



## LEGEND

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# Walking routes

## WALKING ROUTE 1

We start at the **Grote Markt** 1 at the stairs of the lavishly decorated **town hall** 2. The town hall has an **adapted toilet** 1. Opposite the past **M Leuven** 7 which also has an **adapted toilet** 5, we'll turn left into Savoyestraat and walk to Tienestraat. You then have two options. If you turn left, you'll easily reach the Muntstraat. It's on the right at the point where Tienestraat widens. We'll walk halfway down Muntstraat and then look to our left, we see the statue of **Fonske** 4, which is very popular with Leuven's student population. At the start of Bondgenotenlaan, at the bus stop, there is a lift to an **adapted public toilet** 9. It also has a changing place; a room with a changing table that is also suitable for adults. You can also access it without the lift: the alternative entrance is on the opposite side of Bondgenotenlaan. There is a **long and quite steep ramp** downwards. Walk further and the **30CC/schouwburg** 20 rises up to our left, but instead we turn left, following a section of small cobbles, which takes us to Leopold Vanderkelenstraat and Diestsestraat. We then turn right, walking past **Tweebrommen Library** 5, which also has an **accessible toilet** 3. We immediately turn right again, to return to Bondgenotenlaan. We cross this street, after which a section of small **cobbles** takes us to Laduzeplein and the **University Library** 6. Do check out the renovated Hooverplein and fountain.

Inside the library, there are **two adapted toilets** 4. We'll walk to the end of the square and turn left onto Vanderkelenstraat. Just past **M Leuven** 7 which also has an **adapted toilet** 5, we'll turn left into Savoyestraat and walk to Tienestraat. If you want more of a challenge, you can cross Tienestraat (caution: you have to cross **two deep gutters**), and walk past the Domus restaurant & brewery into Eikstraat, an **authentic little cobbled street** that transports you back in time. Via a small alley, you walk across Vonckplein to reach Muntstraat. Cross Muntstraat to get to 's Meiersstraat. From there, we get to Naamsestraat, which takes us back to where we started on Grote Markt in no time at all (just turn right). Along the way, there is the **University Hall** 10, in which textiles were traded in the Middle Ages and which now houses the university administration. The hall was recently opened to the public. Enjoy the expansive views of the entire city when taking the glass lift to the top. On the basement floor, there is an **adapted toilet** 6.

## UP AND DOWN

As you walk up Naamsestraat (turn left instead of right to get to Grote Markt) you will spot the **Premonstratensian College**. Do peek into the courtyard where you can find the statue of Georges Lemaitre, the physicist who formulated the Big Bang theory. If you turn back and walk down the (steep) Sint-Antoniusberg, you can discover another part of Leuven. This is quite a **steep slope**, so if you are using a manual wheelchair you'll probably need help. On the left, at the bottom of the hill is the **Sint-Antoniuskapel (St. Anthony's Chapel)** 11. We'll walk on the right side of Damiaanplein and turn left onto Parisstraat. Follow Parisstraat until you reach Brusselsestraat and turn right to get back to the Grote Markt. Along the way, you can cut through Kortestraat on the right to reach the **Oude Markt**. If you're feeling adventurous, you can climb Drie Engelenberg (**cobblestones, uphill**) from Parisstraat to reach the **Oude Markt** 12 and visit the **Kornadam statue** 13. From here our starting point on the Grote Markt is diagonally in front of you. You can reach it via Kortestraat, or if you're ready for more cobblestones, you can go via Zeelstraat, uphill to Naamsestraat, and then turn left.

## WALKING ROUTE 2

This walk also begins at the **Town Hall** 2 on the **Grote Markt** 1. Facing **Sint-Pieterskerk** 3 we'll turn left. Brace yourself for a rather bumpy ride at the start of Brusselsestraat, as the pedestrian shopping street is paved with bricks. Here, we'll take the first street on the right, Pensstraat, and turn left onto Dirk Boutsaan. Slightly further ahead, behind the bus stop, there is an **adapted public toilet** 7. Opposite the art academy and conservatory (SLAC), you will find the **Dijleterrassen** 14 with wooden benches overlooking the River Dyle. You can also see the **statue of Fiere Margriet** 15, who, as legend has it, floated upstream on the river. Wheelchair users can reach the bank of the river via a ramp that starts at the end of the footpath (on the corner of Dirk Boutsaan and Lei). Be careful, **the wooden floor can be slippery in wet weather**. We'll cross Dirk Boutsaan (watch out for the **concrete berms** that are slightly too close to the zebra crossing/crosswalk) and turn right onto Lei. When walking along this road it's best to keep to the left. At certain points the path **slopes sharply**, but otherwise the footpath is accessible to wheelchairs. Then we turn right into the Mechelessestraat. The **Vismarkt** 16 is now in front of us, but we'll turn right again onto Mechelessestraat. We'll follow this pedestrian shopping street until we reach the **statue of humanist Erasmus** 17. There, we'll cross Mathieu De Layensplein, passing the Sint-Pieterskerk, to arrive back on the Grote Markt.



# Leuven

Everyone is welcome

## ROUTE MAP



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