

## **2 3** Tour Geleen – Puth - Munstergeleen

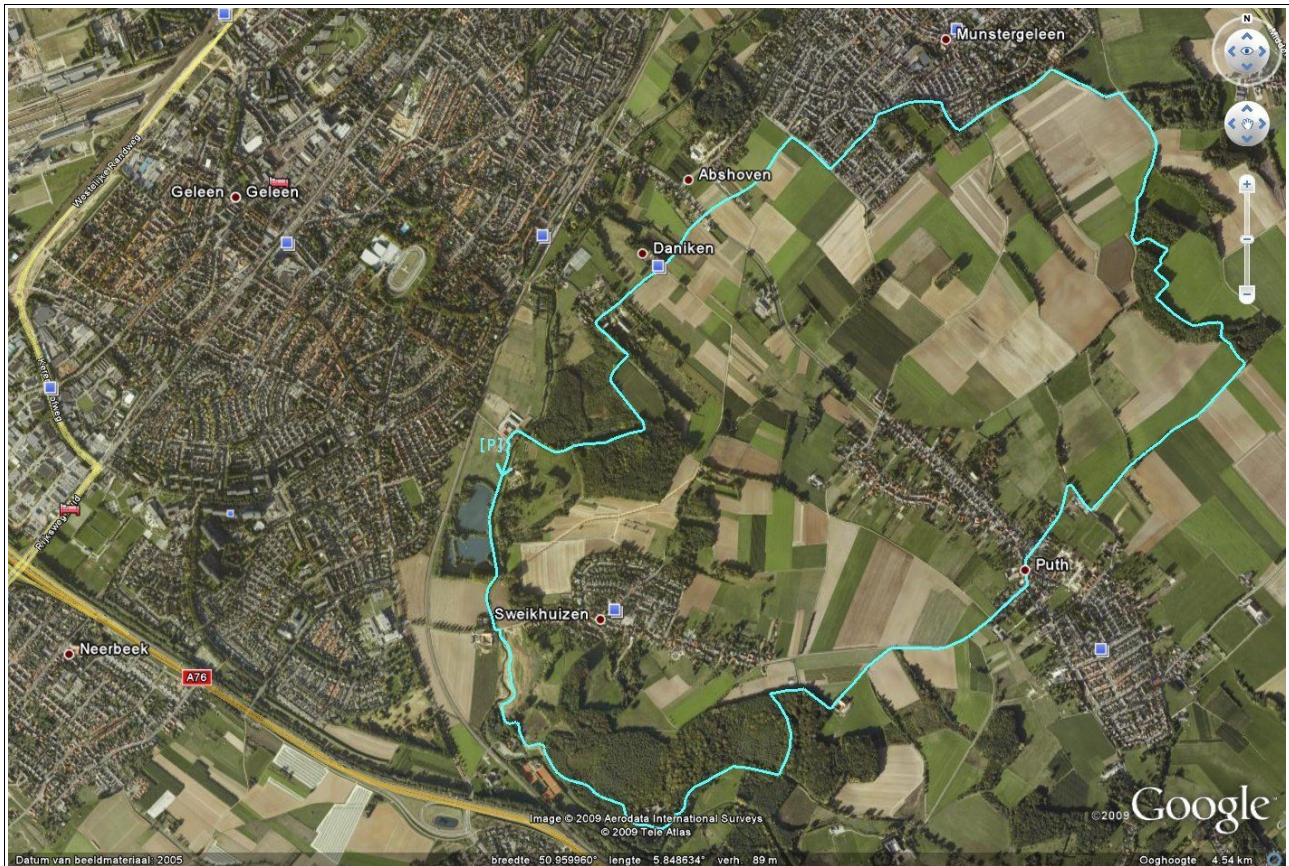
### **Geleen – Puth – Munstergeleen – Geleen**

**Starting point:** Stables Ten Eysden / Danikerhof [Geleen – Limburg]

**Distance:** 12km

**Points of interest:** Walk using forest and field paths as well as hardened roads. Sometimes a brisk climb.

**Why worth it ?:** The beautiful rural area near Geleen



### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION:**

Start in southern direction, passing de right bank of the Geleenbeek, past the fishing ponds De Driepoel. After several minutes we reach the main road going to Sweikhuizen and the dining location De Biezenhof. Here we cross the road and now continue onwards on the left bank of the Geleenbeek. A curvy flowing path follows, past the water mill Sint Jansgeleen. Past the water mill we keep left towards the border of a forest and at the next T-section we go right: the Oliemolenweg. This beautiful forest path is also part of the pilgrims' route to Compostella.

At a next intersection we keep to the right (going left is a shortcut) and pass a large “retreat” house on the right hand side. We cross a hardened road (towards the retreat house) upwards and continue on the right hand side. We end up on the Oliemolenweg again and continue eastbound. This forest is called the Stammenderbos. We end up on an asphalted road. Here we take a (sharp) left up through the forest (a steep climb). We follow the path towards the forest border: here we keep right and pass a practice range for the local militias on the right hand side. At the next asphalted road we go right towards the Stammenhof, which we pass in front after going left (road Langs Stammen). We end up on the Panoramaweg of Sweikhuizen towards Puth. We keep to the right (east) en walk towards Puth.

At the main road in Puth we go left towards the church and before we reach the church we go right into the Pastoor Alberstraat. Passing the graveyard we go right at a small chapel and left after 100m (Rootsweg). We follow this road for about 900m until we reach the next woodland (a sign in the grass says "Heemtuin"). Here we go left and descend (Hondskerk) and after several tenths of meters we go right into the forest. At a fork in the road we keep to the right, ascending, forest path (wooden steps have been placed here). At the Heemtuin we keep left and walk in a right about loop around the Heemtuin (here we end up on the Steengrub weg). We follow the Steengrub weg in northern direction until we reach a crossing with an asphalted road (Heijdenpad).

Here we go left and follow the road Heijdenpad towards Munstergeleen. At the border of the village we go left (Hanswinkel). This road transcends into the Goswijnstraat, and then we go around the corner (Geldakkerstraat) and at the next intersection we go left (Burgemeester Smeetsstraat) and finally left again into the Meirestraat: we follow this road all the way to the village border. Here we go right for a short while (Bronkboomstraat) and then left into the field (Danikerstraat).

After a while we reach the main road from Geleen to Puth: we cross it and continue our trip to Daniken. In Daniken we walk past the stone factory and walk into a dead end road: here we go left at a fork in the road which crosses over into a forest path going upwards (Koolweg). At the next intersection we go right (Eijsdenervoetpad). In the forest (Danikerbos) we keep right and almost immediately descend again (hardened walking path). This path quickly brings us back to our starting point stables Ten Eysden.

#### *Route walked in 2009*

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#### Difficulty measurement:

- **1** short walk across even terrain. Distance till 5km across (asphalted/paved) roads in good condition.
- **2** walk with several small climbs, till a distance of 10km, mainly roads in good condition.
- **3** a longer walk till 15 km. Climbs and off-road routes possible. Good physical condition is necessary.
- **4** long walk till 25km. Climbs and off-road routes highly probable.
- **5** very long walk till 40km (or more). Climbs and off-road routes very likely.