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Leisure offerings for families

Are you looking for a fun, relaxing, enriching outing with the whole family?

Then this brochure is for you. It lists all the provincial domains and heritage sites where you and your family can enjoy a quiet or active moment to recharge your batteries.

Which outing suits your family?

The provincial domains and heritage sites have an extensive range of activities, which means there's something for every family: walking in the forest and nature, boating, miniature golf, romping about the playgrounds, swimming, learning about nature and the environment, guided tours of the heritage sites, active tasks, etc.

Looking for something to do near you?

To make it easy to find outings near you, we have divided the province of East Flanders into six regions: Meetjesland, Waasland, Ghent region, Scheldeland, Flemish Ardennes, and Leie region.

You can thus combine different locations within one region for an exciting, fun-filled day out.

Want more info?

This brochure is here to pique your curiosity. Do you need detailed advice to plan your outing? Or do you want more information on rates and options? Then be sure to contact

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the domains and heritage sites by phone or email; our staff will be at your service with more information and practical tips. You will also find a wealth of information on the individual websites of the heritage sites and domains and at www.oost-vlaanderen.be.

Do you have a limited budget and need some advice?

Almost all domains and heritage sites have free access and a wide range of free activities. Paid activities are available at fair prices. There are also individual or group discounts for certain activities.

Do you have a limited budget and need some help planning your outing? Then step into a Rap op Stap office! They'll find out pricing info for you and plot the easiest way to reach your destination. You will find the addresses and telephone numbers of the East Flemish Rap op Stap offices at the end of this brochure.

01. The Boerekreek

The Boerekreek is the ideal starting point for a walk, bike ride, or a day of fishing in the beautiful East Flemish creek area. You can walk or cycle along various junction routes, mapped out by Visit East Flanders. Or you can relax on the yoga path. Those who prefer something more active can also go horseback riding or do water sports.

▶ www.boerekreek.be (dutch version)

Address

Sint-Jansstraat 132
9982 Sint-Jan-in-Eremo
tel. 09 218 96 71
boerekreek@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.boerekreek.be

Opening hours

Every day from sunrise to sunset
(reception from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

▶ Don't miss out!

- Follow the MTB or bridle paths and discover the beautiful creek area.
- Relax on the yoga path or go on a mindful walk.
- Book one of the many pony, adventure, or water sports camps for children.

▶ Public transportation

- From Eeklo, take bus 63 towards Sint-Jan-in-Eremo Church.
- Contact the on-call bus (09 211 91 91) to take you to the Boerekreek.

02. Provincial and regional centre De Huysmanhoeve

The provincial and regional centre De Huysmanhoeve is located in the heart of the Meetjesland. You can walk, cycle, play board games, play rolle bolle (also known as Belgian Bowling), and learn about traditional crafts for free. Moreover, you will learn about the rural heritage and the farm and regional products from the Meetjesland. For the children there is a 'wiglo' (willow hut), an outdoor play kitchen, folk games, and a tree trail.

▶ www.plattelandscentrum.be (dutch version)

Address

PO Box 1 (side street of Peperstraat)
9900 Eeklo
tel. 09 327 04 47
huysmanhoeve@plattelandscentrum.be
www.plattelandscentrum.be

Opening hours

1 April to 30 September,
Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

▶ Don't miss out!

- The activities: from a retro race and an animal day to a craft market, picnic concerts, etc.
- Farmer's golf, guaranteed farmer fun and entertainment.
- De Wand, a structure that makes one forget the renovation on the farm.
- Don't miss a visit to the Tourism Meetjesland regional info office.

▶ Public transportation

- At the Eeklo NMBS station, contact the on-call bus (09 211 91 91) to take you to the Peperstraat stop (near the Nissan garage). Walk another 100 metres from there.
- Are you athletically inclined? Then hire a blue-bike at the station in Eeklo. It's about 3 kilometres to De Huysmanhoeve.

03. Het Leen Provincial Domain

Het Leen is one of the largest forests in East Flanders. You can walk or cycle there, as well as discover the forest through woodland activities with the children. The observation tower offers a spectacular view of the domain. There is also a botanical garden and a play forest. This is the ideal place to horse around or relax. Would you like to go on a nature expedition with your family? Then be sure to head out with a gear bag that containing outlined walks with activities you can complete.

▶ www.hetleen.be (dutch version)

Address

Het Leen Provincial Domain
Gentsesteenweg 80
9900 Eeklo tel. 09 376 74 74
bezoek.hetleen@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.hetleen.be

Opening hours

every day from 9 a.m. to sunset.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Let your children horse around in the play forest and on the vast playground.
- Take your children on a quest through the forest.
- Discover the natural beauty of the domain on the many walking, cycling, and jogging routes.

▶ Public transportation

- It's a 25-minute walk to Het Leen from the Eeklo NMBS station. You can also hire a blue-bike and cycle right onto the domain.
- Take bus line 58 Bruges/Ghent and get off at the bus stop Het Leen.

04. Fabriek Energiek

Provincial educational activity centre for sustainable energy

Fabriek Energiek is the place to learn all about renewable energy and climate change. The educational activity centre is located at the foot of the Zonneberg: a solar park with 55,500 solar panels. Enjoy a dazzling view over the Ghent-Terneuzen Canal, with its many port companies and dozens of wind turbines.

At Fabriek Energiek, you can work in and around the centre yourself. Experiment with the activities and learn how to generate energy from the sun, wind, biomass, geothermal heat, water, and hydrogen gas. You discover the usefulness of heat networks and the smart control of energy production and consumption.

► www.fabriekenergiek.be (dutch version)

Address

Achille De Clercq laan 9
9060 Zelzate
tel. 09 267 71 50
fabriek.energiek@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.fabriekenergiek.be

Opening hours

guided tours by appointment.

► Don't miss out!

- The unique view over the Ghent canal zone and the Meetjesland.
- A technological update on climate and energy.
- The herd of sheep grazing the Zonneberg.

► Public transportation

- Take bus 55 from Ghent, Evergem, Ertvelde, or Zelzate.
It takes about five minutes to get to Fabriek Energiek from the Zelzate Klein Rusland stop.

05. Kloosterbos

Provincial Domain

The Kloosterbos is an ideal location for walking, cycling, jogging, horseback riding, or just horsing around. There is a play area of no less than 9 hectares where children and (pre)teens can horse around in the forest. You can also let your dog run free in the designated dog area. The paths in the forest are unpaved, which means it is less accessible for buggies or wheelchairs in rainy weather.

▶ www.oost-vlaanderen.be (dutch version)

Address

Gebroeders Naudtslaan
9185 Wachtebeke
tel. 09 267 78 02
natuur@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.oost-vlaanderen.be

Opening hours

open every day from sunrise
to sunset.

▶ Don't miss out!

- The winding paths in the forest make your walk or jog extra special.
- The play area where children can run wild.
- The dog area for your four-legged friend.

▶ Public transportation

- Take bus 49 Zelzate/Lokeren from the Lokeren NMBS station.
The bus stops close to the Kloosterbos.

06. Mola Mill Centre Provincial Heritage Site

Discover everything about mills from the past and present – from the smallest spindle to the largest wheel – at the Mola Mill Centre Provincial Heritage Site. You will find an exciting, interactive exhibition where children can try out all kinds of hands-on activities. Baking workshops for children and adults are held regularly, and there are free children's tours during school holidays. You can find our current offer on the website: www.molamolencentrum.be.

► www.molamolencentrum.be (dutch version)

Address

Puyenbrug Castle in the Puyenbroeck
Provincial Domain
Puyenbrug 5
9185 Wachtebeke
tel. 09 342 42 40
mola@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.molamolencentrum.be

Opening hours

1 April through 30 September,
Wednesday through Friday,
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays,
10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

1 October through 31 March,
Wednesday through Sunday
(and public holidays)
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

► Don't miss out!

- The true-to-life scale models of wind and water mills.
- The historic interior and unique orangery building.
- The treasury filled with mill valuables.
- Make your trip complete with a visit to one of our provincial water and wind mills (www.oost-vlaanderen.be/mola-molens).

► Public transportation

- Take bus 76 from the Gent-Dampoort NMBS station towards Lochristi/Wachtebeke. Get off at the stop 'Wachtebeke Craenendam'.
- Take the on-call bus (09 211 91 91) from the Lokeren NMBS station. Get off at the stop 'Wachtebeke Craenendam'. Mola is located within walking distance from the bus stop and car park 1 in Puyenbroeck.

07. Puyenbroeck Provincial Domain

The Puyenbroeck Provincial Domain is a versatile park. You and your family can hike, cycle, or just enjoy the park to your heart's content. Be sure to visit the living heritage park with Belgian farm animals. Miniature golf, cycling, petanque, kubb, hydrocycles, or rowing on the pond are just a few of the many possibilities. Enjoy the sunshine on the spacious sunbathing lawn while the children horse around on the super large playground. Feeling a bit parched? Head over to the restaurant or brasserie on the domain. Do you prefer to bring your own? No problem! There are plenty of picnic places in Puyenbroeck.

► www.puyenbroeck.be (dutch version)

Address

Puyenbrug 1A
9185 Wachtebeke
tel. 09 342 42 42
puyenbroeck@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.puyenbroeck.be

Opening hours

Puyenbroeck is open all year round
from 9 a.m. to sunset.

The domain is closed on Monday
mornings until 1 p.m. from
October through March.

► Don't miss out!

- Let your children horse around in the play forest, on the many pieces of playground equipment, and on the water playground.
- Explore the domain by bike or train.
- Take a walk through the living heritage park.

► Public transportation

- Take the train to Gent-Sint-Pieters or Gent-Dampoort, then take bus 76 towards Lochristi/Wachtebeke.
- Take the train to Lokeren and contact the on-call bus (09 211 91 91). Have it take you to the 'Wachtebeke Craenendam' stop (weekday/school day) or the 'Domein Puyenbroeck' stop (weekends & school holidays) (for the playground and recreational area at car park 1). Get off at the 'Domein Zwembad' stop if you're going to the pool (car park 2).

08. Puyenbroeck Sports Centre

You can swim, work out, play tennis, paddle tennis, play basketball, or go rollerblading and skateboarding in the sports centre. In the summer, you can also swim outdoors.

▶ www.puyenbroeck.be (dutch version)



Address

Puidonkdreef 1
9185 Wachtebeke
tel. 09 342 42 60
puyenbroeck.sport@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.puyenbroeck.be

Opening hours

Check the opening hours of the sports centre on the website.

09. Puyenbroeck Golf Centre

Just walk into this public golf club with your family and buy a day pass for the driving range, putting green, and practice holes. It is also possible to take group lessons or private lessons (on request) with one of the golf professionals. There is a beautiful 9-hole golf course and extensive activities for the more experienced golfer.

▶ www.puyenbroeck.be (dutch version)

Address

Craenendam 5
9185 Wachtebeke
tel. 09 342 42 76
golf.puyenbroeck@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.puyenbroeck.be

Opening hours

Every day from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

10. De Ster Provincial Domain

De Ster Provincial Domain is a beautiful nature reserve on the outskirts of Sint-Niklaas. You can walk in the woods or along the ponds and visit the petting zoo along the way. There is also a sandy beach and a large playground. Your children can let off some steam on the air trampoline, the miniature golf course, the water slide, or the boats.

Sports enthusiasts will find what they're looking for in the outdoor fitness area, the fit-o-meter, and the running track. The park is open to everyone except pets and cyclists.

You must pay to access the domain from the first Saturday before the Easter holidays through September.

▶ www.domeindester.be (dutch version)

Address

Lange Rekstraat 30
9100 Sint-Niklaas
tel. 03 777 69 50
ster@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.domeindester.be

Opening hours

Every day from 9 a.m. to sunset.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Visit the petting zoo with alpacas, wallabies, goats, peacocks, etc.
- Have fun on the air trampoline with a large, safe air-jumping cushion and extensive playgrounds.
- Completely relax on the yoga path.
- Relax and cool down on the 400-metre-long sandy beach and large lake

▶ Public transportation

- Take the train to Sint-Niklaas and cycle to the domain using your own bike or a rented bike.
- Take the train to Sint-Niklaas, and then take the bus line 82 to the domain (Sint-Niklaas domein stop).
- Take the train to Nieuwkerken-Waas, and then take the bus line 4 to the Nieuwkerken Heihoekstraat stop. From there, it's just a short walk to the domain.

11. De Roomacker Provincial Domain

De Roomacker is a valuable nature reserve that is ideal for hiking. The domain consists of three former clay pits that are now full of water surrounded by trails. The domain contains the highest point of the Waasland region. On clear days, you can see the Atomium peaking over the horizon. The domain is only accessible to hikers. If you get tired, you can rest on the various benches located throughout the domain.

▶ www.oost-vlaanderen.be (dutch version)

Address

Hofstraat
9140 Tielrode
natuur@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.oost-vlaanderen.be

Opening hours

Accessible from sunrise to sunset.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Cast your fishing line on the northern bank of the northern clay pit.
- Discover the valuable fauna and flora.
- Go for an invigorating walk in this beautiful nature reserve.

▶ Public transportation

- Take the train to Sint-Niklaas, then take bus 97, 99, or 95.
Get off at the Hofstraat Tielrode stop.

12. Provincial Nature Education Centre Bastion VIII

The provincial nature education centre Bastion VIII is an ecological city garden of 3 hectares in the heart of Dendermonde. Anyone can just drop by for a nice nature walk. You can also loan a Natuurkabas for free. The Natuurkabas contains 25 fun tasks that you and your family can complete together. Activities are also regularly scheduled which you can participate in free of charge. You can find them in the UiT calendar.

► www.oost-vlaanderen.be/bastion8 (dutch version)

Address

Begijnhoflaan 45
9200 Dendermonde
tel. 052 21 08 74
bastion8@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.oost-vlaanderen.be/bastion8

Opening hours

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From 1 April to 15 October the centre is also open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m.

► Don't miss out!

- Take a guided tour of our beehive, full of buzzing activity.
- Kick back on the banks and enjoy the natural pond.
- Settle down in the colourful seating area to have a chat or a picnic.

► Public transportation

- Take the train to Dendermonde and then walk about 10 minutes to Bastion VIII. The nearest bus stop is at the Geldroplaan roundabout. It's an 8-minute walk from there.

13. Nieuwdonk

Provincial Domain

Nieuwdonk is a vast park and recreational domain where your whole family can relax all year round. There is a large play meadow and a playground with various playing, climbing, and agility equipment. Sunbathing on the beach, taking a nice walk, or having a drink in the cafeteria – everything is available for a nice day out.

▶ www.domeinnieuwdonk.be (dutch version)

Address

Dendermondsesteenweg 13A
9290 Overmere
tel. 09 267 83 75
nieuwdonk@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.domeinnieuwdonk.be

Opening hours

Domain:

open every day from sunrise to sunset

Swimming and beach area:

only with a valid ticket. You can find the opening hours on our website.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Have fun in the swimming pond and beach area during the summer.
- Experience the softness of the animals at the petting zoo.

▶ Public transportation

- Take bus 36 (Zele/Ghent/Latem/De Pinte) or bus 54 (Ghent Zuid/Evergem) and get off at the Overmere Mosseveldstraat stop.
- Take bus 54 (Ghent Zuid/Evergem) from the Lokeren NMBS station and get off at the Overmere Mosseveldstraat stop.

14. Den Blakken Provincial Domain

Den Blakken is located near the centre of Wetteren. The garden is a gem for those who love floriculture, roses, park trees, and native sand dunes with nativel plants. Den Blakken is an oasis of peace and very popular with nature enthusiasts and hikers.

The Flemish Warandeduinen nature reserve, with its old trees and open sandy areas, is nearby. You can request a free walking brochure from natuur@oost-vlaanderen.be.

▶ www.oost-vlaanderen.be (dutch version)

Address

Wegvoeringstraat 308
9230 Wetteren
natuur@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.oost-vlaanderen.be

Opening hours

Accessible from sunrise to sunset.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Discover everything about floriculture in East Flanders.
- Take a lovely walk among the roses and park trees.
- Discover the 500-year-old beeches and pedunculate oaks in copses. Every year, they provide highly sought-after seeds for planting new nature areas in Flanders.
- Pretend you're on the coast while wandering through the old inland river dunes in Wetteren. They are protected landscapes.

▶ Public transportation

- Take bus 27 or 28 (Wetteren/Dendermonde) and get off at the ASZ hospital stop or the Warandestraat stop.

15. Het Gentbos Provincial Domain

The Gentbos is located just south of Merelbeke centre. The forest is 28 hectares in size, allowing for plenty of pleasant walks there. You will find complete relaxation at the shores of the pond or along the vast grassy area. The paths in the Gentbos can be muddy, so it's best to wear appropriate shoes. This forest is not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.

▶ www.oost-vlaanderen.be (dutch version)

Address

Poelstraat
(close to house number 180)
9820 Merelbeke
natuur@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.oost-vlaanderen.be

Opening hours

Accessible from sunrise to sunset.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Discover the typical storey structure with herb, shrub, and tree layers in this naturally managed forest.
- Look for or listen to the over 50 bird species that live in the Gentbos.
- The renovated permeable car park is an example of how you can help combat drought.

▶ Public transportation

- Take bus 49 Ghent/Herzele/Geraardsbergen and get off at the Merelbeke/Poelstraat stop.

16. Scheepswerven Baasrode Provincial Heritage Site

The shipyards in Baasrode are some of the best-preserved old shipyards in Europe. Come visit this unique site and learn about the history of local ship-building, about traditional crafts and techniques, and about the barges and the families that live on board. Admire the workshop and its authentic machines, see how a genuine eel cutter is built, and visit the model builders.

▶ www.scheepswervenbaasrode.be (dutch version)

Address

Sint-Ursmarusstraat 137
9200 Dendermonde-Baasrode
tel. 052 33 35 00
scheepswervenbaasrode@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.scheepswervenbaasrode.be

Opening hours

Saturdays and Sundays
from 2 to 6 p.m.

▶ Don't miss out!

- The authentic workshops with machines from the 19th and early 20th century.
- The two ships Lauranda and Alyv.
- The fascinating exhibitions.
- Schatten van Vlieg treasure hunts in July and August.

▶ Public transportation

- Baasrode Shipyards is served by lines 245, 252, 253, 254, and 275 of De Lijn.

17. Ename

Provincial Heritage Site

The whole village of Ename exudes history. There is the archaeological site with the remains of an abbey, the village centre with the centuries old, restored St Laurentius Church and Beaucarne Mansion, and the historically and ecologically valuable Bos t'Ename. Visit the provincial heritage site to learn all about the glorious history of Ename and how to care for heritage. There are regular exhibitions and free events.

▶ www.pam-ename.be (dutch version)

▶ www.oost-vlaanderen.be/erfgoedcentrum (dutch version)

Address

Lijnwaadmarkt 20
9700 Oudenaarde (Ename)
tel. 055 30 90 40
pam-ename@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.pam-ename.be

Lotharingenstraat 1
9700 Oudenaarde (Ename)
tel. 055 30 03 44
erfgoedcentrum@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.oost-vlaanderen.be/erfgoedcentrum

Opening hours

Tuesday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays
1 to 5 p.m.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Events such as Archaeology Days, Open Monuments Day, and Schatten van Vlieg treasure hunts.
- Exhibitions that cater to groups and families with children.
- Discover the centuries old heritage and take a virtual walk through 12th- and 17th-century Ename.

▶ Public transportation

- Take bus 41 (Oudenaarde/Zottegem) from the Oudenaarde NMBS station and get off at the Marktplein Ename stop.
- Book the number 45 on-call bus (09 211 91 91) and get off at stop 61 or 62 (Enameplein or Lijnwaadmarkt).

18. Velzeke Archaeological Centre Provincial Heritage Site

Discover the daily life of our prehistoric and Gallo-Roman ancestors on the basis of archaeological finds from the region in the Velzeke Archaeological Centre.

Take a free guided tour during the weekend; your guide will also take you to visit the Archeodepot to see how those finds are handled and preserved. Fancy a makeover for the whole family? Then follow in the footsteps of the hunter-gatherer, dress in (Gallo-)Roman fashion, or fight like a legionnaire at our annual events and workshops. Whether you're young, old, have a soft spot for archaeology, or just want a fun outing, we'll arrange a tailor-made visit for you.

► www.archeocentrumvelzeke.be (dutch version)

Address

Doolbosweg 2
9620 Velzeke (Zottegem)
tel. 09 360 67 16
arheocentrumvelzeke@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.arheocentrumvelzeke.be

Opening hours

Tuesday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays,
1 to 5 p.m.

► Don't miss out!

- Combine your visit to the Archaeological Centre with an exploration of the Paddestraat and its surroundings.
- Forget about display cabinets! Follow in the footsteps of the archaeologist with replicas in your hand on the weekend.
- Looking for something different, archaeologically speaking, every time? Then don't miss our temporary exhibitions.

► Public transportation

- Take bus 81 Zottegem/Gavere/Deinze from the Zottegem NMBS station to the Velzeke Archaeological Centre or rent a bike at the Fietspunt Zottegem (only during the week).
The Archaeological Centre has a bicycle shed with a charging point.

19. De Kaaihoeve Provincial Nature Education Centre

De Kaaihoeve is a nature education centre with lots to do. Go there to discover nature. There is a garden with natural play equipment, willow huts, and climbing trees. There is also a barefoot path, which is suitable for children and adults with disabilities under supervision. Picnics in the garden or courtyard are also possible.

▶ www.dekaaihoeve.be (dutch version)

Address

Oude Scheldestraat 16
9630 Meilegem (Zwalm)
tel. 055 49 67 96
dekaaihoeve@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.dekaaihoeve.be

Opening hours

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

11 April to 13 October;
Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 6 p.m.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Admire the water birds from the bird watching hut in the Kaaihoeven.
- The garden is worth a visit in all seasons.
- Discover the eight variants of ecological vegetable gardening, including food forests and permaculture gardening.

▶ Public transportation

- The Kaaihoeve can be reached with the on-call bus. Book through the East Flanders on-call bus station on 09 211 91 91.

20. De Gavers Provincial Domain

De Gavers Provincial Domain is the ideal destination for a day out. You can horse around on the playground, in the play forest, or on the trampolines. You can do water sports with canoes, paddle boats, and hydrocycles or laze around on the beach. Take a refreshing dip in the pool. Of course, you can also enjoy the peace and quiet on the hiking and biking trails. Need more action? Then try your hand at laser tag or a lap in the WOW Water Park. Want to enjoy more than one day? You can do so at our 4-star camping site, in the youth hostel, hikers' huts, comfortable bungalows, or safari tent.

Feeling a bit parched or peckish? There is a buffet restaurant with an outdoor dining area in the cafeteria. If you order a drink, you can eat your own picnic in the buffet restaurant's outdoor dining area. There are also a number of benches throughout the domain where you can picnic.

► www.degavers.be (dutch version)

Address

Onkerzelestraat 280
9500 Geraardsbergen
tel. 054 41 63 24
gavers@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.degavers.be

Opening hours

The domain is open every day
from sunrise to sunset.

► Don't miss out!

- Have fun at the WOW Water Park or in a game of laser tag.
- Sail along the Gaverveer in the tour boat.
- Enjoy a walk or a bike ride in the greenery and along the water.

► Public transportation

- Walk along a footpath from the Schendelbeke NMBS station to the domain.
- From Geraardsbergen, take the bus line 76 (Onkerzelestraat stop) or line 87 (Kampstraat stop).
- You can book the on-call bus by calling 09 211 91 91.

21. De Brielmeersen Provincial Domain

At De Brielmeersen, you can enjoy an outing with the children or a walk in the countryside.

There is a playground with more than 40 pieces of equipment for all ages! Children can let off steam on the slides, climbing equipment, swings, climbing nets, seesaws, and climbing towers.

Or they can cool off in the water playground. You can also go hiking in the beautiful nature on the various hiking trails, including around the ornamental pond. Admire different flowers every season and enjoy the cosy corners. While the children are playing, you can have a drink in the cafeteria's outdoor dining area.

▶ www.debrielmeersen.be (dutch version)

Address

Stadionlaan 1
9800 Deinze
tel. 09 380 87 37
debrielmeersen@oost-vlaanderen.be
www.debrielmeersen.be

Opening hours

Every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
(April to October)
and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(November to March).

▶ Don't miss out!

- Visit the animal park with storks, donkeys, sheep, peacocks, and many other animals.
- Play and cavort endlessly on the vast playground.

▶ Public transportation

- Take the bus from the Deinze NMBS station to the Gentpoortstraat Grammat stop via lines 14, 16, 73, 75, 77, 81, 83, 84, 86, 87, and 450; several buses stop at this stop every hour.
It's just a 10-minute walk to De Brielmeersen from there.

22. Hospice forests

These Nazareth woods span no less than 61 hectares. At the end of 2019, the forest was expanded by 3 hectares, totalling some 5,600 saplings. Increasingly more animals and plants are finding their place in this forest. Nature enthusiasts will really get their money's worth here. You can walk or jog on the trails. A guided cycling path runs alongside and through the forest. Mountain bikers and horseback riders can use paths marked with the relevant pictograms. There is also a play area next to the car park. Kids can leave the paths there, under supervision, and play in the woods. There are paved and unpaved paths in the forest. The unpaved paths are less accessible for buggies or wheelchairs in rainy weather.

▶ www.oost-vlaanderen.be (dutch version)

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9810 Nazareth
tel. 09 267 78 02
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▶ Don't miss out!

- Go hiking, cycling, jogging, playing, and horseback riding to your heart's content here.
- Discover the birthplace of the inhabitants of Nazareth.

▶ Public transportation

- The Hospicebos is difficult to reach by public transport. There are options to take from Ghent. See www.delijn.be

Opening hours

Accessible from sunrise to sunset.

23. Groot Vleeshuis

The Groot Vleeshuis is the promotional centre for East Flanders' regional products and is the unique setting to enjoy all the delicacies from East Flanders. Discover our typical products, like beer, jenever, ham, cheese, mustard, cuberdon candies, mattentaarten, etc. You can have a delicious lunch with East Flemish regional products and enjoy East Flemish coffee and snacks in the afternoon. You'll find numerous gift packages including local products in the local produce shop. You can also put together a package yourself, it's a great gift to give or receive.

▶ www.grootvleeshuis.be (dutch version)

Address

Groentenmarkt 7
9000 Ghent
tel. 09 223 23 24
info@grootvleeshuis.be
www.grootvleeshuis.be

Opening hours

Every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
except on Mondays.

▶ Don't miss out!

- Taste regional products from 52 East Flemish regional and farm producers in the Groot Vleeshuis.
- The Groot Vleeshuis is recognised by the city of Ghent as a child-friendly restaurant.
- No fewer than 60 real hams hang to dry on the historic trusses of the roof.

▶ Public transportation

- By train to Gent-Sint-Pieters station, then tram 1 to the Korenmarkt.
Or take the train to Gent-Dampoort, then take a leisurely 15-minute walk;
or take the bus to the Korenmarkt.

24. Experience the countryside in East Flanders

The Province is committed to www.beleefhetplatteland.be, which bundles the range of activities for active farms and greenhouses that welcome groups. There are guided tours and workshops for adults and/or children. Gather your friends and make it wildly fun and tasty.

Curious about what the East Flanders countryside has to offer? Choose your favourite spot near or far.

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25. Do you have a limited budget and need some help planning your outing?

A Rap op Stap office helps people with a limited budget find a fun outing or activity. They will work with you to find out what best suits your needs and give you free advice on inexpensive holidays, day trips, and various activities. You don't need to be a member or make an appointment. You can just drop in during opening hours!

The offices also check whether you qualify for certain benefits or discounts. For example, the Ename Provincial Heritage Site and the De Gavers, Puyenbroeck, and De Boerekreek Provincial Domains offer individual discounts for people with a limited budget.

The office also helps with the practical planning of your outing: putting together the budget and finding suitable transport. From train to (overnight) accommodations, they will help you on your way. You can find an overview of the offices here. More offices are being added all the time! Is your municipality not included? Do you not live in East Flanders? Then go to www.rapopstap.be to find your nearest office.

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