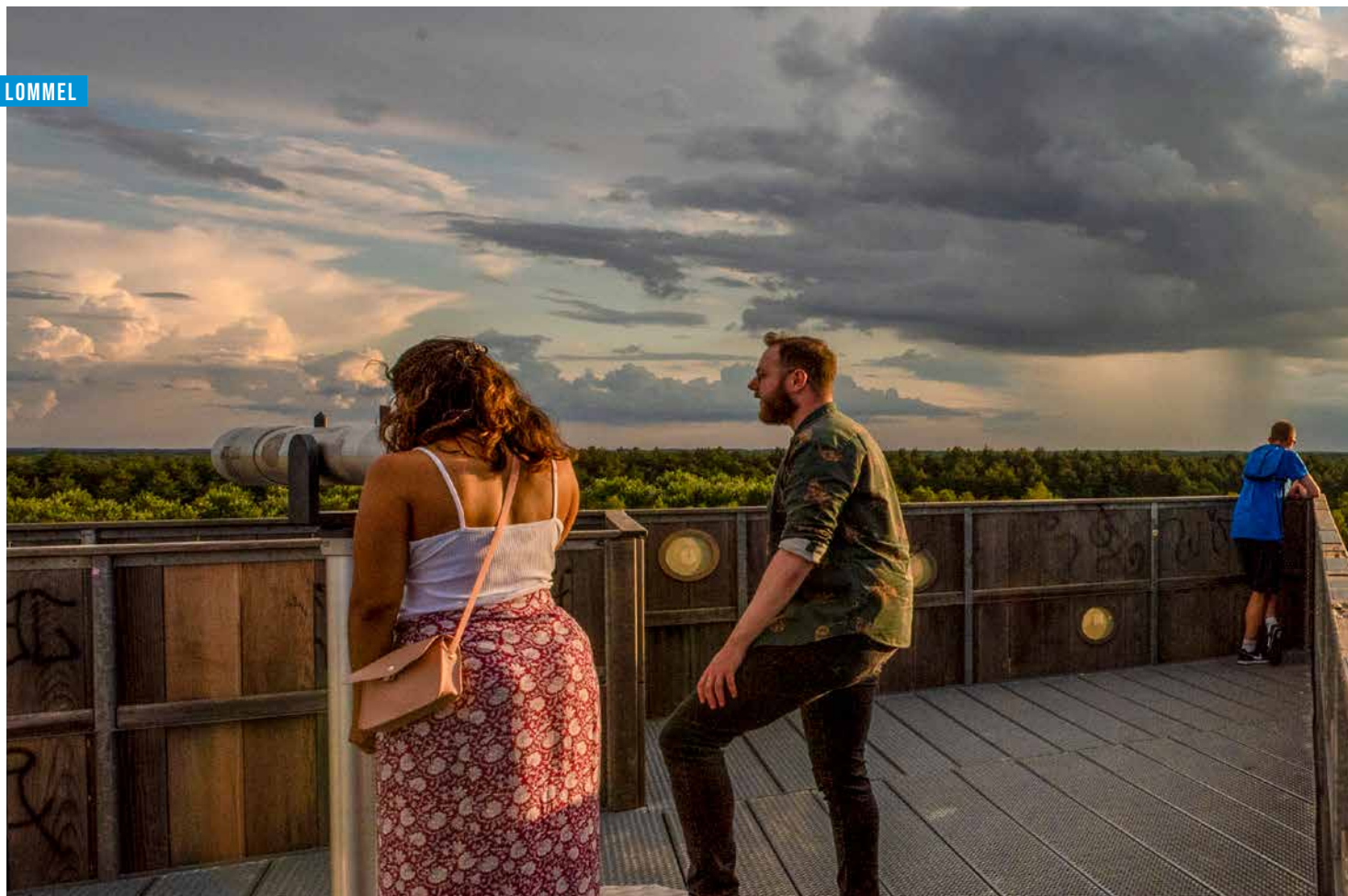
Hiking node network

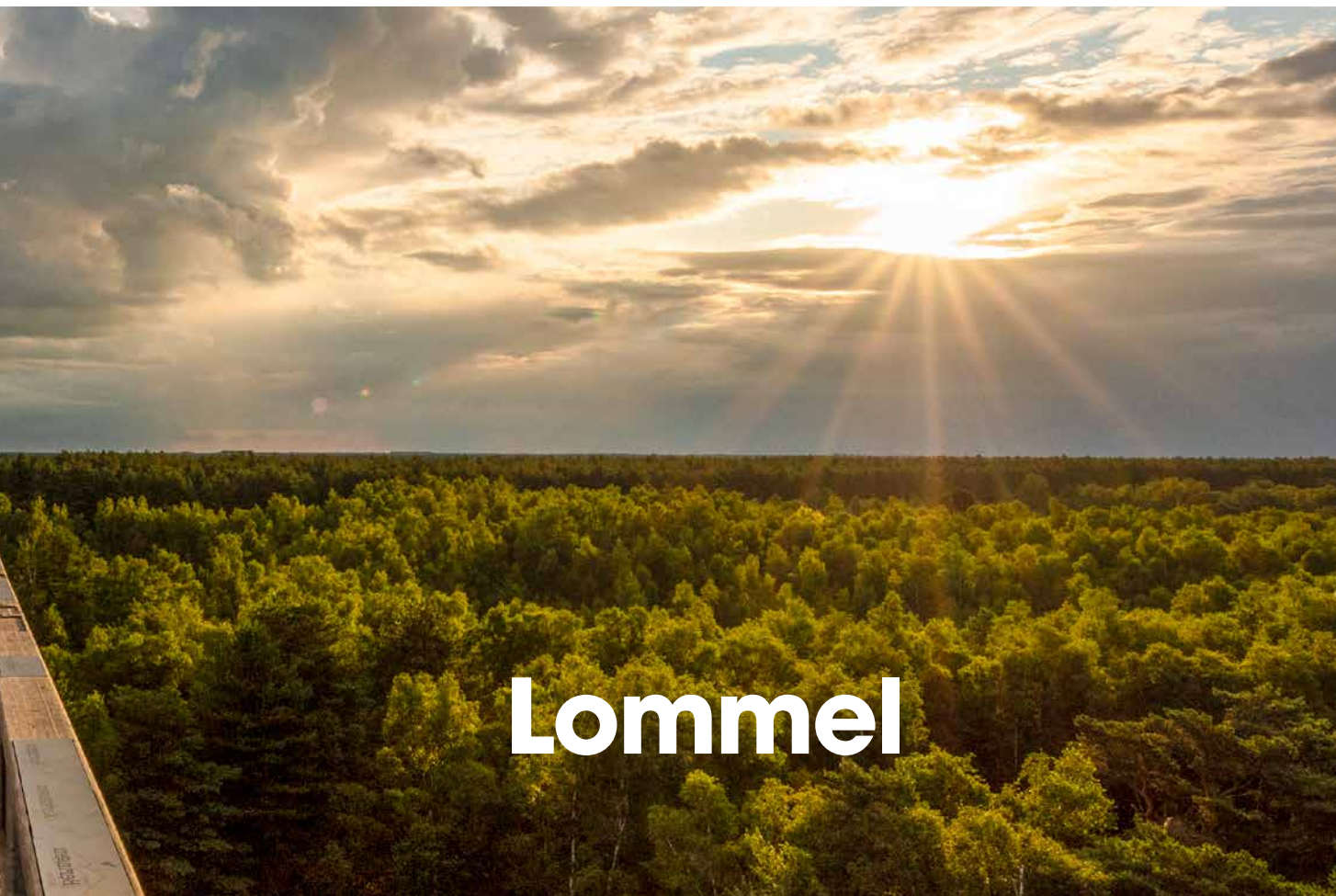
Endless hiking is possible on the National Park Bosland Hiking Network. The Hiking Network covers all corners of the National Park, offering over 100 kilometers of trails for you to choose from. Plan your own route and move seamlessly from node to node. 70% of the trails run on peaceful dirt roads.

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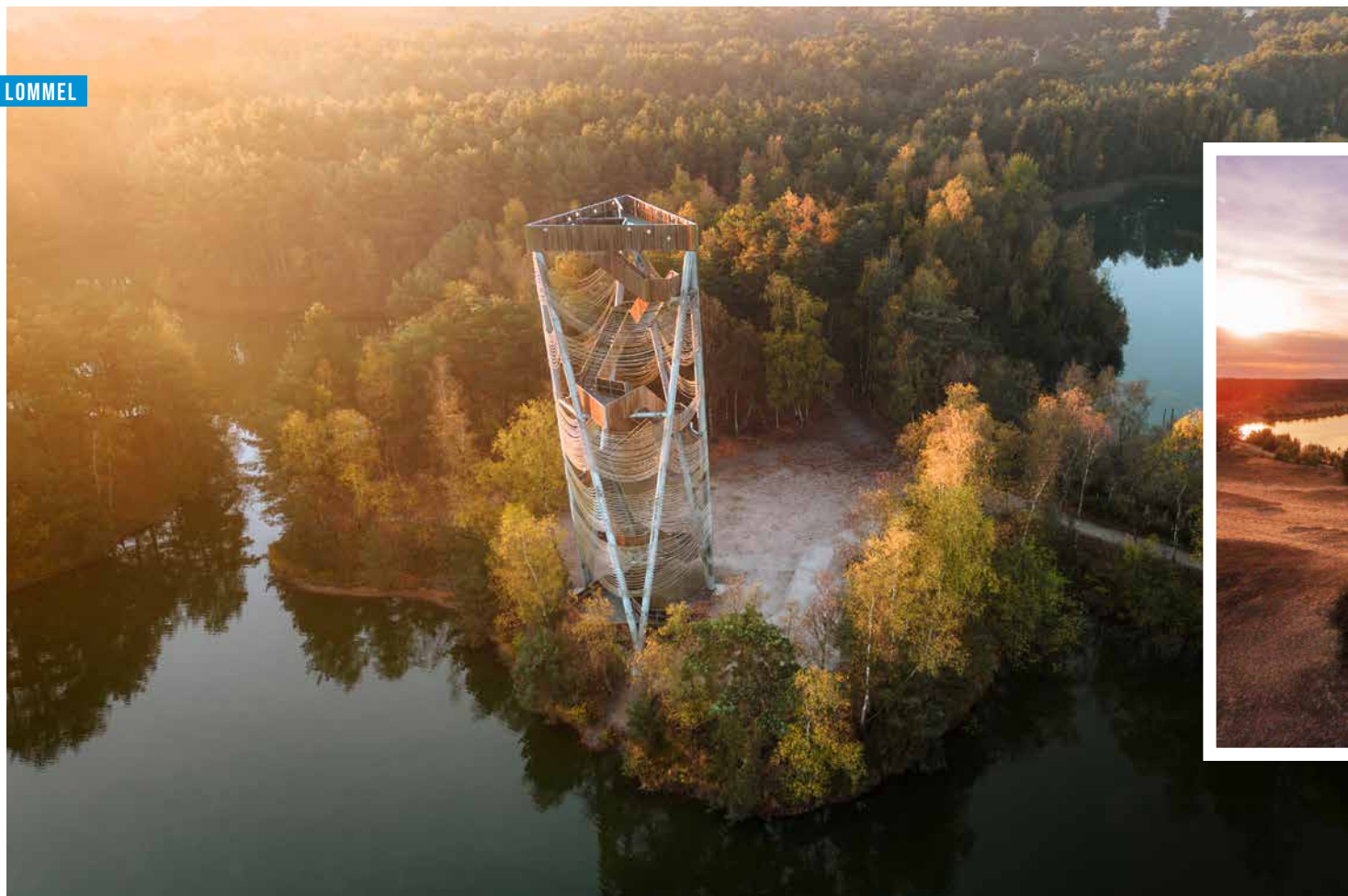


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Sahara observation tower

A unique landscape full of contrasts and colors



There are no camels in the Sahara, but it definitely gives a desert feeling. Especially in the summer under a scorching sun! Stroll through a desert-like landscape, along clear blue lakes, the graceful pedestrian bridge, the purple heather, and climb the 30-meter-high observation tower along the way. A unique construction of wood and ropes. The view extends all the way to Eindhoven!



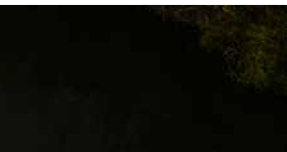
| Hiking area: **Sahara**

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👁️ | Pedestrian Bridge, House of Nature, Speelbos, Schatzoektocht

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German Military Cemetery

A place of peace and respect

A quiet place for contemplation. The German Military Cemetery is an imposing burial ground. You walk along endless rows of graves, amidst the greenery and purple heather. Discover the stories behind the gravestones through geocaching or during a guided tour.

| Hiking area: **Kattenbos**

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GlazenHuis

Discover the magic of glass

Exhibitions on glass art, a glassblowing workshop, purchasing handmade glass art... GlazenHuis is an architectural masterpiece with an impressive glass cone that beautifully lights up at night. Every year, GlazenHuis organizes two unique exhibitions. Spectacle guaranteed, as you can witness glassblowers at work live from the museum.



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Starting in mid-2024, GlazenHuis will begin renovations. Public operation will cease in early 2024. The exhibition will remain open until remodeling.

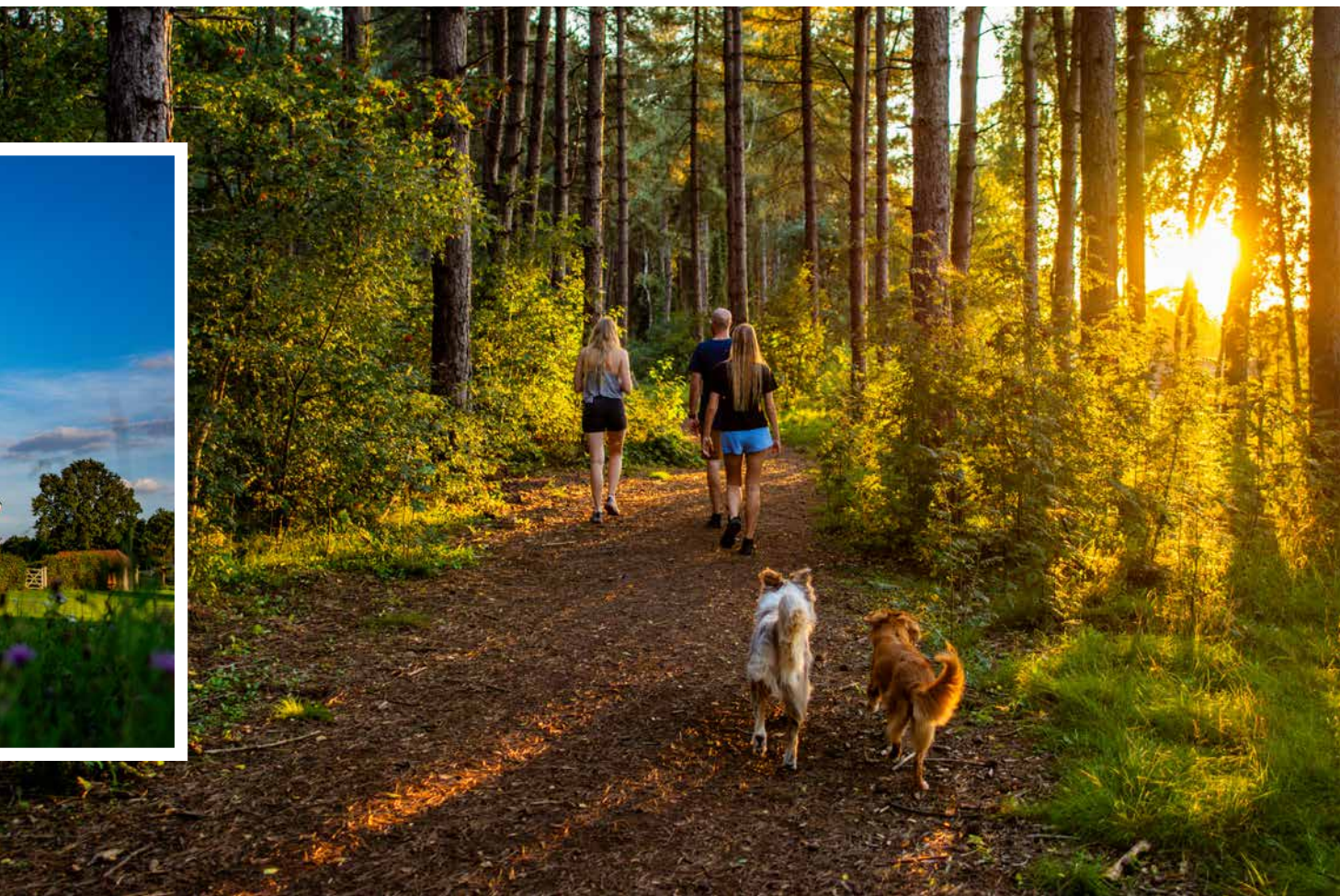
Kattenbos & the Leyssensmolen

A historic mill and a giant butterfly

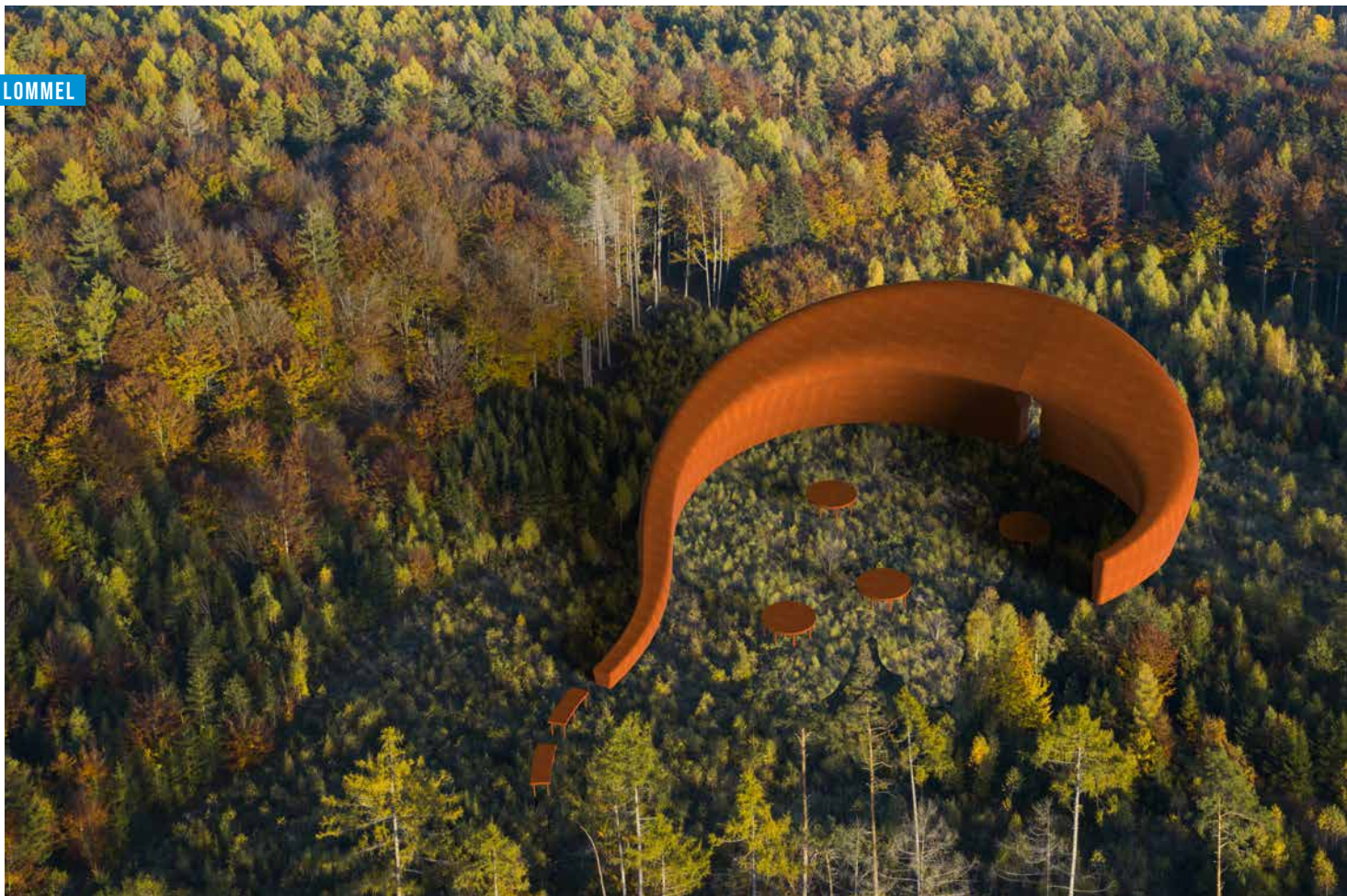
In Kattenbos, it's wonderfully cozy. Especially in the shade of the Leyssensmolen, a grain mill dating back to 1797. The grassy field and benches provide additional picnic comfort. The forests and heath landscape also offer a wealth of scenery. The giant butterfly artwork marks the beginning of the walks. Through the wheelchair-friendly butterfly walk, children learn about the developmental stages of butterflies in a playful way.

- | Hiking area: **Kattenbos**
- 📍 | Kattenbos, Zandstraat 40, Lommel
- 👁️ | Treasure hunts, Play elements,
Wheelchair-friendly trail
- 📍 | Leyssensmolen: Kattenrijt, Lommel





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House of Nature

Step into nature

Impressive nature art near the Sahara. The monumental steel sculpture 'House of Nature,' with its 7.5 meters in height and 50 meters in width, serves as an imposing gateway to Bosland National Park. Visitors can step into the artwork through a passage shaped like a human figure. The installation, created by land art artist Will Beckers, is the focal point of a larger landscape project spread across 3 zones.



| Hiking area: **Sahara**

📍 | Speelpleinstraat z/n, Lommel

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👁️ | Play forest, Treasure hunt, Watch tower

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Opening: april 2024

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Blauwe Kei

A place where water and land meet

Hay meadows, deciduous forests, heathland, ponds, shallow lakes, and even marshes. De Blauwe Kei provides an atmospheric mix of canals, a lock complex, artwork, and cozy terraces! The picturesque water spots leave no nature lover indifferent.

- | Hiking area: **Blauwe Kei**
- Ⓒ | Blauwe Kei, Blauwe Kei 40, Lommel
- © | Free
- 👁️ | Old locks, Steen der Zeven Heerlijkheden
- 📍 | Baileybrug (260)





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Heuvelse Heide

Enjoy a splash of color

Discover a surprisingly tranquil spot of beautiful nature? You can do that in the colorful Heuvelse Heide. This soothing gem takes you through forests, heath, sand, and a sparkling blue sand quarry. The heath turns remarkably pink, orange, and purple in August. The small harbor along the Bocholt-Herentals canal, near a stunning nature reserve, provides the perfect hospitality stop.



| Hiking area: **Heuvelse Heide**

📍 | De Meerpaal, Boskantstraat 60, Lommel

🔍 | Treasure hunt, Marina

📍 | De Meerpaal 227 228

Culinary delights

Picnics



Fun places



Experience a dream You'll have one in 1-2-3 in National Park Bosland. beautiful, unspoiled nature at National Park Bo in just 1-2-3. You'll create unforgettable memories with a sweet aftertaste. Additionally, the area offers 65 picnic benches for your convenience.

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Discover delicious local Bosland delicacies! You can pick them up for a picnic, sink your teeth into them on the spot, or take them home with you. This is ideal for keeping the Bosland feeling alive for a long time.



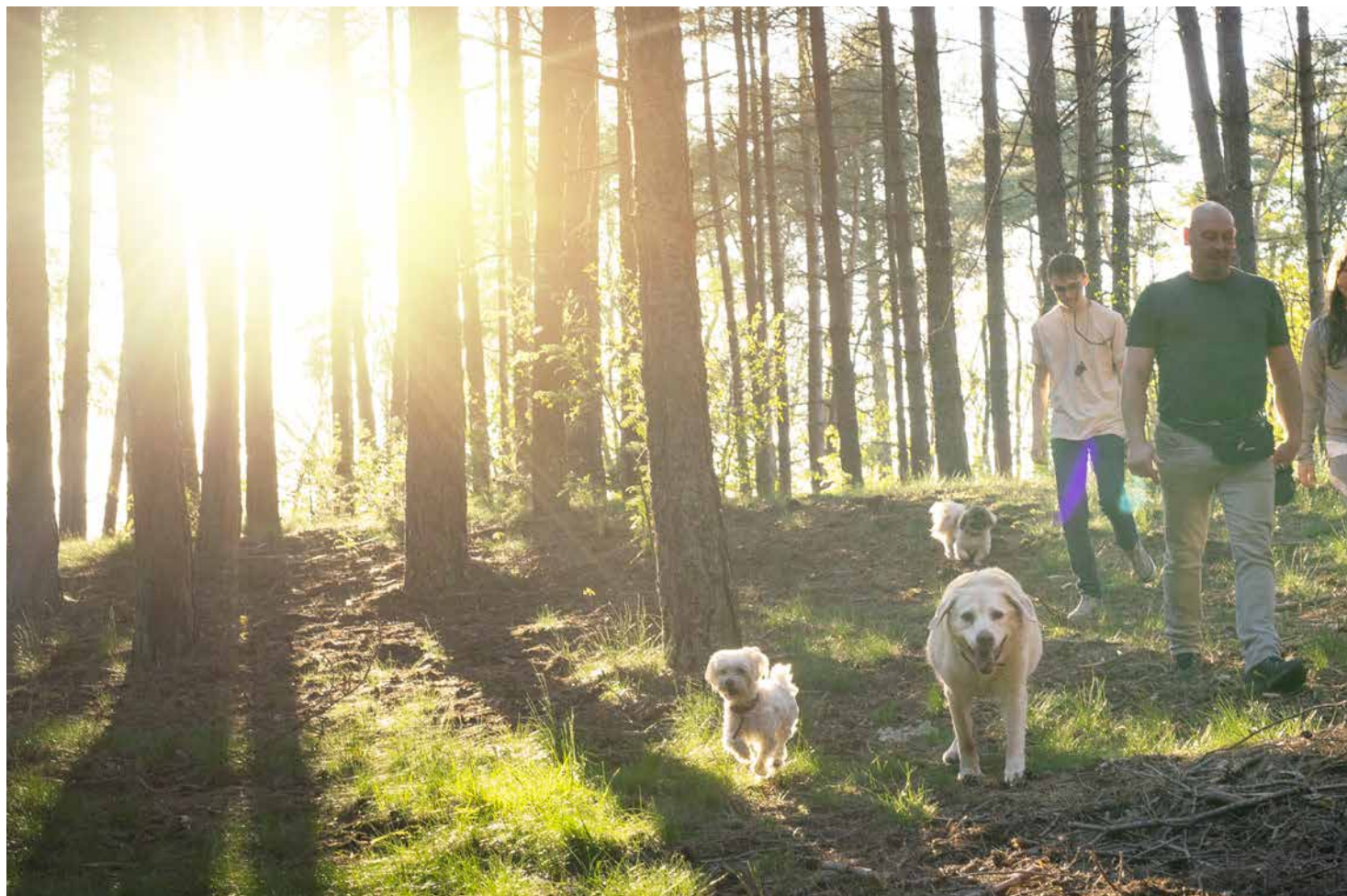
Family friendly

treasure hunts – Kids' walks – playgrounds



Welcome to the largest adventure forest in Flanders. In National Park Bosland, children can truly be themselves and enjoy a variety of activities. They can play in the forest, build camps, and search for treasures, allowing them to have fun and explore nature.

Enjoy a sunny terrace while your kids slide, swing, and play in the playgrounds, or play a game of miniature golf together. National Park Bosland is the perfect destination for families.





Dog off-leash areas

Trekking through National Park Bosland with your dog? You can do it anywhere as long as you keep your four-legged friend on a leash. Does your faithful friend prefer total freedom? Then head for one of the dog-walking zones and let your dog loose in the specially designated areas where your romp can run free.

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Klankenbos

A unique collection of sound artworks

A unique collection of sound installations is hidden between the trees in Het Klankenbos. These are works of art that stimulate the ear and delight the eye. Het Klankenbos challenges visitors to become more conscious of sound and silence: a very special experience for young and old.



| www.klankenbos.be

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Dommelvallei - Heesakkerpark

Playground hidden in the forest

In this hiking area, the picturesque Dommel river meanders, and you'll discover windmills in a varied landscape. Be sure to set aside time for a visit to the windmills and the windmill museum. Along the way, also admire the mysterious artwork by Will Beckers. For children: Balance beams, branches for dragging, water for splashing, and mud for playing – deep in the forest lies a fantastic playground. Prefer a treasure hunt? That's an option too! What are you waiting for?

📍 | Heesakkerheide, Breugelweg 196, Pelt

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Hageven

Natural Beauty Without Borders

On the Belgian-Dutch border lies a magnificent piece of nature spanning almost 600 hectares. Strolling through, you can find tranquility in a wonderfully diverse landscape that offers enjoyment in every season. Heather and forest, sandy dunes and stream valleys, marshes and ponds alternate harmoniously. Flanders and the Netherlands join forces for the protection and management, and Europe also recognizes the importance of the unique nature reserve Hageven - De Plateaux.

Hageven, together with De Plateaux (NL), forms a cross-border nature reserve where around 30 Galloway cattle roam freely.

At the visitor center De Wulp, you can get more information and enjoy a drink.

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Grote Hof- Hobos

A journey through history

The hiking area Grote Hof - Hobos takes you on a journey through the beautiful landscape where the buildings De Grote Hof and Hobos are located. With their remarkable histories, both buildings and their inhabitants have had an impact on the expansive surroundings.



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Sailing of the Dommel River

A river full of surprises and beauty

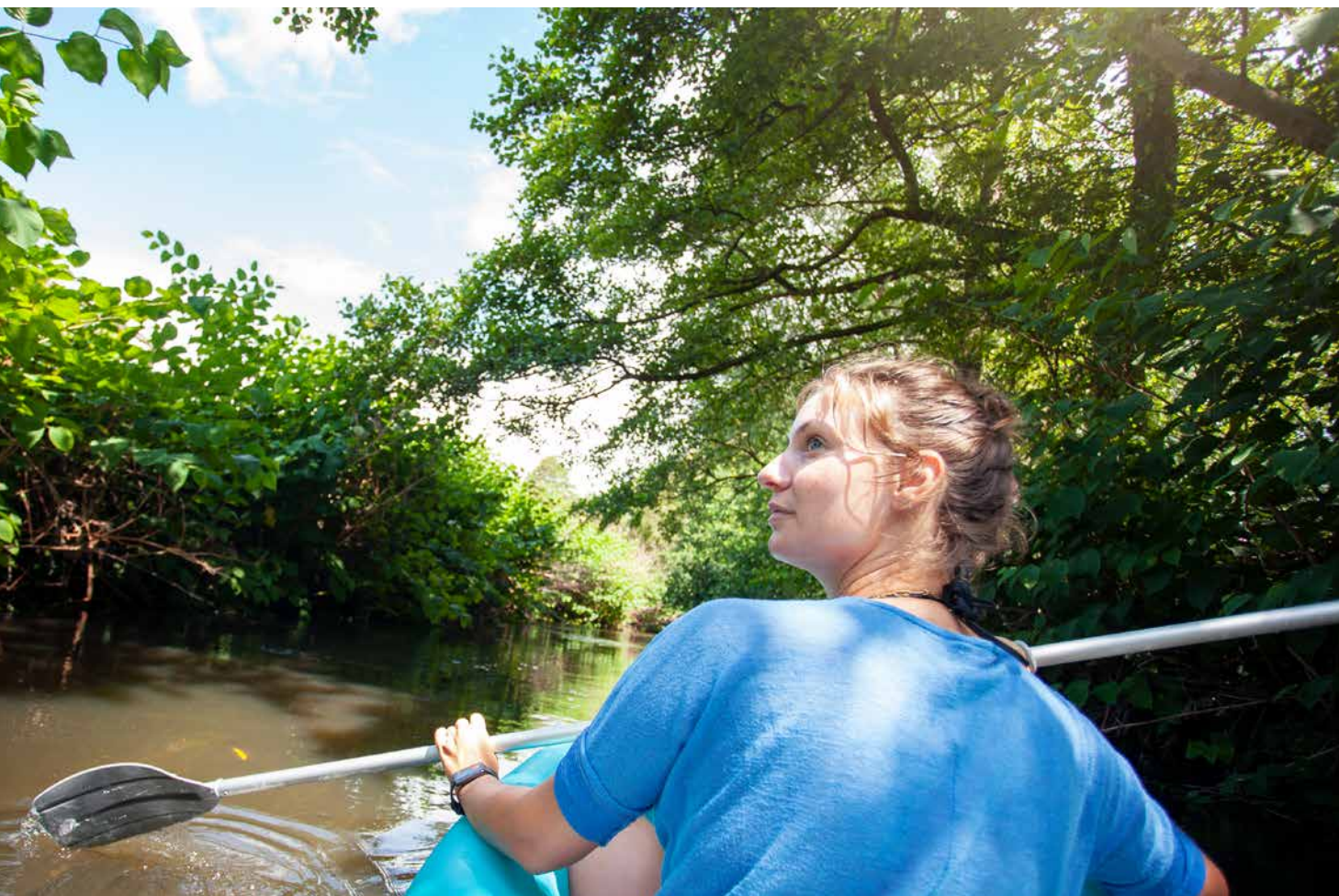


Exploring the beautiful nature from the water? A canoe trip is the perfect way to do it! As the well-known Dommel river runs through various natural areas, you can discover Hageven, De Plateaux, and De Malpie in no time. Enjoy the tranquility on the water with a canoe or kayak on a route of your choice. See you on the water!

© | Afvaart van de Dommel, Tussenstraat 2, Pelt
© | Practical info and rentals: www.nwc.be/verhuur/Club

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Wheelchair Walk

Walking with wheels (MS clinic)

In the beautiful hiking area Holven - 't Plat, individuals with reduced mobility or families with children can enjoy a wheelchair-friendly walking path. There is a butterfly- and insect-friendly picking garden with berries, nuts, and fruits, as well as a field where Kubb or petanque can be played. For the youngest visitors, there is a play area with tree trunks and stepping poles.

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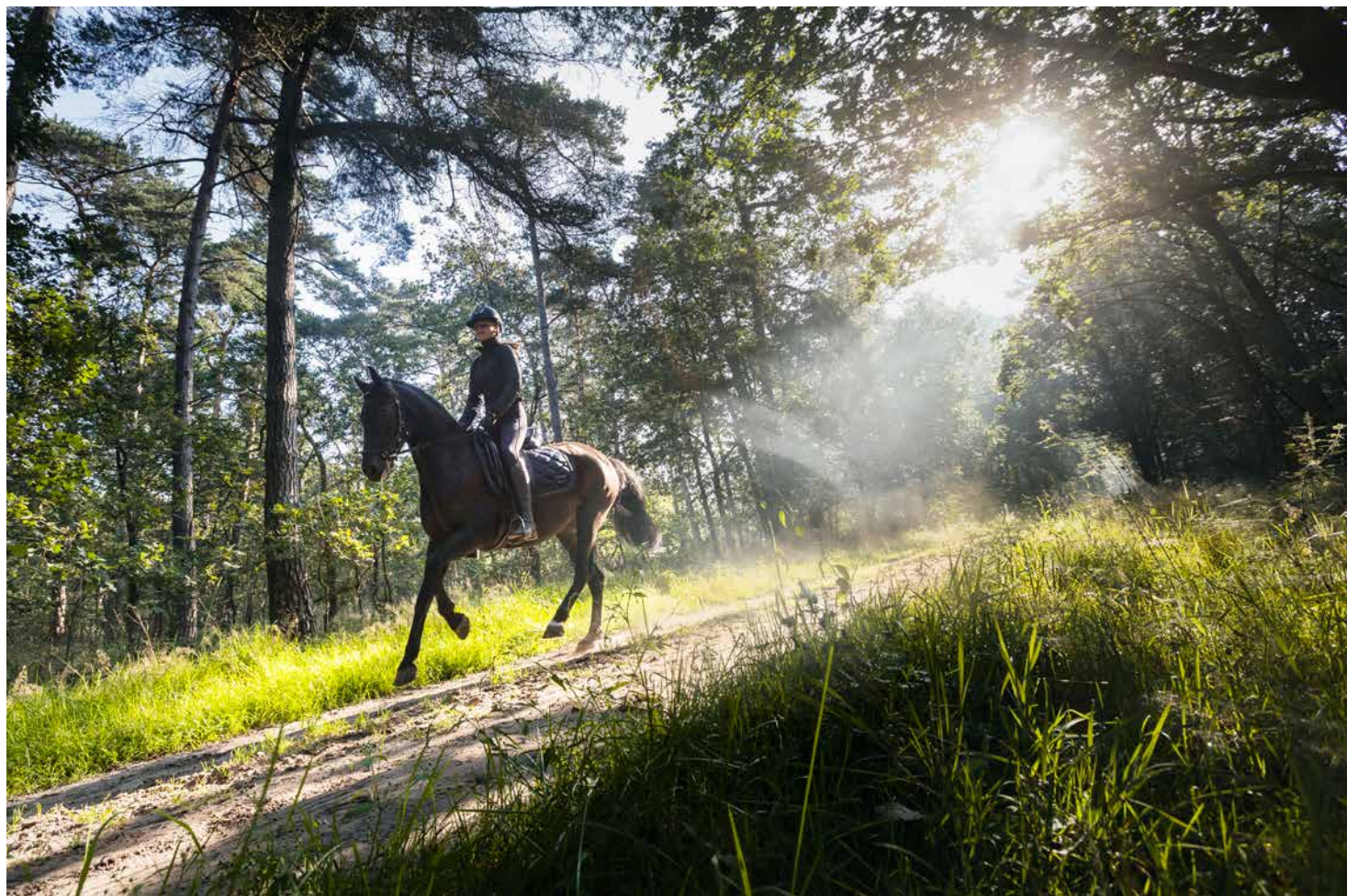




Mountain biking

National Park Bosland offers a thrilling experience for mountain bikers, with 270 kilometers of challenging routes on unpaved and quiet trails. Cyclists can also venture across the Dutch border and tackle the full 1160 kilometers.







Horsing

Bosland National Park offers hundreds of miles of unpaved forest and dirt trails that are clearly marked. Visitors can trot, gallop, or meander from junction to junction, making it ideal for creating a personalized loop. Additionally, visitors can take a break or stay overnight. You can find horse-friendly catering establishments that also cater to your four-legged friend's needs.

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Willow Art

Will Beckers creates art using living materials. His land-art can be found throughout the National Park, and he has been involved in Bosland from the beginning, serving as an ambassador today. Beckers aims to provide visitors with a unique experience of nature through his works.

“We often take nature for granted, failing to recognize its constant evolution. Change can be intimidating, but we must acknowledge that we too are changing with it.” Will incorporates this dialogue into his work.



Find his works here:

- **De Boom in** | Pijnven, Kiefhoekstraat 16, Hechtel-Eksel
- **Vijver Heesakkerpark** | Wedelse molen, Breugelweg 250, Pelt
- **Speelbos Sahara** | De Soeverein/Optisport, Sportveldenstraat 10, Lommel
- **Bostheater** | Sporthal, Dennenstraat 8 Hechtel-Eksel

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Cycling through the Trees

Shaving peaks

Cycling among the treetops, ten meters above the ground? In Pijnven, you pedal from a squirrel's perspective. You see, feel, and smell Bosland like never before. Even after your third or fourth lap, the sensation persists. An unforgettable experience. Also suitable for children. The slope is gentle, making it a (bike) dream for less experienced cyclists.



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In den Brand hiking area

Having fun in the grand sandbox of Flanders!

Having Fun in Flanders' Grandest Sandbox Welcome to the largest sandbox in Flanders! The dune area "In den Brand" gets its name from the fact that people used to come here to gather firewood. At the entrance of In den Brand, you'll find a nice picnic spot with some giant wooden insects, very entertaining for the kids. The dunes further on are unique "land dunes," which can sometimes reach up to 40 meters in height. So, be prepared for some sturdy calf workouts! The various loops in this area range from 2 km to 5.6 km. Moreover, you can go on a treasure hunt in In den Brand with Tommy Twijgman!

📍 | In den Brand, Kamertstraat z/n, Hechtel-Eksel

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🔍 | Treasure hunt and giant insects

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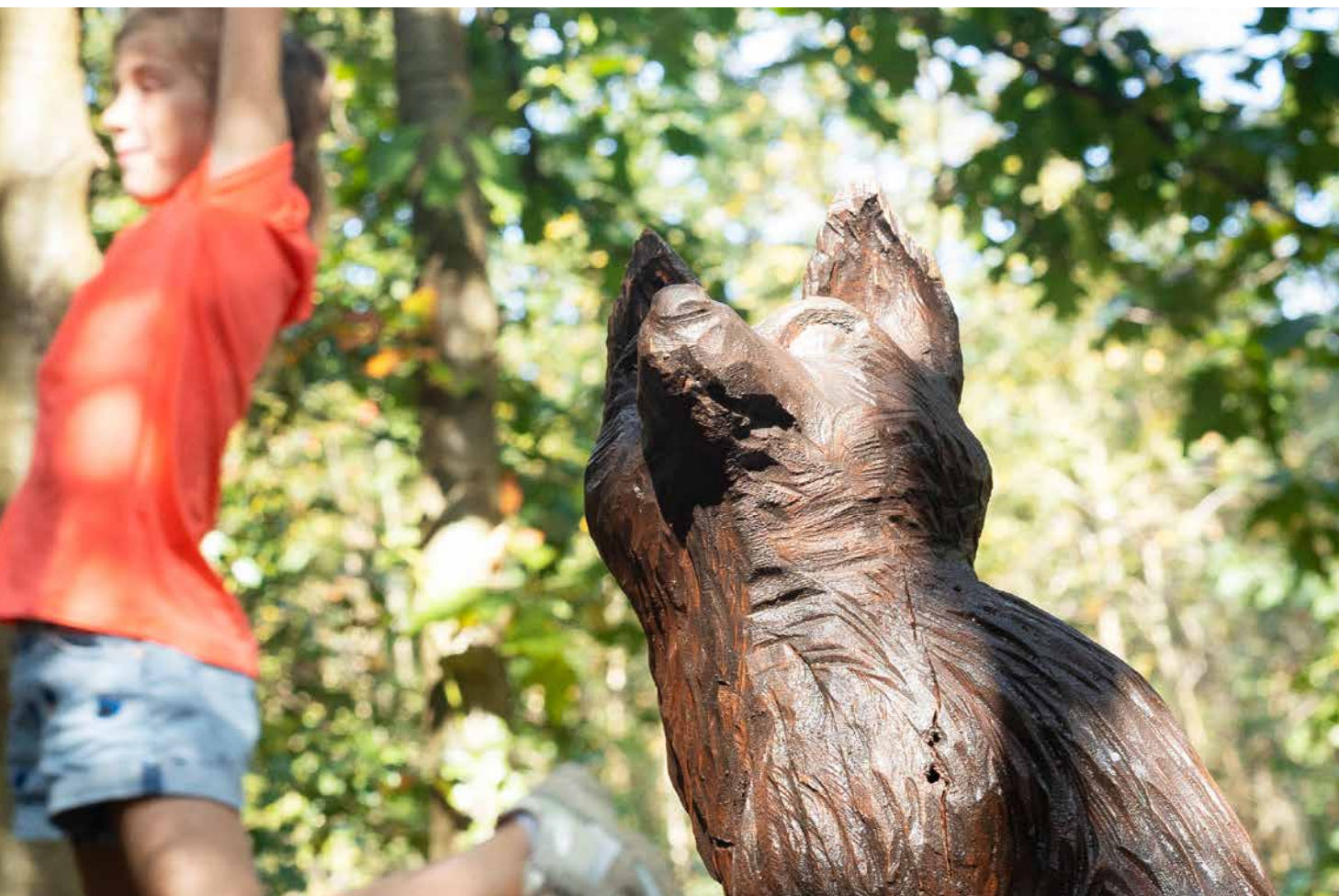
Pijnven hiking area

Wandering endlessly through the forest

Endlessly Wandering Through the Forest
For a real, be it gentle or challenging, forest walk, you must head to Pijnven. A whopping 2,000 hectares of forest await you. For children, there are four play areas in a gigantic play forest. The Butterfly Valley and the artwork “De Boom in” by Will Beckers make this area more than worthwhile. The Forest Dwellers’ Route is a playful walk where children learn more about themselves and the forest inhabitants.

- 📍 | Pijnven, Kiefhoekstraat 16, Hechtel-Eksel
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- 👁️ | Adventurous children’s hike - Forest dweller trail and play elements
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Korhaan Experience Center

Sample a serving of craftsmanship
with a touch of history

Tasting a Portion of Craftsmanship with a Hint of History Did you know that De Korhaan is one of the oldest active distilleries in Belgium? This means that there is a lot to discover behind the authentic walls. Experience the birth of De Korhaan through Augmented Reality in the new interactive center. This historical journey begins with the old Daelemans lift, which is part of the heritage and still carries the scars of war. Just as in the past, when the tram track literally entered the impressive factory complex of the Byvoet family, you will ambitiously experience the evolution of the various tracks on the history, owners, herbs, and production methods of the distillery.

📍 | Hoppinpunt Hechtel, Lommelsebaan z/n, Hechtel-Eksel

💰 | Adults: €16, Children (6-17 years old): €6

👤 | For the youngest there will be a quest with a fun souvenir and a soft drink afterwards

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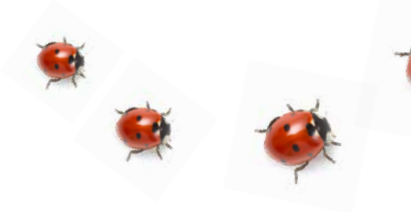


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Resterheide hiking area

Adventurous hiking in the Resterheide border area

Adventurous Hiking in the Border Area of Resterheide With no less than three child-friendly hikes, Resterheide, on the border between Hechtel-Eksel and Peer, is the ideal place for a family exploration. You'll encounter playful and educational elements along with an adventurous obstacle course. The Ladybugs Path is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

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- 📍 | Resterheide, Begijnenstraat z/n, Hechtel-Eksel
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 - 👁️ | Treasure hunt, children's adventure walk - Ladybug Trail and Heron Trail and play elements.
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Hoksent-Molhem hiking area

Where a river bridges nature, agriculture and water

Where a River Bridges Nature, Agriculture, and Water The hiking area Hoksent-Molhem is a unique nature reserve in the valley of the Dommel, where you can enjoy to your heart's content an almost uninhabited green spot where peace and quiet reign. Nowhere else in Bosland can you experience the interplay of nature, water, and agriculture on this scale! Along the way, you'll also appreciate some heritage gems, with the mythical Hoksent Chapel as the cherry on top.

📍 | Hoksentkapel, St.-Antoniusstraat z/n, Hechtel-Eksel

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Stermill and Mill House

With the wind in your sails

The Stermolen gets its name from the large wind rose on its flank. For over 100 years, it has proudly stood, along with the miller's house, in Hechtel-Eksel. Discover the fascinating history of the mill in the miller's house, which once served as a warehouse, residence, and mill. Passionate millers still operate the mill to this day. They would be happy to show you how it works!

📍 | Stermolen, Windmolenstraat 9, Hechtel-Eksel

🕒 | Free on open rotating days

(2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday of the month)

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