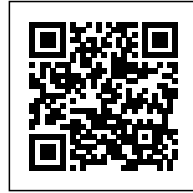




## MELKWEGBRIDGE: A LOCATION WITH IDENTITY

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The Melkwegbridge is a location with an identity of its own. Extending over the Noordhollandsch Canal, it connects the historical city center of Purmerend with the Weidevenne neighborhood. In order to comply with the gradient requirements for bicycle and wheelchair traffic, a bridge must be at least 100 meters long.



For this reason, the bridge separates bicycle and wheelchair traffic from pedestrian traffic. The bicycle bridge meanders over the water, which makes it long enough to limit the gradient.

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At the same time, the elevated pedestrian archway – an extension of the historical Melkweg – offers an extensive view of Purmerend's old town center. This archway, which is over 12 metres long, provides a panoramic view; here, you can feel the old connect with the new.

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The various sections of the bridge merge seamlessly into each other, forming a cohesive whole. The bridge is more than just the fastest way across the canal; it is also a destination and an attraction in its own right.

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