

19. The Van Gogh Wheel

Collse Watermill, Collseweg 3-5, Eindhoven (Tongelre)

THE HAPPY SPOT

The thirty year old Van Gogh lived with his parents in Nuenen between 1883 and 1885, not far from Eindhoven. This watermill can be seen in his works. It is more than 700 years old. Van Gogh and his friends often painted here. A group of volunteers ensures that the mill is in operation every Saturday morning. It sits in a beautiful area of nature along the Kleine Dommel.

WHAT MAKES US HAPPY HERE?

Knowing that this was a happy place for one of the greatest painters of all time.

THE HAPPINESS TIPS

BRING COLOR TO YOUR LIFE

- Van Gogh painted the melancholic 'The Potato Eaters' in 1885. Then he left for the south. Three years later, his works were bursting with color. Can you think of a period in your life that was difficult? What strengths did you use, and can still use, to once again **bring color to your life**?
- Everyone can draw, sketch, paint, photograph ... Make a small sketch or take a photo in this place that expresses your feelings. Perhaps consider taking a course in one of **the arts**. It is well known that this can make people happy.
- Van Gogh received little to no recognition during his lifetime. What would you want to get recognition for? From whom do you sometimes get recognition? Of whom are you particularly **appreciative and grateful** for? Have you ever told them? Do it! Expressing it makes both the recipient and the sender of the message happy.

EVEN MORE HAPPINESS

Not long ago, a very special bike path was laid between Eindhoven and Nuenen – the Van Gogh Roosegaarde path. This path features specially developed technology. Sparkling stones give the perception of Van Gogh's starry night. It is part of the Brabant Van Gogh cycling route that connects Vincent van Gogh heritage sites throughout Brabant. It is in Nuenen where Van Gogh produced his first masterpiece 'The Potato Eaters' and where the Opwettense watermill (Opwettenseweg 203, Nuenen) and Collse watermill inspired his paintings. The new, illuminated bicycle path connects these two mills.