

Twickel is a unique historical country estate in Twente and offers excellent possibilities for a (family) outing. The estate is no less than 4.100 ha. The forest not only has her age-old oak trees, brooks and wooded banks, but also offers rolling fields, meadows and heathland, along which you will find beautiful paths where you can either cycle or walk. You can also visit the well-known park surrounding Twickel castle, it's vegetable garden and the estate shop.



A rich history

The Twickel estate was established during the Middle Ages. Between 1347 and 1953 Twickel was continually passed on from father to son or daughter. Hence the estate came into possession of the following families, such as Van Twickelo, Van Raesfelt, Van Wassenaar Obdam and Van Heeckeren van Wassenaer. The last owner, baroness Van Heeckeren van Wassenaer, countess Van Aldenburg Bentinck, who had no children of her own, decided in 1953 to establish a foundation in order to preserve the estate as a nature reserve and cultural monument. Twickel is now one of the largest and best preserved private estates in The Netherlands.

Twickel Castle

The castle is situated in the centre of the estate. The oldest parts, among which the tower at the front, date from the 15th century. Throughout the centuries the castle has been extended and beautified. Thus the buildings, stables and coach house, situated in the



forecourt, were added to Twickel castle during the 18th century. Twickel is still inhabited and has a vulnerable interior, which is the reason why visiting by the public is limited. However it is possible to partake in a guided tour through the house during several days of the year.



Gardens & Park

Twickel castle is well-known for its beautiful park. The gardens have been developed by the various generations and give us a good impression of the history of the garden since the Renaissance. For instance, you can find a formal garden with clipped figures of the taxus and buxus (yew) trees. The ornamental garden in Victorian style has been designed by the last baroness. The surrounding park, with its large water gardens, were developed in English landscape style during the 18th and 19th century.



Orangery

You can find the historical Orangery in the park near the house, which was built in the first half of the 19th century and serves as winter residence for the tropical and subtropical plants, such as the 300 year old orange trees. During the summer months the Orangery is used for events and exhibitions, and where also refreshments are served with something delectable to eat as well.



The Vegetable Garden

Next to the park lies the large walled-in vegetable garden where traditionally vegetables, fruits and flowers are cultivated. The vegetable garden is still very functional for the castle. It also is a living monument for visitors with its characteristic elements such as the impressive hothouse (Iron House), the trained fruit trees along the walls, the rhubarb in bleach pots and the lettuce under the glass cloches (bell-jars).



Estate shop | Visitors Centre

Near the castle across the parking area, lies the Estate shop. In this entrance building towards the park one can find information about the estate, events, things worth seeing, tours and group arrangements. Besides all this, there are the Twickel articles you can buy, such as books, walking and bicycle routes, terra cotta pottery, table-linen, wine, jams and honey. Plus local products from the tenant farmers, such as cheese and local meat products.

Walking along the Umfassungsweg

The 'Umfassungsweg', which is marked by posts engraved with UW, is a walking route of about 11 kilometers (5.6 miles) long. The route was named after the German landscape architect Petzold, who was commissioned in 1890 by baron Van Heeckeren van Wassenaer for various improvements and alterations and

has left a lasting impression on the estate. The path encompasses the heart of the Twickel estate and gives a beautiful impression of the scenic diversity found in Twente. The route leads you along the castle, through the forest, via half-open meadows, across a plank-ing path, through the nature reserve Koematenveld, until the end of the Twickelerlaan and thus finally arriving at the imposing Deldeneresch.



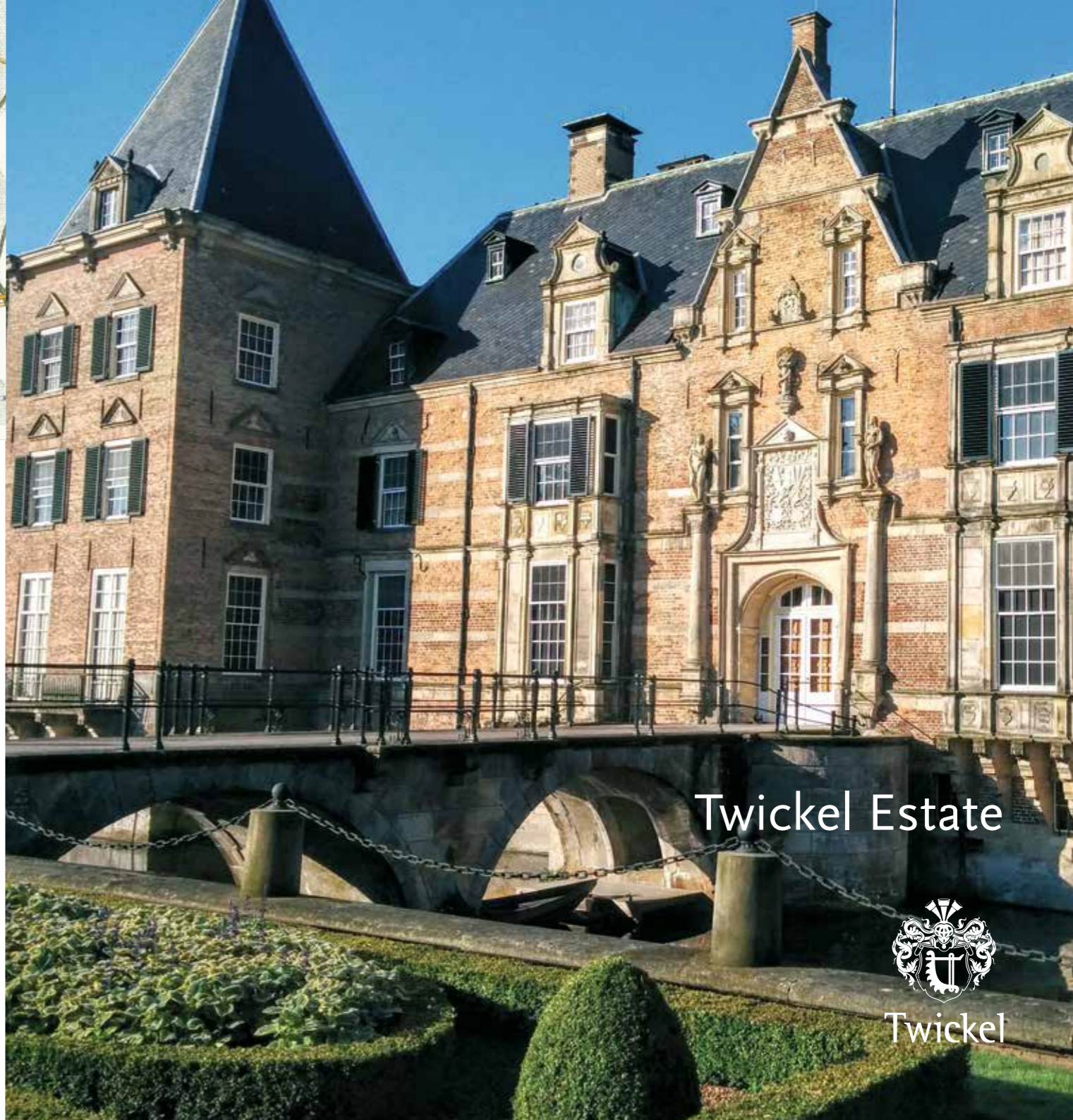
Other points of interest

The Twickel Estate not only has the castle with surrounding park, but also has 150 farmhouses and many other special buildings. Nearly all these buildings can be recognized by the typical black and white shutters, which is the 'logo' of Twickel.

Nice to visit are amongst other things:

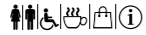
- Twickeler sawmill
Zaagmolenweg 1, Delden
- The historic oil mill Noordmolen
Noordmolen 5, Ambt Delden
- The Museum farm Wendezoele
Twickelerlaan 14, Ambt Delden
- The water mill Oldemeule
Oldemeulenweg 2, Oele
- The nature reserve the Breeriet
Bornsevoetpad, Ambt Delden - limited accessibility; guided tour on demand via the Estate shop
- Coachbuilding workshop Van den Barg
Bornsevoetpad 1, Ambt Delden





Opening hours and Entrance fees

- The Estate Shop | Visitors Centre
Twickelerlaan 7, Ambt Delden



Selling of Estate products and information centre. Opening times: From April through October on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10.00-17.00 hrs. From November through March on Fridays through Sundays from 11.00-16.00 hrs.

- Gardens & Park

Twickelerlaan 7, Ambt Delden



Admission, group reservations, guided tour on demand via the Estate shop. Opening times: From April through October on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10.00-17.00 hrs. For admission fees, see twickel.nl.

- Twickel Castle

Twickelerlaan 1, Ambt Delden

Open for castle concerts and castle tours. For information, fees and reservation, see twickel.nl

- Vegetable garden

Twickelerlaan 11, Ambt Delden



Open for visiting and sale of vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants. Opening times: May through November on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 13.00-16.00 hrs. No admission fee.

Agenda

For the current events, see twickel.nl

Information and Reservations

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Friends of Twickel

The Organization Friends of Twickel applies to everybody, young as well as old, for all those who find it important to preserve the nature- and cultural-historical values of this estate. For more information, see vriendenvantwickel.nl (friends of Twickel).



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