

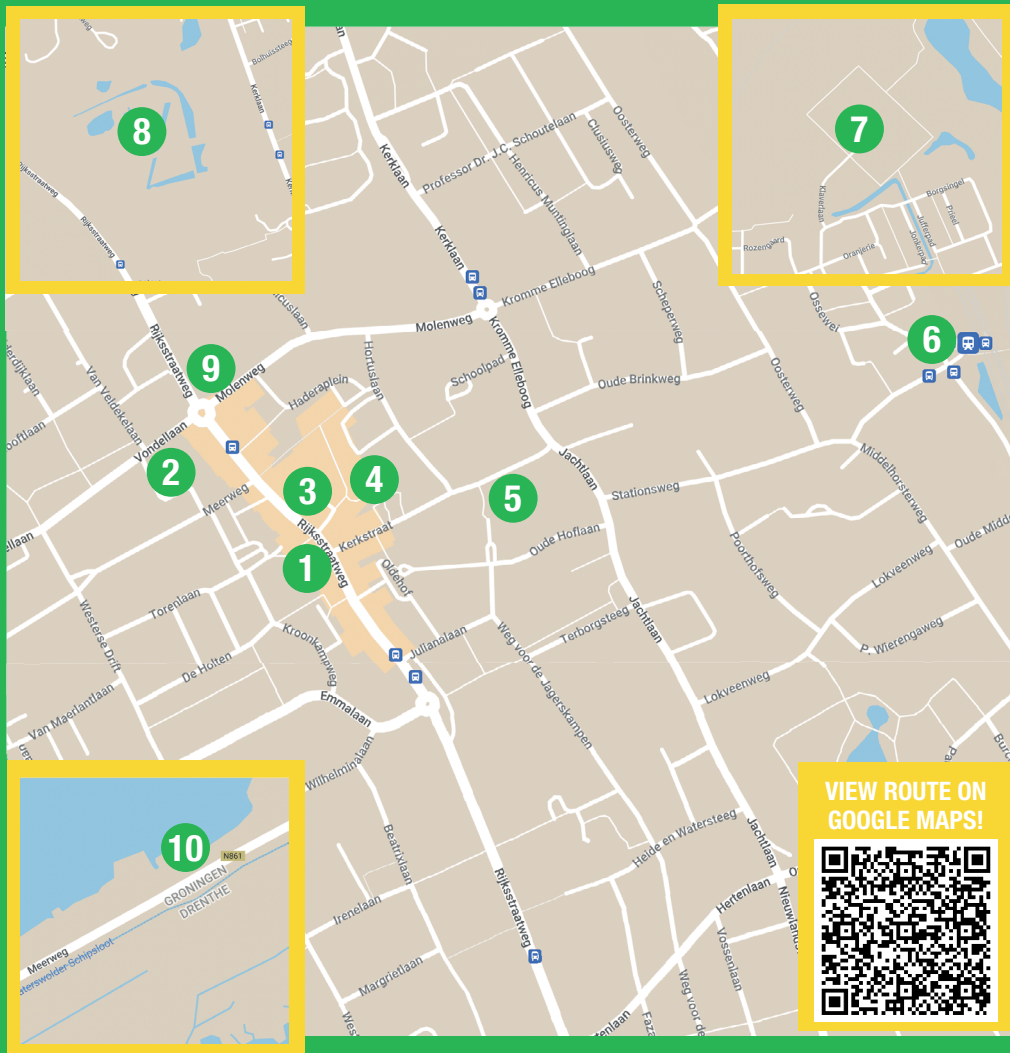
HAREN



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Ready to get to know your neighbourhood? This self-guided tour will cover the basics you need in your day to day life, as well as the hidden gems that make this section of the city unique.

We've included links for some items here in the guide, and you can download this guide as a PDF from www.citycentral.nl. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact us on Instagram – @citycentral groningen – or send an email to hallo@citycentral.nl.

1 HOUSEHOLD GOODS STORES

This is one of two main streets in Haren with lots of shops: **Kruidvat (Rijksstraatweg 181)** is a retail drugstore with low prices; **Action (Rijksstraatweg 193)** has budget home goods; **Etos (Rijksstraatweg 169)** is a drug store for non-prescription drugs and cosmetics; and **Benu Apotheek (Rijksstraatweg 194)** is a pharmacy for drugs prescribed by your doctor. There's also a farmer's market at the Raadhuisplein on Fridays.

2 WINDMILL: THE HOPE (WINDMOLEN: DE HOOP)

(**Rijksstraatweg 135**) Here you'll find a traditional Dutch windmill, built in 1839. This large, white mill is named De Hoop (The Hope) and has been used as an oil mill and a grain mill over the centuries.

3 SECONDHAND SHOP: KRINGLOOPWINKEL ROMMELMARKT

(**Brinkhorst 13**) Kringloopwinkels (secondhand shops) are popular in the Netherlands. They sell donated clothing, furnishings, books, and other household -

- items that are still in good condition. The donated items they receive are sorted, assessed, cleaned (and repaired if necessary) before being resold in the shop.

4 LIBRARY: FORUM HAREN

(**Brinkhorst 3**) The library in Haren is part of a municipal-wide system, and there are youth activities here, like the Club House and programming courses every month. The Haren location is open weekdays from 10 to 17:30, and Saturdays from 11:00 to 14:00 (closed on Sunday).

5 GROCERY STORE: AH KERKSTRAAT

(**Kerkstraat 27**) Albert Heijn (AH) is one of the biggest Dutch grocery store chains, and can be recognized by its blue sign board. Another popular grocery chain is Jumbo (yellow sign board), and there are two in Haren: one at Kroonkampweg 10, and one at Anjerplein 31.

6 TRAIN AND BUS STATION HAREN

(**Stationsplein Haren**) This train station is for the city of Haren, and connects to Groningen. Buses also run regularly between Haren and the central station of Groningen.

We recommend downloading these public transport apps to plan your journey:

- **9292:** <https://9292.nl/en>
- **NS:** <https://www.ns.nl/en>

7 PETTING ZOO & ORGANIC FARM: DE MIKKELHORST

(**Klaverlaan 37**) This organic farm includes a petting zoo and a playground for children. It's a social work place as well which provides work experience for mentally and physically handicapped people.

8 GARDENS: HORTUS BOTANICUS HAREN

(**Kerklaan 34**) These gardens were originally part of the University of Groningen's facilities in 1917, and nowadays, they feature a range of different kinds of gardens with unique plants. Their Chinese garden area in particular is very beautiful!

9 COMMUNITY CENTER: WIJ HAREN

(**Raadhuisplein 10**) WIJ locations are in nearly every neighborhood in the municipality of Groningen, and you can find a wide range of activities here – or just stop by for a cup of coffee and a chat. The Parent & Child Café in particular is informative for parents and fun for kids.

10 NATURE: STRANDPAVILJOEN PATERSWOLDSEMEER

(**Meerweg 209**) A walk around the lake is great, and you can find another old-fashioned windmill nearby: De Helper. There's a restaurant and a small beach at this address. The lake covers around 270 hectares, and was created in the 17th century.

11 WASTE

Most private homes use a card to get rid of general waste - contact your landlord or housing association if you don't yet have one. There are separate bins for paper and glass, which don't need a card. Visit groningen.nl for more practical information about living in Groningen!

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