VELUWE HOTEL DE BEYAERD

Hulshorst Estate Walk (1 hour)

The walking route begins at the rear entrance of ‘De Beyaerd’. Turn right here onto the paved road. Please walk on the left-hand side of the road, as cars often travel at high speeds here. On your right, you will see a white gate marked “Landgoed Hulshorst”; turn right here. Immediately take the dirt path to the left. At the fork, keep to the right. Cross the small bridge and continue straight across the grassy area until you reach a brick-paved path.

To your right, you will see the carriage house (*koetshuis*). This building was once part of a large manor, ‘Huize Hulshorst’. Huize Hulshorst was built in the 15th century but was demolished in 1941, as the owner feared it would be seized by the Germans. The pond and a row of magnificent copper beech trees still remain. A small cluster of trees near the pond marks the original site of the manor. Over the years, the carriage house has served various purposes: it housed horses for the Nunspeet municipal mounted police and later functioned as an art gallery and an art rental service. Today, it serves as a stunning venue for weddings, celebrations, and meetings.

To continue your walk, turn left until you reach the paved road, ‘De Vuurkuilweg’. Cross over onto ‘Van Meurswegje’. Around 1800, this brick-paved path was a bridleway. Mr. Van Meurs, the Mayor of Harderwijk, used to travel along this path daily by carriage, journeying from Huize Hulshorst to Harderwijk. At the end of the Van Meurswegje, you will see a fenced-off mound topped with what is locally known as the ‘witch’s tree’ (*heksenboom*). Directly in front of you lies the ‘Zilverbeekje’ (Silver Brook), which we will follow further along. Walk around the ‘witch’s tree’ and turn left. Then, cross the small footbridge. If you wish to continue your walk, you can head toward the paved road and pick up the one-hour red-marked trail, or follow the signposted ‘Hulshorster Bosrandwandeling’ (Hulshorst Forest Edge Walk).

Now, follow the ‘Zilverbeekje’—a small stream originally dug by the residents of ‘Huize Hulshorst’. You will soon arrive back at the ‘Oudeweg’. Turn left toward the rear entrance of ‘De Beyaerd’. Alternatively, you can walk along the estate grounds to the left, running parallel to the asphalt road.

Keeping nature beautiful, together

- During your walk, we kindly ask you to be mindful of our stunning natural surroundings:
- Please stay on the designated walking paths as much as possible and avoid entering fragile natural areas.
- Do not leave litter behind; 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 peace and quiet, and be considerate of other hikers and the environment.

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