

Leisure and culture



Sauna & Wasserwelten Bahia

A unique place for leisure and wellness in a Caribbean atmosphere, deep pool with convertible roof, aqua-choice slide and an award-winning sauna landscape.



LWL-Museum Textilwerk

Industrial museum - visit the weaving mill and hear the looms clatter just like they did a hundred years ago. The imposing rooms in the spinning mill offer the perfect backdrop for exhibitions and cultural events.



Aasee

This recreational area is only 1 km away from the city centre. Especially popular are the children's playgrounds and recreational complexes, as well as the swimming bay with beach café.



Stadtwald

Pure relaxation in a beautiful forest with old trees, a beautiful avenue, quiet walking paths, ponds, animal preservers, an idyllic playground and a Western restaurant with a large terrace.



LauschTOUR App

For anyone who prefers to do their own digital city walk, the free LauschTOUR app of the Bocholter Aa is the perfect choice. More than 40 listening points along the Bocholter Aa invite you to listen. There is much to explore.



All holiday flats and hotels, more info and bookings



We would be happy to send you detailed information.

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Step by step - Discover Bocholt

shopping, culture, cycling, hiking, enjoying



BOCHOLT

free flyer with city centre map





Discover Bocholt step by step

- 1. Historic Town Hall**
1618–1624, Dutch Renaissance, eight-bay passage with sandstone sculptures; majestic gables with the city's patron saint George and a statue of Lady Justice; dormer windows with stained glass images of the four civic virtues: justice, courage, wisdom and temperance. Below the dormer windows: city's coat of arms with beech. Today the town hall is home to the registry office; formerly: guardhouse, meat market, scales and court.
- 2. St. Georg Church and Treasury**
1415–1486 ancestral Cath. rectory, late Gothic hall, two piers in the western bell tower still show the state after the bombing in 1945. Forked cross from 1310/11. Memorial plaque for Israhel van Meckenen, died 1503 in Bocholt. The art chamber – goldsmithing, vestments, paintings, handwriting and panels (14th/15th century). By the west portal: Madonna, without child (!), memorial to a pledge during World War II.
- 3. Historical bronze city model**
erected for the city's 800th anniversary in 2022, right behind the historic town hall, artist: Egbert Broerken
- 4. Windspiel Crispinusplatz**
Mobile artwork by Berlin artist Hein Sinken, 1984
- 5. Kolping Monument**
1964, bronze monument by sculptor Heinz Hölker shows Adolph Kolping amongst his family of journeymen. Plaque commemorates former Franciscan abbey, later Weißes Stift monastery.
- 6. Synagogue Memorial**
Dedicated in 1978, destroyed during the Reichspogromnacht in 1938. A commemorative plaque reminds of the deported and murdered Jewish citizens. The prayer lectern contains the Decalogue panel "You shall not murder!" (6th Jewish commandment). In the main hall of the Innungskrankenkasse (health insurance): permanent exhibit "Erinnerungsstätte Synagoge" (Synagogue Memorial).
- 7. Lichtstele**
17 m concrete pillar, diverse reflection of light with multifaceted grinding of aluminum surface; built in 1984 by the artist Prof. Heinz Mack.
- 8. Mariengymnasium with carved-door**
Public school, built in 1866 as a private girls' school. At the west entrance – directly beyond the Aa bridge – there is an interesting wooden door depicting images from a child's world of play by the Bocholt artist Manes Schlatt.
- 9. Town Hall Berliner Platz**
Architect Gottfried Böhm, 1977, in the form of a textile mill as island structure; western facade with type painting: Bocholt coat of arms tree and historical dates. (currently closed due to renovation)
- 10. Obelisk**
Reproduction of a Prussian milestone on Berliner Platz; on the base: Partner cities and honorary citizens of the city.
- 11. Mauerschornstein**
This smokestack – an industrial monument from a former textile mill – is the only octagonal chimney in the Münsterland region, stonewalled, bricked, braced with metal strips. There were about 50 industrial smokestacks in the Bocholt cityscape until the 1950s.
- 12. Fuckepott**
"Fuckepott" = traditional name for the "hissing" steam engine. Industrial monument for a horizontal steam engine from 1894. In 1852 the first steam engine was installed in a textile mill in Bocholt.
- 13. DÉFI**
Bronze sculpture 'DÉFI' by artist Nicolas Lavarenne, for the 800th anniversary of the city in 2022.
- 14. "Den Opfern"**
"To the victims" – created in 1970 by the Israeli sculptor Ellen Bernkopf as a warning and memorial to the victims of World Wars, concentration camps and destruction of cities and rural areas.
- 15. Information plaque on city wall**
Foundation of old city wall, rediscovered in 1986 and documented on the paving along the wall. Panels on the wall across from the parking garage with the various reconstructions of the modified fortification from 1200 through 1650 (see plaques on the wall).



- 16. Stolpersteine**
Since 2007 more than 40 stones ("stumbling blocks") in the pavement serve as memorials to the victims of the Nazis. One of the stones can be found in front of Königstraße 9.
- 17. Ostermarkt**
With market woman and course of the Aa. The course of the river, with representative buildings, is carved into the pavement.
- 18. Stadtmuseum Bocholt**
Museum of history, art and culture, featuring the art collection of goldsmith and copper engraver Israhel van Meckenen. (Currently closed) Information on exhibitions, dates and guided tours at: www.stadtmuseum-bocholt.de
- 19. Kunsthaus Bocholt**
Art house, the Neorenaissance villa displays primarily exhibits on contemporary visual arts.
- 20. Steinkreis, Bertold-Löwenstein-Platz**
Circle of columns made of Labrador granite by Christoph Wilmsen-Wiegmann, 400 kg/ column
- 21. Liebfrauenkirche**
Cath. parish church, predecessor church built 1310–16, Minorite monastery construction begun in 1628. Minorite church built 1785–92 in late Baroque style. Expanded to the north in 1912/13 to become the current Liebfrauenkirche (see plaque by the west portal). Worth seeing: Baroque altar, church window series by Joachim Klos, Nettetel, "Path to paradise", a "Way of the Cross" on slate boulders by Helga Kock am Brinck, Bocholt, Enschede, adoration chapel.
- 22. Tutemann**
The bronze statue of the Bocholt artist Manes Schlatt is a memorial to the city guards and the town criers in former times.
- 23. Europabrunnen**
Fountain with steel sculpture by Friedrich Werthmann, 1972 for the city's 750th anniversary celebration.
- 24. Home of Israhel van Meckenen**
Markt 5, birthplace of the wife of Israhel van Meckenen, the noteworthy engraver and goldsmith who died in 1503 in Bocholt. Double portrait above the door of the ice cream parlor shows the artist with his wife.
- 25. LWL-Museum Textilwerk**
With weaving mill as a fully functional museum factory and historic spinning mill for special exhibitions on the history of fashion and the textile industry.
- 26. Lake Bocholter Aasee**
Round trip approx. 3km.

Kultur- und Bildungsquartier Bocholter Aa und Industriestraße

LWL - Museum Textilwerk, Weberei

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LWL-Museum Textilwerk, Spinnerei

Umlandstraße

Bocholter Aa

Brücke

Versunkene

Industriestraße

Legend

- Tour approx. 1,700 m
- Extended Tour
- Aa cycle route
- Weekly market
- Restaurant
- Coffee/ice cream room

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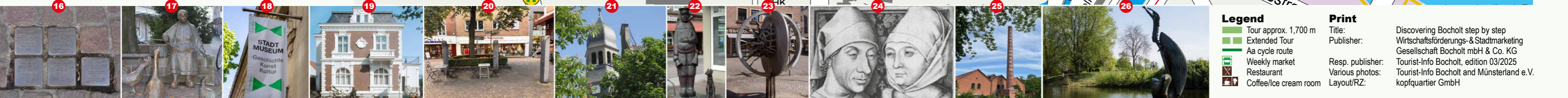
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Food and drinks



Restaurants & Cafés

Cafés along the market square in front of the historical town hall and a wealth of different restaurants on Gasthausplatz and all around the city centre tempt you to linger for a while. Relaxed meals with a view of the river Bocholter Aa or the market activity – there is something for everyone.

OUR MARKETS:

Colourful weekly market

Market square in front of the historical town hall and on Gasthausplatz. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 am.

Evening market

Thursday from 3 pm - 7 pm

Krammarkt

Lively textiles and haberdashery market in the city centre, 9 times a year, from 9 am - 6 pm

Shopping and experience, events and bocholts shopping sundays www.bocholt.de/en/leisure-and-tourism



Shopping



City Centre

Downtown Bocholt offers a warm flair in appealing shopping areas all around the historical town hall. Enjoy shopping in owner-operated shops as well as popular brand-name stores.



Shopping-arcades

This 300 m long indoor shopping mall, with brand-names and well known retailers, ensures that shopping will be fun in any weather, at any time of year.

Cycling and hiking

Enjoy biking in a city that has received multiple awards for its many biking features. An abundance of clearly marked bike trails lead you to exciting and varied destinations. Delight in different scenery every day. Follow the river Bocholter Aa to romantic palaces and castles in the Münsterland area today, then discover old smuggler trails along the border tomorrow and visit the river Rhine the next day.



100-Schlösser-Route Bike trail Bocholter Aa

This marked bike trail goes right through Bocholt to Schloss Diepenbrock (palace) or to the Wasserburg Anholt and Schloss Raesfeld.

This 58 km long bike trail along the river Bocholter Aa takes you through picturesque flood plains – a favorite amongst bikers.



Naturpark Hohe Mark

Hiking and bike trails lead through beautiful forests alternating with grassland, heath and bogs.

Hiking trail "Noaberpad"

The "Noaberpad" hiking trail winds along the border and passes through the middle of Bocholt.

Bocholt hiking trails



Details and more information: [Bocholt hiking trails](#)