

20. The Berenkuil Chameleon

Under the Insulindelaan and Prof. Dorgelolaan traffic intersection, Eindhoven (Tongelre)

THE HAPPY SPOT

This underground junction of bicycle paths is a large open-air museum for graffiti artists. Since the 90s, they have been able to legally create their masterpieces here. A rare find, and one of the largest and most special of its kind in the world of graffiti. Come experience the lure of aerosol paint and be surprised by all the vividly colored pictures, each with their own unique messages.

WHAT MAKES US HAPPY HERE?

The creative freedom – an opportunity to express oneself. The Berenkuil is a dynamic place, accessible to all, where new works are displayed every week. A chameleon that is created by all. Not vandalism, but art: we consider it, make the place more beautiful with it, and give meaning with it.

THE HAPPINESS TIPS:

- View the works as part of a large open-air exhibit. Which work speaks to you the most? Why? **Take a 'selfie'** beside that particular work and send it to your friends. Include a personal message about yourself and how the image relates to you.
- Imagine that you created **your own piece of graffiti artwork** here. What message would you want it to communicate and what images and colors would you use?
- Find the **'Buurman en Buurman'** painting. This picture of the two always-positive friends has been here for over 30 years. Out of respect, nobody has ever altered it. Who is your best, positive friend? Tell him or her!

EVEN MORE HAPPINESS

- Come in June for the annual event **'Step in the Area'**. During the event, a large bar is set up in the middle of the space and 10,000 visitors come out to watch the international graffiti artists.
- Take a walk or jog around the large pond located near the Insulindelaan. More than 50 benches line the pond waiting for you to take a moment of rest.