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Recreational 'junction' network

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A junction in the regional bicycle network with signs and networkmap

Introduction

In The Netherlands 31% of all social-recreational trips are done by bike. To serve and promote recreational cycling The Netherlands always had bicycle signing in recreational area's.

Nowadays new signing systems are introduced, combined with several services.

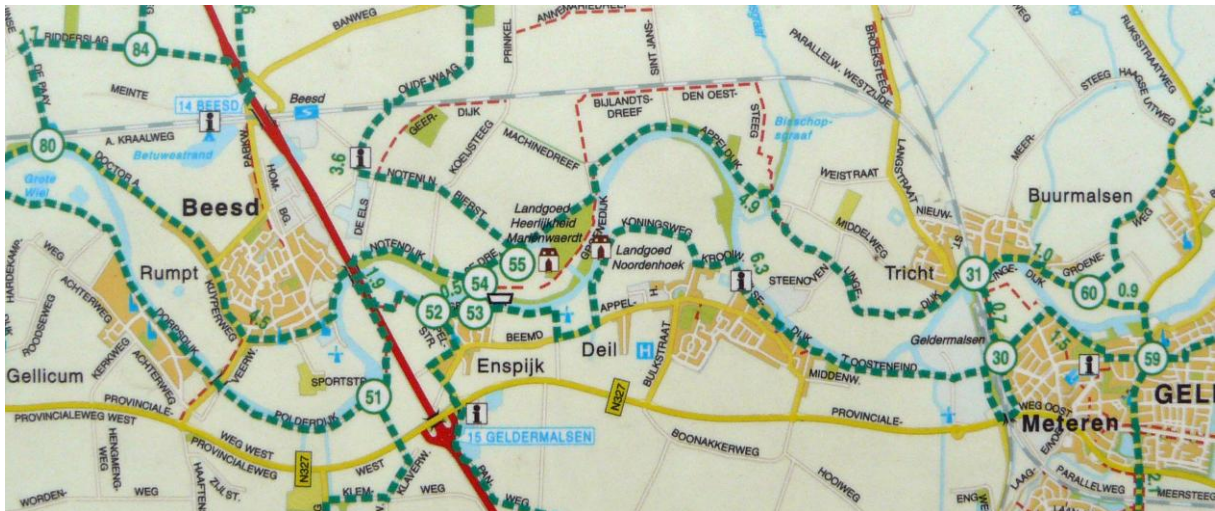
The 'junction' networks

Cycling is after walking the most important means of recreational day activity. There are around 232 million trips a year.

An important recent development are the regional 'junction' networks. That's an intricate regional network wich enables many of the circuits in the region.

The junctions are numbered. Every junction is provided with a networkmap and signing. The principle is that you cycle from number to number.

These networks became very popular in a short time.



Fragment of a recreational 'junction' network bicycle map. The junction numbers are clearly seen. The green dotted lines are the bicycle routes



The networkmap and the signing you find on every junction

New facilities for the recreational cyclists and electrical bikes

Since last year the regional junction networks are improved with so called 'bicycle stops' (in Dutch: Fietsstop). Bicycle stops are facilities for the recreational cyclist. Mostly at restaurants, etc. You find catering, parking facilities for your bike, information, a toolbox for maintenance and power supply for electric bicycles at these bicycle stops.



The bicycle stops are well signed. Note the pic for power supply



A typical scene at a bicycle point: a restaurant, bicycle parking, networkmaps and touristic information and facilities for power supply for electric bicycles

