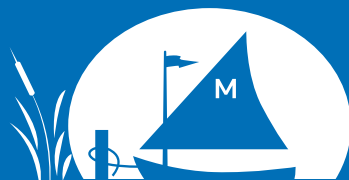




Natural moorings in Friesland

ORGANISATION FOR WATER AND LAND
RECREATION IN FRIESLAND



DE MARREKRITE
Genieten van het Friese water en land



Free moorings in scenic surroundings

Friesland offers you more than 3,500 Marrekrite mooring sites in the most unique spots that put you right in the middle of natural beauty. Perfect places to tie up for three days, at no cost, and enjoy Friesland's natural wonders.

On behalf of the Province of Friesland and 22 Frisian municipalities, De Marrekrite manages and maintains these free moorings, ensures the removal of recreational waste at many locations, maintains buoys and beacons for recreational navigation, and manages other recreational facilities on Frisian waters and along these shores.

'As part of our efforts, we are always looking for a good balance between using Friesland's waters and surrounding land for recreation, and conserving Friesland's scenic landscape and natural habitat', says Lourens Touwen, Director of De Marrekrite. 'The majority of the funding for constructing and maintaining quays and other facilities comes from contributions made by the affiliated municipalities and the province. An equally valuable, if smaller, contribution is made by the boating enthusiasts who buy a Marrekrite pennant. By purchasing a pennant, the buyer makes a direct contribution to maintaining these free mooring sites in their natural surroundings in Friesland', says Lourens Touwen.

De Marrekrite is going ashore!

Our traditional arena has always been on the water and where it meets the land. Now, however, we are going ashore! Our new task is managing and maintaining the route networks (markers) in the Province of Friesland. Also included in our new duties are making changes in and adding to the system of path hubs. The maintenance of the cycling and hiking paths will still be done by the province or the municipality.

We are responsible throughout Friesland for the management and maintenance of the cycling path hubs and the routes designed by the Dutch National Cycling Platform. In the near future, we will be doing the same for hiking networks.

We check the system of cycling path hubs a few times each year. If you happen to see that a marker at one of these hubs or routes is gone or damaged, you can report this at De Marrekrite's website.



Sustainability

Sustainability plays an important role in managing and maintaining our facilities. This is especially apparent in the choice of building materials. For new constructions and replacing mooring facilities we use recycled plastic and natural shore protection. We also use sheep for natural landscape maintenance. Sheep keep grass and shrubs in almost inaccessible locations short! De Marrekrite is also working on social sustainability by employing people in sheltered employment services and reintegration schemes.

De Marrekrite wants to serve Friesland by:

- managing and maintaining free mooring sites in natural environments
- developing new mooring facilities
- providing uniform bridge and lock operation
- providing dredging projects - keeping the facilities accessible
- removing recreational waste
- providing buoying and beaconing for recreational waterways and passages
- managing and maintaining a system of cycling path hubs and other route structures



Key figures

- approx. 3500 free mooring sites at over 285 locations
- approx. 50 km of quay and sheet pile wall of which at least 9 km of landing stage and 5 km of sheet pile wall are made of recycled plastic
- 100 containers at 60 locations
- more than 60 volunteers
- more than 500 donors
- 680 cycling path hub markers
- a network of 2650 km of cycling paths



An emergency on the water?

Especially for your safety, we have made arrangements with the emergency service so that the 1-1-2 emergency service in Friesland is acquainted with all the numbers of De Marrekrite's facilities. This system ensures that you are always accessible to the emergency services of the Province of Friesland. This means you can feel secure even when mooring your boat out in scenic surroundings!

What to do in case of an emergency?

- Remain calm.
- Call 1-1-2.
- Indicate that you are in Friesland.
- Give your landing stage number, buoy number or GPS location.



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Volunteers wanted!

Volunteers are very important for De Marrekrite. You are most likely to encounter our volunteers "The Friends of De Marrekrite" as pennant sellers and/or "tâfersjochhâlder" (surveillants). It was these Friends of De Marrekrite who initiated the selling of pennants years ago. The first pennants were sold in 1987 to generate additional financial support for De Marrekrite. Currently, these volunteers are still very much involved in the sale and distribution of the pennants, but the administrative handling takes place at De Marrekrite's office.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Would you like to become a volunteer for De Marrekrite? We would be delighted to welcome you. The website has a registration form for volunteers. Once you complete this form and send it in, we will contact you as soon as possible. Or simply call us.



Support De Marrekrite!

We could really use your support! Managing and maintaining our natural moorings and other facilities costs a lot of money.

You can support us by buying a Marrekrite pennant or by becoming a donor! By doing so, you are making a direct contribution to maintaining these natural moorings in Friesland. Your contribution goes directly to maintaining and managing these mooring facilities. Every December, our website announces how much money the sale of pennants has generated that year.

You can buy the pennant at various points of sale in Friesland. To get a list of all these points of sale, you can go to the website (www.marrekrite.nl). Or you might want to order your pennant from the website itself. A pennant costs € 13.00 (2013).

You can also become an official donor. In return for your extra support, you will receive a Marrekrite pennant and at least 4 issues of our e-newsletter every year to keep you up to date on the latest news about De Marrekrite. If you would like to become a donor, you have to transfer at least € 20.00 (2013) to bank account number 88.95.81 in the name of Marrekrite in Leeuwarden. Be sure to mention 'donateur' along with your name and address.

We attach great value to conserving our natural habitat and scenic Frisian landscape.

Code of conduct of De Marrekrite

Our moorings are located in the middle of natural Frisian surroundings. Tranquility, spaciousness and natural surroundings are often important reasons to visit our moorings. To make a stay at our mooring locations as pleasant as possible for everyone, we would like to direct your attention to the following rules.



Mooring for longer than 3 days on the same place is not permitted.



Do not cut back or cut down trees or shrubs.



Do not use a barbecue grill on quays and benches.



Campfires are not permitted in natural environments due to the danger of forest/brush fires and the risk of distressing animals.



Keep dogs leashed, and clean up and properly dispose of their faeces.



Float your dinghy next to your boat instead of behind it so that you leave room for others.

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When mooring, try to tie up your boat as close as possible to the next boat.



Never moor your boat among reeds.



Respect the land and property of farmers.



Maintain moderate speeds. Stern waves are very unpleasant for moored boats and can damage the banks.



Vessels may not be left behind unmanned for long periods except in a marina or along a bank where this is indicated as being permitted.



Use the waste containers! Do not use them for disposing of chemical waste.



Please leave the moorings in a neat, clean condition when you leave!

Important telephone numbers

Emergency number	1-1-2
Friesland Police Force	+31 (0)900 - 8844
Water police	+31 (0)343 - 535 355
Environmental emergency number	+31 (0)58 - 212 24 22
Provincial Water Board (bridge operating schedule)	+31 (0)58 - 292 58 88
Province of Friesland (main number)	+31 (0)58 - 292 59 25
Friesland Water Authority	+31 (0)58 - 292 22 22
Swimming water quality hotline	+31 (0)58- 292 56 50
Tourist Information Office number	+31 (0)900 - 202 40 60

Tourist information
The Frisian Lakes Project

www.touristinfofryslan.nl
www.friesemereren.nl
www.beleeffriesland.nl
www.nederlandveilig.nl

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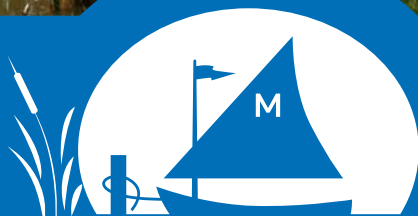
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