# Map Waterdunen

# **Discover** Waterdunen





From the car park on Walendijk, you walk past the bike shed over the bridge and into the nature area. The pied avocet, goose and little egret will be waiting for you. Two of the three walking routes start here. Throughout the area, theme panels provide information about what what's on that spot.





### Birdwatching huts for

In the west of the area, you will find 2 birdwatching huts, the Kiekeboe and Koekeloere. These two birdwatching huts are especially designed for children.

### Birdwatching huts along the central path

Along the central path, you will find another 2 birdwatching huts: the Koloniehut, with a view over the breeding islands, and the Trekvogelhut, with a view over the inlets.



In the middle of Waterdunen, special bird breeding islands have been created. With their thick layer of shells, these islands are popular with ground nesting birds. The great tern, little tern, black-headed gull and common tern breed their eggs here and raise their children in the spring.





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# **Visit** Waterdunen

# Welcome in Waterdunen





The tidal culvert connects the Western Scheldt and the Waterdunen creek system. Twice a day, saltwater flows in and out of the area through the culvert. This reduced tide creates saline nature with mudflats, salt marshes and channels.





### Saline cultivation

The oyster gully has been dug for the cultivation of ovsters and other shellfish. Entrepreneurs and students from HZ University of Applied Sciences are testing which methods work and studying saline aquaculture. Entrepreneurs are also experimenting with saline herbs and vegetables, like Mediterranean Sea Lavender, Salicornia, Rock Samphire, Sea Banana, Tree Purslane, and Lesser Sea-spurrey.



Leisure company Molecaten is building a campsite and holiday homes in the area. They hope to welcome their first guests in spring 2023.



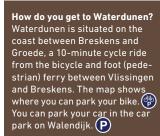


### More information

Would you like more information about the Waterdunen project? If so, visit www.waterdunen.com

You can book excursions via Het Zeeuwse Landschap foundation. Visit <u>www.hetzeeuwseland-</u> schap.nl/eropuit. Information about the construction of recreational park Molecaten is available at www.molecaten.nl/waterdunen

Five parties work together at Waterdunen. These are the Province of Zeeland, municipality of Sluis, waterboard Scheldestromen, leisure company Molecaten and Het Zeeuwse Landschap foundation.



### Practical information:

Between sunrise and sunset, you have free access to the marked walking routes. There are 3 circular walks of 4.5 km, 5.5 km and 9 km. Some parts are unpaved, so make sure you wear sturdy boots. Dogs are not allowed in the area (except in the east of the area near the Langeweg/Kieweg entrance). Want to experience Waterdunen by bike? Explore the cycle path around Waterdunen.



### Welcome to Waterdunen

Waterdunen is a unique 350-hectare nature and recreation area on the coast of West-Zeeland-Flanders. Tides play an important role here. Walk along the paths and bridges and get close to the birds that rest, eat and nest here. And enjoy nature.

