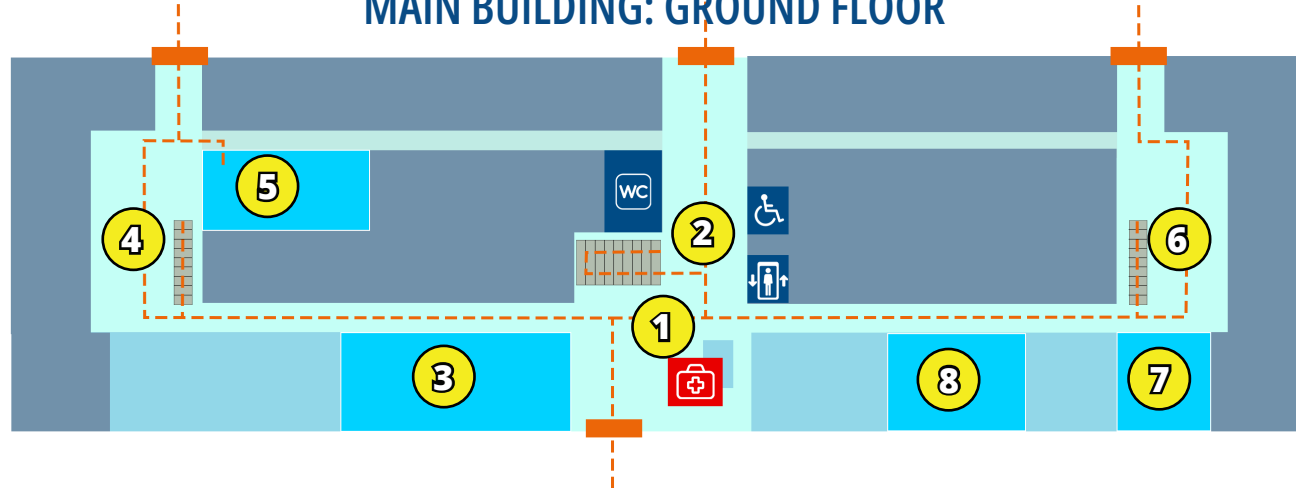


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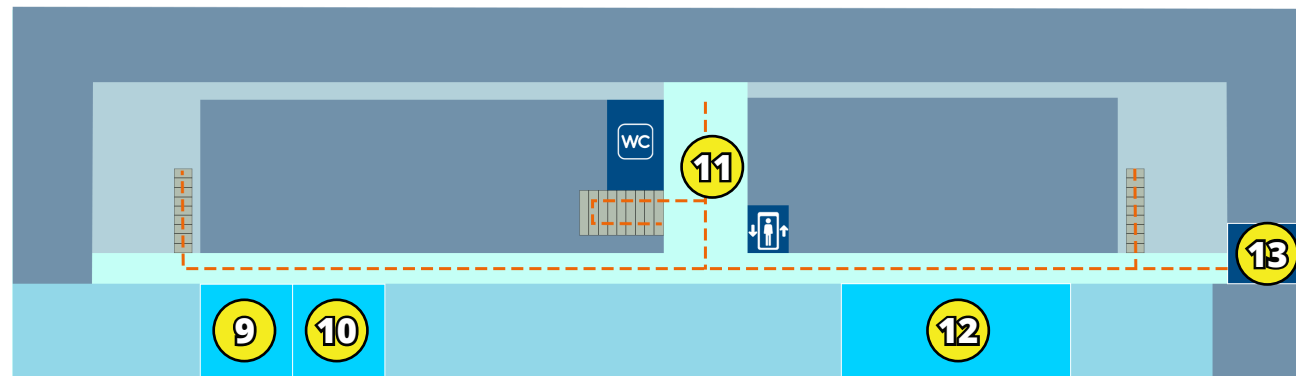
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Programme & Event maps

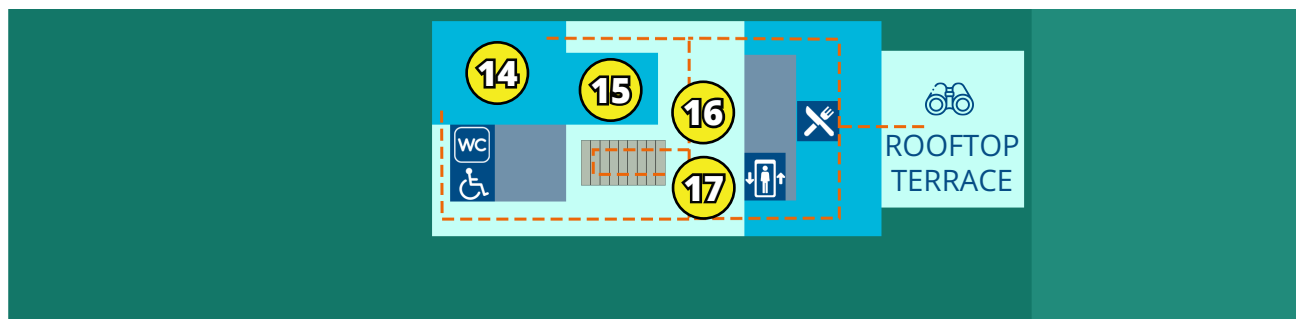
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GROUND FLOOR

1. Entrance and exit
Register for tours
2. Diplomas for young visitors
3. Breath of the lake
4. Birds from afar: following geese with GPS and AI
Insect memory through the microscope
Great Sparrow Sperm Race
Escape game: get out of the lab!
5. Limnotrons: mini lakes in the lab
6. Step into the micro world: from Galápagos to Greenland
Microbe vs. parasite
Meet the microbes of the nitrogen cycle
Solve the tulip mystery
Microbe chill corner
7. Soil animals under the microscope
8. Tiny microbes, amazing scents
(In)visible microlife

1st FLOOR

9. Algae museum
Pin the cyano
Game of Traits
10. World of the waterflea
11. NIOO's human ecosystem
12. Gene on, gene off
Look at real DNA!
13. Unravel the DNA secret

2nd FLOOR

14. BioCinema: ongoing programme
15. Reading room
Audiostory: Gaia and the hidden world beneath our feet
16. Meeting point: networking and conversation corner
17. Starting point general tour
Starting point art tour



What did you think about the Open Day? We would love to hear your opinion!

Tours

30 minutes

Register at reception (1)

GENERAL, start at 17:

11.15 | 11.45 | **12.15 EN** |
12.45 | 13.15 | 13.30 | 13.45 | 14.15 |
14.30 | **14.45 EN** | 15.15 | 15.45 | 16.15

ART (by Nikki van Es),

start at 17: 11.30 | 14.00

GREENHOUSE & PHYTOTRON: plants in the lab, start bij 26 om: 12.00 | 13.30 | 15.00 | 16.00

TECHNICAL, start at 20: 13.30 | 15.00
GARDEN, start at 22: 11.30 | 13.00 | 14.30 | 15.30

WORKSHOP LOOK AT REAL DNA!, start at 12:

11.00, | 13.00 | 14.30 | 16.00

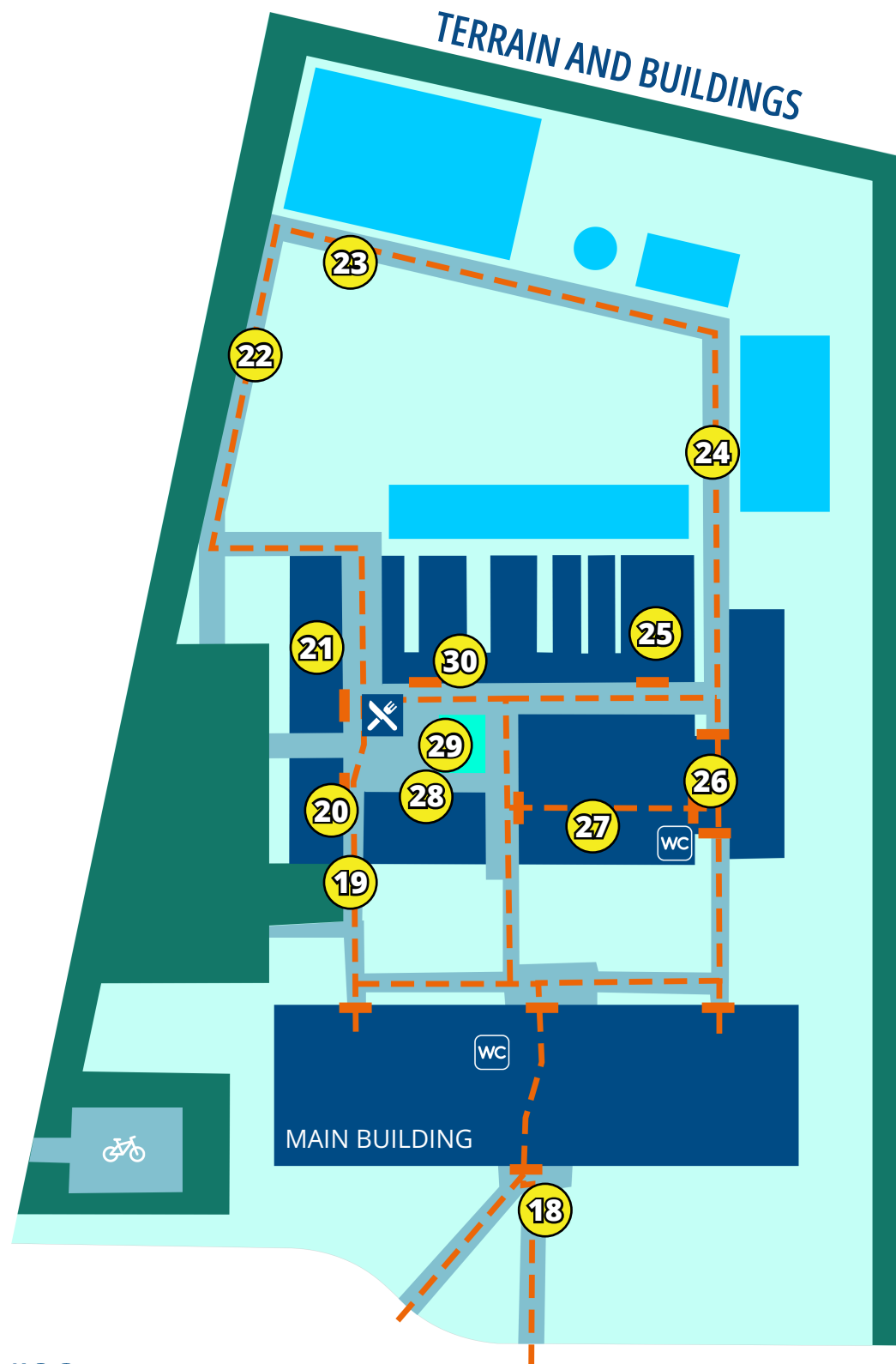
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Photographs and video footage will be taken during the Open Day. If you do not consent to the use of photographs and videos featuring you, please let our reception know when you arrive.

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Nature's
networks



-  18. Filter the pond healthy
-  19. Welcome to the Dutch Centre for Avian Migration and Demography
Live science bird ringing
Birdring game
-  20. Bird migration quest
Bird watcher for a day
-  21. Starting point technical tour
-  22. Next box research: past, present and future
LTER-LIFE: digital twins for ecological research
-  23. NIOO garden & hedges: ecological barbed wire
Starting point garden tour
-  24. Looking for water monsters! With NIOO and the Dutch Water Museum
-  25. Go on soil safari & Soil Animal Days
-  26. Light lab
-  27. Starting point tour through greenhouse & phytotron: plants in the lab
-  28. Rewilding nature with large grazers
-  29. Sustainable heat (11.00 - 12.30 & 13.00 - 14.00)
-  30. Science café
Visualisation of the Open Day:
Sparrow mate choice
Mealworms or seeds?
Fold your own origami bird
Aviary
Bird cinema

SCIENCE CAFÉ

bij 29 | in Dutch (questions possible in English)
A diverse programme of interviews, live music and more

- 11.30-12.00: Waterkwaliteit in de stad | Vogels & westnijlvirus
- 12.00-12.20: Livemuziek van BioMusica over de dieren om ons heen
- 12.20-12.30: Gaia en de verborgen wereld onder onze voeten
- 12.30-13.00: Beleef de Lente met de koolmees | Mini-quiz nestkasten
- 13.00-13.30: Gaia en de verborgen wereld onder onze voeten | Mini-quiz bodem
- 13.30-14.00: Beleef de Lente met de koolmees | Citizen science | Vogels & westnijlvirus
- 14.00-14.20: Livemuziek van BioMusica over de dieren om ons heen
- 14.30-15.00: Waterkwaliteit in de stad | Mini-quiz water
- 15.00-15.15: 15 jaar NIOO in Wageningen: een gebouw dat leeft – interview Louise Vet
- 15.15-15.30: Gaia en de verborgen wereld onder onze voeten
- 15.30-15.50: Livemuziek van BioMusica over de dieren om ons heen
- 15.50-16.10: Beleef de Lente met de koolmees | Natuurkunst met Nikki van Es
- 16.10-16.30: Vogels & westnijlvirus | 70 jaar ecologisch onderzoek | Waterkwaliteit in de stad
- 16.30-17.00: Mini-quiz | 70 jaar ecologisch onderzoek | De open dag in beeld: wat is er getekend?



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