VELUWE HOTEL DE BEYAERD

Hulshorst Estate Walk (1.5 hours)

Leave De Beyaerd via the rear exit near ‘De Ruif’. Turn right onto the paved road, then take the second unpaved path on the left. At the end of this country lane, you will reach a paved road; turn right. This road is called ‘Onder de Bos’. At the end of this road, you will come to a T-junction. Turn left here onto ‘Oudeweg’.

At the end of Oudeweg, you will see the old Hulshorst railway station on your left. The last train stopped here in the mid-1980s. The station is now a protected historic monument. On the left side of the station building, you will find a poem about Hulshorst by Gerrit Achterberg.

Retrace your steps for a short distance. On your left, you will see a small stream called the ‘Zilverbeekje’ (Silver Brook), which was dug by the residents of ‘Huize Hulshorst’. Follow the stream until you reach a large tree at the end. Locally, this tree is known as ‘de Heksenboom’ (the Witches’ Tree).

Diagonally behind the Witches’ Tree, there is a small brick-paved path called ‘Van Meurswegje’, which dates back to 1800 and was originally an equestrian trail. Mr. Van Meurs, the mayor of Harderwijk, used to travel along this path daily by carriage, commuting between Huize Hulshorst and Harderwijk.

Cross the paved road directly to reach what was a carriage house before the war. This carriage house was part of a large country estate known as Huize Hulshorst. Huize Hulshorst was built in the 15th century but was demolished in 1941 because the owner feared it would be seized and used by the Germans. The pond and a row of magnificent copper beeches still remain. A small cluster of trees near the pond marks the site where the estate once stood. Over the years, the coach house has served as a stable for the mounted police of the municipality of Nunspeet, as well as an art gallery and an art rental service. Today, it is a stunning venue for weddings, celebrations, and meetings.

Follow the brick-paved path to continue your route. You will eventually reach the Harderwijkerweg; turn right here onto the cycle path. After about 100 meters, you will see a tree in the woods on your right, enclosed by a fence bearing the year ‘1898’. Take the first unpaved path on your right and follow it until you reach the Oude-weg. Turn left and continue walking until you see the rear entrance to ‘de Beyaerd’ on your left-hand side.

Let’s keep nature beautiful together

- During your walk, we kindly ask that you be mindful of our beautiful natural surroundings:
- Please stay on the designated walking paths as much as possible and avoid entering fragile natural areas.
- Do not litter. Please take your trash with you and dispose of it in a bin once you return.
- Respect the local flora and fauna. Leave flowers and plants where they are, and keep a safe distance from animals.
- Enjoy the tranquility and be considerate of other hikers and the environment.

Thank you for helping us keep our beautiful surroundings clean and nature-friendly!