



# Walk through three Amsterdam city parks

Distance; 12 km

This walk takes you through three different city parks and the city centre of Amsterdam.

The parks - Erasmuspark, Rembrandtpark and Vondelpark - each have their own character and atmosphere. The most famous park in Amsterdam is the Vondelpark with nice winding paths and beautiful ponds, but it is also the most crowded park. The Erasmuspark, on the other hand, is an oasis of peace with its beautiful statues and special bridges and in the modest Rembrandtpark you can meet the funny pigs in the petting zoo.

Start: Station Amsterdam Sloterdijk

Finish: Amsterdam Centraal Station



## From Sloterdijk Station to the Erasmuspark

Leave the station via the main exit and turn left. On the left side you will see the Holiday Inn Express. At the end, before the NS logo (of another station entrance), turn right and walk underneath the track and turn left (Radarweg). At the large intersection you go straight on to the Arlandaweg. Before the bridge, turn left at the street light. After the underpasses turn right, cross the busy road and walk straight ahead. In the left corner turn right diagonally (this is an unpaved path). At the end of the road, cross over to the other side and turn left to the Wiltzanghlaan. After house no. 83 you turn right to the Akbarstraat. Walk on the left side.

After the building on nr 38, just before the big crossing, turn left towards the Piet Paaltjespad. After the gate at the end at the intersection on the Schaapherderstraat walk straight on, continue to Piet Paaltjespad. At the end turn right and then turn left under the viaduct. After approx. 100m turn right at the wide road with trees in the middle (the Gulden Winckelplantsoen).

At the intersection of the Bos en Lommerweg (with Bos en Lommerplein) go straight on. In the left corner turn right, walk down the stairs and after house no. 191 go left (Elckerlijcstraat). At the end of the canal you turn right and then turn left across the bridge. After the bridge go left again to the Erasmusgracht and walk straight ahead into the Erasmuspark.



## From the Erasmuspark to the Rembrandtpark

After 30m, at the 2nd streetlight, turn right, go down the stairs and go to the left. Follow the platform path. Go up the stairs and turn right. At the street light turn right and walk across the bridge 'Lof Der Zotheid' and back into the Erasmuspark. After the bridge, on the 1st wide path, turn right. Turn left before the lawn. On your left you will pass a botanical garden where you will probably want to take a look. Turn right at the concrete picnic benches, turn left at the clock. You will now leave this park.

At the crossroads after the Desiderius bridge go straight ahead (Vespuccistraat). At the intersection with the tram track turn right (Jan Evertsenstraat). At the large intersection (Mercatorplein) go straight ahead. Turn left before the bridge and immediately right into the Rembrandtpark.



## From the Rembrandtpark to the Vondelpark

Before the water follow the path on the left side. At the ANWB post 14848 turn right across the bridge. Attention: Turn left immediately after the bridge; a narrow high path along the water on your left.

At the end turn right after the bridge and turn left in front of the petting zoo. At lamppost 132084 turn left, ignore the right path a bit further on. At the end of the path turn left. Next to the pond turn right (on your left you will see a green statue). Go straight across the bridge and continue through the tunnel. At the next intersection turn right, cross the bridge and follow the path. Shortly after that turn left at the benches and follow the left side of the grass. On the left side you will see a pond and some shrubs which you walk past. You end up on a path with a small bridge on the left. Don't cross it, but go straight ahead at lamppost 64472 on the path with a small lawn on the left.

At the intersection you walk straight ahead and a little further you cross the bridge. Then on your right (looking through the trees) you will see a large white building. At the corner of it, you take the first path to the left and a little further you cross a wooden bridge. At the 1st crossing after the bench, turn right, over the footpath. Then walk along the canal (on the left), keep walking along it, go down the road and then follow the paths along the water. At the end, at ANWB post 14776, turn left and cross the wide bridge. At the intersection turn left (Theophile de Bockstraat). Go straight ahead at the large intersection and continue straight ahead at the drawbridge (Schinkelhavenkade).



## The Vondelpark

Walk straight ahead at the intersection, you are now entering the Vondelpark. This is a narrow park of 2km with an enormous amount of paths making it difficult to follow directions. Take a walk through the Vondelpark at your own discretion. Check the map on here, or the map at the entrance of the park. The most beautiful are the paths along the left banks of the ponds.

No matter how you walk through this park, you will get to a much more narrow path (funnel shape). Walk through a tunnel with then only one option: walk straight on to head out of the park.



## The centre of Amsterdam

After the exit cross the busy road at the tram track. You can now put away these directions, as from this point you follow the municipal signs (the dark ones) that lead you to back to the Central Station.

You walk over the boisterous Leidseplein, the busy Leidsestraat (watch out for the trams), the Singel, the Rokin and of course the Dam Square. Of course you can also walk to the station as you wish (or take the tram).

### Suggested routes for Amsterdam city centre:

- Walk from the Vondelpark across the Max Euwe Square to the Leidseplein
- Walk past the Schouwburg into the Leidsestraat and turn left onto the Prinsengracht
- Walk through the Runstraat to the Spui (visit the world famous Begijnhof)
- Enter the Spuistraat and cross the Rokin
- Walk in the direction of Oudemanhuispoort, along the university buildings
- Enter the Staalstraat
- Cross the Amstel river and walk in the direction of Waterlooplein
- Walk down the Sint Antoniebreestraat to the Nieuwmarkt
- Now walk down the Gelderse Kade to Amsterdam CS