

# Welkom!

## GREETINGS!

We are so glad you chose to visit us today. Our pledge is to make today be an amazing experience for you and your family. We think you will find our co-workers to be some of the friendliest people around.

As you walk around the park, please keep in mind that many of the demonstrations are on a set schedule, so it is important to use the guidefolder insert and look for the times posted at each demonstration. But the best way to decide what's next is just ask one of the staff!

Listed below are descriptions of the interesting items that aren't numbered or listed on the schedule of events.

## CARILLON BELL CONCERT

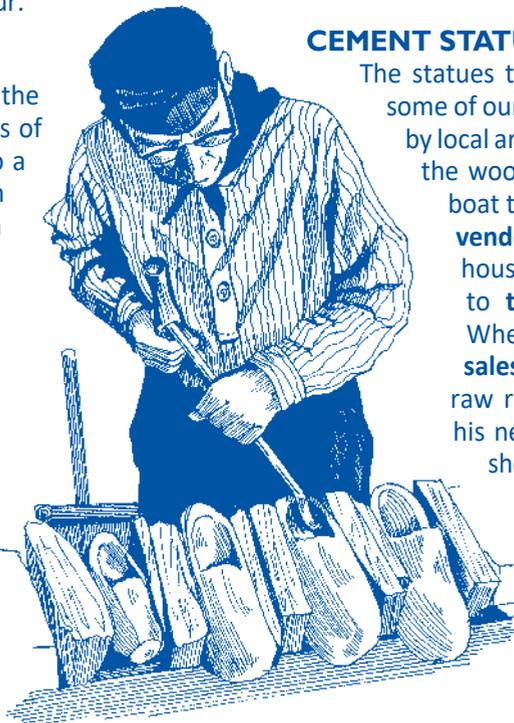
Our 25-bell carillon was imported from Royal Eijsbouts in Asten, Netherlands in 1991. Throughout the world, carillons can be found atop landmarks and churches. Ours plays a song on the hour and the half hour.

## PROVINCIAL FLAGS

The 12 flags along the entrance to the carillon bell tower are the provincial flags of the Netherlands. A province is similar to a U.S. state. As recently as 1986 the Dutch completed the reclamation of their 12th and newest province, Flevoland.

## UP ON THE ROOFTOPS

Many of our roofs feature a very famous building material used throughout the Netherlands. The bright orange roof tiles have been used in the 'old country' for hundreds of years and are made of clay. They are often re-used after salvaging from an old building. Some of our roof tiles are over 50 years old and therefore have survived all kinds of crazy Michigan weather in all four seasons.



## WAGONS AND CARTS

Our wagons and carts each had a specific use and were powered by horses, goat, dogs and bicycles. They were used for delivering mail, transporting people & products and hauling manure. On the narrow streets of Holland, the small carts and wagons were more maneuverable and vendors often sold fish, bread, flowers and other goods.

## THE PURPOSE OF WINDMILLS

Windmills are a common sight throughout the Dutch countryside. They were built for many different purposes, such as sawing wood, grinding grain or moving water. Our mill located along the rose garden, is an authentic polder mill (*poldermolen*) and was used to move water to drain land. As much of the Netherlands is below sea level, windmills (especially polder mills like ours) played an integral role in keeping the land dry and habitable.

## CEMENT STATUARY

The statues throughout the park were modeled after some of our own Villagers and handcrafted in cement by local artist Joyce Sweers. The **bridge tender** drops the wooden shoe to collect a toll from a passing boat that needs the bridge to be raised. **Cheese vendors** transport their products to the weigh house. **The baker** transports his fresh products to **the farmer's wife** by bicycle (*bakfiets*.) When the fleet comes in from the sea, **the fish salesman** sells a herring (*haring*) to be eaten raw right at dockside. **The netmender** repairs his net - notice the long points on his wooden shoes which hold the net. **Pieter** with his finger in the dike and **the priest** represent the fairy tale by Mary Mapes Dodge of the boy who saved Holland by plugging a leak in the dike with his finger.

Thanks so much for visiting us today!  
Dank je wel!



When you get home and if you have the time, please write a review of your experience with us on TripAdvisor.

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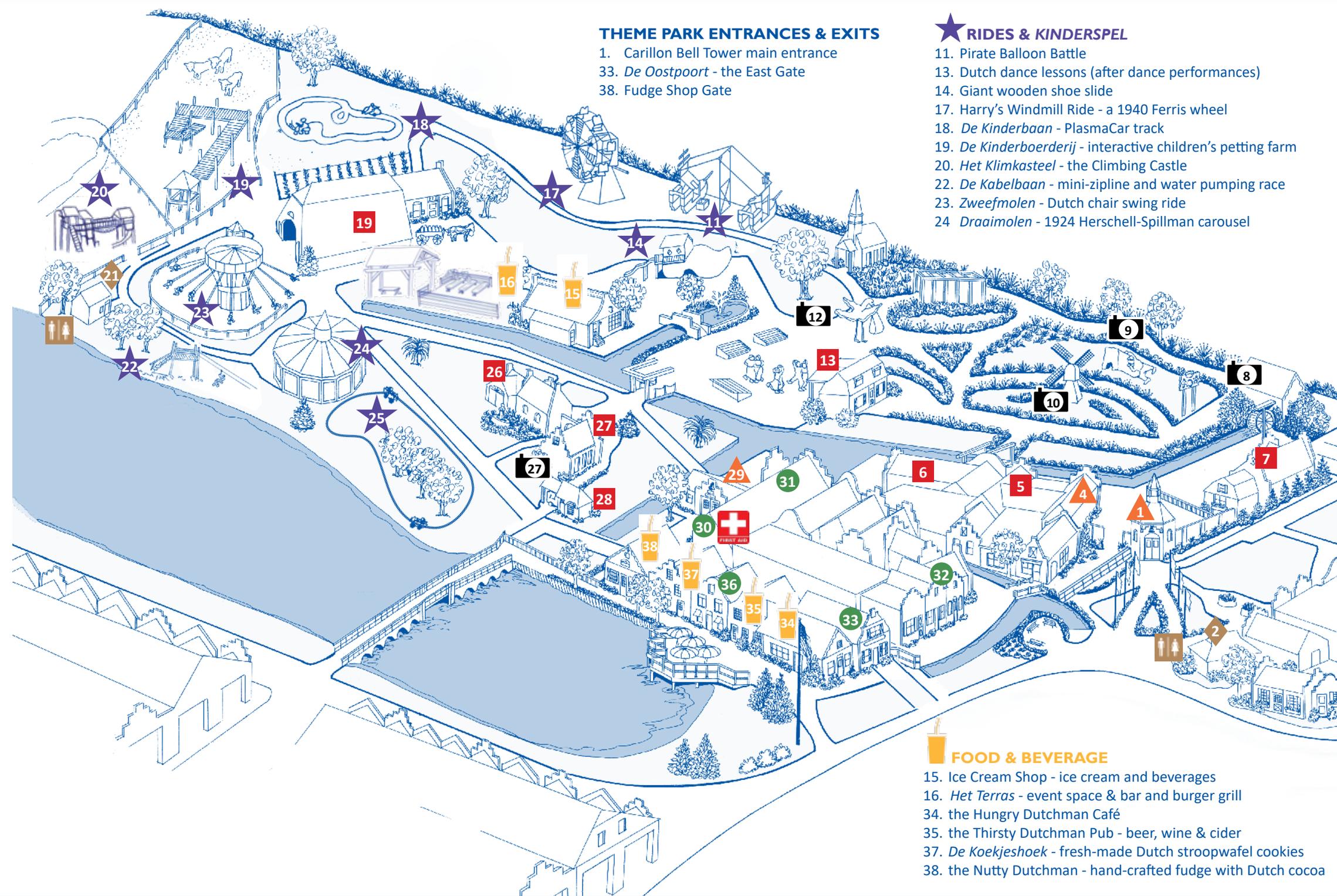
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# NELIS' DUTCH VILLAGE GUIDE FOLDER





**THEME PARK ENTRANCES & EXITS**

- 1. Carillon Bell Tower main entrance
- 33. *De Oostpoort* - the East Gate
- 38. Fudge Shop Gate

**★ RIDES & KINDERSPEL**

- 11. Pirate Balloon Battle
- 13. Dutch dance lessons (after dance performances)
- 14. Giant wooden shoe slide
- 17. Harry's Windmill Ride - a 1940 Ferris wheel
- 18. *De Kinderbaan* - PlasmaCar track
- 19. *De Kinderboerderij* - interactive children's petting farm
- 20. *Het Klimkasteel* - the Climbing Castle
- 22. *De Kabelbaan* - mini-zipline and water pumping race
- 23. *Zweefmolen* - Dutch chair swing ride
- 24. *Draaimolen* - 1924 Herschell-Spillman carousel

**▲ SELF-GUIDED / ON-GOING**

- 1. Carillon Bell Music - on the hour & Westminster chime
- 4. the Children's Corner - *Sjoelen* (Dutch shuffleboard) & 'Color a delft paper plate'
- Hardewyk Chapel & antique Dutch wedding wagon
- 29. Nelis Tulip Farm exhibit & tulip bulb ordering
- 30. Dutch cheese tasting - over 25 varieties

**■ SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATIONS**

- 5. Delftware making & the VanderWilt antique collection
- 6. Wooden shoe carver - demonstrations by hand and machine
- 7. Event Center - coming soon
- 13. Dutch dancing & *De Gouden Engel* - Golden Angel street organ
- 19. Friesian farmhouse and barn
- 26. the Kolean Museum - antiques, costumes and family histories
- 27. *Waaggebouw* - replica of a weighhouse from *Oudewater*
- 28. *De Oude School* - one-room schoolhouse
- 30. Old Dutch farmhouse cheese making & discovering dutch cocoa

**◆ GUEST SERVICES**

- 1. Lost & Found (including lost parents)
- 2. North Restrooms
- 21. South Restrooms
- 30. First Aid

Bandages and antiseptic available for boo-boos and owies in the following locations: #1, #13, #19 and #23

Or for any issue, ask any employee to call the Manager on Duty.

**📷 PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES**

- 8. *Watterrad* - water wheel & Dutch Village Royalty
- 9. "*Pieter and the Dijk*" - The Boy Who Saved Holland
- 10. *Poldermolen* - windmill for pumping water
- 12. the Giant Stork - a favorite of generations of visitors
- 13. Photos with Dutch dancers (after dance performances)
- 27. Photo cut out - Making memories at Nelis' Dutch Village

**● SHOPPING**

- 30. *'t Kaasmeisje* - Dutch cheese, snacks and drinks
- 31. Handpainted delftware, christmas shop, t-shirts, Dutch lace, delft tiles, German beer steins and cuckoo clocks
- 32. Wooden shoes (*Klompen*) wooden tulips, wooden bowls, toys and delft blue & Holland, Michigan souvenirs
- 33. *De Oostpoort* - small selection of gifts and souvenirs
- 36. the Dutch Market - Dutch foods, cheeses and chocolates

**🍷 FOOD & BEVERAGE**

- 15. Ice Cream Shop - ice cream and beverages
- 16. *Het Terras* - event space & bar and burger grill
- 34. the Hungry Dutchman Café
- 35. the Thirsty Dutchman Pub - beer, wine & cider
- 37. *De Koekjeshoek* - fresh-made Dutch stroopwafel cookies
- 38. the Nutty Dutchman - hand-crafted fudge with Dutch cocoa