

# OOSTERPARK



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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](http://www.citycentral.nl). If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact us on Instagram – @citycentralgroningen – or send an email to [hallo@citycentral.nl](mailto:hallo@citycentral.nl).

## 1 GARDEN CENTER AND HARDWARE STORE: PRAXIS DAMSTERDIEP

(Damsterdiep 315) If you want to buy some nice plants, be sure to check out the garden center at the Praxis at the end of the street!

## 2 SECONDHAND STORES: MAMAMINI AND GOUDGOED

Second hand stores are very popular in the Netherlands, and two of the most affordable ones in the city are on this street. Mamamini (Damsterdiep 307) and Goudgoed (Damsterdiep 269) both have a mix of clothes, books, furniture, toys, and other household goods. Mamamini is located near Praxis.

## 3 COMMUNITY CENTER: BIJ VAN HOUTEN

(Oliemuuldersweg 47) Starting in April, it will open as a community center with sports and other physical activities, arts and culture, health and wellness, classes (crafts, language), healthy eating, and nature and sustainability classes.

## 4 PIOENPARK

This park was designed in the 1950s after WWII as part of bigger urban plans for more green space in the city. It has some namesake peonies and a rose garden in the summer, and a playground and tennis courts – and an area for dogs to run unleashed.

## 5 CREATIVE INDUSTRY: BROEDPLAATS

(Paradijvogelstraat 10) This former beverage factory is now the Broedplaats (Breeding Grounds), and it's home to a range of creative social endeavors.

## 6 COMMUNITY SERVICES: WIJ OOSTERPARK

(Heesterpoort 1) They provide volunteer opportunities, youth work, neighborhood work, elder care, general care and most relevantly, family support: the pediatrician's office is here, but it's meant to be by appointment. They host an event called the "Parent and Child Cafe" on Mondays and Thursdays.

## 7 RESTAURANT: HET OUDE POLITIEBUREAU

(Zaagmuldersweg 3) A neighborhood café with dishes featuring local ingredients, located inside a former police station. They employ mentally/physically challenged people on staff, and they keep the prices low.

## 8 GROCERY STORE: JUMBO

(Linnaeusplein 55) This is the closest grocery store, and there's also a bike shop and hair salon on this block. On the other end of the Gorechtkade, you'll find the Wielewaalplein, where there's a Lidl grocery store with good quality and cheap produce, and an Action, a discount store with all kinds of household stuff and some groceries.

## 9 CAFÉ: GERBRAND EN BAKKER

(H.A. Kooykerplein 5) This charming café, decorated in the characteristic oranges and blues of the window frames in the neighborhood, opened in 2021 and is all about local, sustainable and most importantly really tasty products.

## 10 HOSPITAL: UMCG

(Hanzeplein 1) UMCG started in 1797, and had 8 beds – now it's the biggest in the region, and sees around 31,000 patients a year. Inside the hospital, there's an Albert Heijn To Go – an express grocery store - and some other small shops, including a drug store.

## 11 OOSTERHAVEN HARBOR

This harbor links the Eemskanaal (leading to the Eemshaven at the northern coast of the Wadden Sea) and the Verbindingskanaal. In the early 20th century, it was the busiest harbor in the city: the north side of the harbor was lined with warehouses, and the homes on the south side are in the Jugendstil (youth style, decorative arts) and are considered some of the most beautiful homes in Groningen.

## 12 WASTE

Most private homes use a card to get rid of your 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. If you want to receive more information about waste collection, visit [Groningen.nl](http://Groningen.nl) and look up "Municipal Services".

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