

# Marker Wadden Facts




Marker Wadden are situated in the north-eastern part of the Markermeer (Marker Lake). This is about 9 kilometres by boat from Lelystad, 10 kilometres from Enkhuizen. The islands are located 4 kilometres south of the Houtribdijk.

Only the marina area is open to the public. This island has about 250 hectares of nature above and under water. With the construction of seven islands, an archipelago will be created of about 1,300 hectares, including the underwater landscape. Total size of the Markermeer is 70,000 hectares.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Start of the construction, the contours of the first island and harbour basin.	Contours of islands 2, 3, 4 and 5.	Developments of hiking trails, beach, and bird-watching towers. Open to the public.	Start of settlement construction.	Opening settlement and finishing construction of five islands.	Delivery of first five islands. Start construction of island 6 and 7.	Contours of new islands ready.	Finishing and delivering islands 6 and 7.

## Recreational facilities on the marina island

  
**Nature port**  
with 60 private boats and 3 charters

  
**12 km** of hiking trails with routes between 2.5 km and 7 km

  
Separate **unloading quay** for ferry

  
Watchtower with a height of **12 meters**

  
**3** bird hides

  
**4** island cabins for rent

  
**Field station**  
group accommodation for researchers

  
**Island pavilion**  
with information point and small-scale catering

  
**700m** recreation beach

## New nature

- Thousands of birds have already come to Marker Wadden, to breed or to find food and rest. In total, 140 different species of birds have already been seen.
- 190 species of insects have also been counted, including butterflies, dragonflies, mosquitoes, and many beetles.
- 19 fish species have been observed along the shores of the islands.
- The researchers are also enthusiastic about the number of different (aquatic) plants, namely 170 species.
- Natuurmonumenten will manage the archipelago.

## Marker Wadden in numbers

**1,300 hectares** of new nature, above and under water

**42 million cubic** meters of sand, clay, peat, and silt for the construction

**20 million cubic** meters of silt expected in 15 years

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