



## Printable Walks Gouda by Candlelight

### Walk 4 : The Leo Vroman Walk (starts at Location nr. 28, De Chocoladefabriek)

(Duration of this walk aprox. 20- 30 minutes)

#### 1 - Start & goal: The Chocolate factory (Vromanpark/Klein Amerika)

**2 - Local train to Schoonhoven** - Coming out of The Chocolate factory, keep to the right and you'll walk on to the Karnemelksloot. Keep the canal to your left. On your left hand side you see the historic drawbridge, which used to be a railway bridge for the local train to Schoonhoven. The station was located on the place where nowadays the prowess of a postmodern example of 1970's architecture (the Panaromaflat) is displayed. Please keep on the right hand side of the canal.



[The train, mainly used for public transport, drove over the streets on rails at a speed of 30 km/h. It caused many an accident in its time by driving over coaches, cars and people who weren't quick enough to jump out of the trains way. On august 23<sup>rd</sup> of 1942 the train claimed its last victim: the Germans took the iron rails the next day, and the people of Gouda burned the sleepers the following winter.]

*There was the big railroad but then again  
there was also Schoonhovens local train  
it ran all over Gouda daily  
it just carried through  
one might have lost a leg or two  
by this iron monster so scaly  
Imagine: death afloat  
driving over the Karnemelksloot  
"mijn eigen Gouda" – Leo Vroman \**

Walk on past the canal, and take time to admire the Christmas decoration along the canal. The people of the Karnemelksloot arrange them each year themselves. Walk on to the Burgemeester Martenssingel, Leo used to walk here on his way to town.

[In the old days the Karnemelksloot was a dyke, which was turned into a canal in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. In those days it was mainly used for the transportation of fodder to the city by pig farmers and cloysters holding pigs.]

**3 - The School** - Walk up the Burgemeester Martenssingel and keep to the left. You'll walk into a school playground.



[In 2002 the Gouda comprehensive school Leo Vroman was named after Leo, whom was a student at this school when it was

Twelve was too young, that was the rule,  
to enter the Higher Civic School.

still a Higher Civic School. Leo's father was a physics teacher there and his mother taught maths until her marriage. To make place for a business incubator for young creative start-ups the school has recently vacated the left side of the building.]

How my father and I passed beneath the dying elms  
in less than five minutes into the realms  
of the physics he taught; for example, about Joule.

“mijn eigen Gouda” – Leo Vroman

Walk back to the Dutoitstraat (in the direction of the Karnemelksloot on your right) and take the first right. You're now in the Krugerlaan. Walk on to nr. 25.

**4 - Krugerlaan nr. 25** - The birthplace of Leo Vroman. The family lived here only a few years until their home at nr. 87, a new-build at the time, was finished. Walk on to nr. 87.

**5 - Krugerlaan nr. 87** - Though not his birthplace, it is considered Leo's paternal home. Here he said farewell to his parents on the 14<sup>th</sup> of may 1940, before fleeing from the German Occupation. To commemorate this fact a plaque was placed, containing a verse of Leo's: "When I was little and this country hadn't yet...". Leo, his wife and their daughters have been visiting the Krugerlaan on several occasions.

Walk back to the Zoutmanstraat (opposite Krugerlaan nr. 81) end turn left at the end of it. You're now on the Burgemeester Martenssingel again. Pass the water and turn to your left.

**6 - Willem de Zwijgerschool (Burgemeester Martenssingel nr. 72)** - This used to be Leo's primary school; nowadays it's the freshmen extension of the Gouda Comprehensive School Leo Vroman.

Turn right at the next crossing. You're now on the IJssellaan. Walk on and take a look at the first town-development outside the city centre. Turn left into the Dijkstraat and walk through to the start of this walk:



Leo (vooraan) in de derde of vierde klas van de Willem de Zwijgerschool voor gewoen lager onderwijs aan de Martenssingel in Gouda, circa 1924.  
(Foto: Collectie Letterkundig Museum)

**1/7 - The Chocolate factory** - this building has had many functions though it started life out as a chocolate factory form Steenland. After Steenland left the building, it became town-hall. In 2014, after a renovation, it started to house public library, local archive, printing workshop and restaurant Kruiem.



On top of the Chocolate factory is the sculpture of Leo Vroman made by Jeroen Henneman. The sculpture was unveiled on the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Leo (10<sup>th</sup> of april 2015), in the presence of his family.

\* Translated by Steven de Jong voor Gouda bij Kaarslicht (incl. the parts of the poem "My Own Gouda")

### **Legend streets and locations**

(Corresponding with location nrs on the map which can be downloaded from the homepage, Plattegrond)

- 1- Market square + surroundings, historic town hall / 1a – Burgerhal, reverseside old Town hall
- 2- VVV (Tourist Information) – Waag/Cheese Weighing House \*
- 3- Agniet Chapel (Medieval Chapel)– Nieuwe Markt Square \*\*
- 4- Behind the Cheese Weighing House (Achter de Waag)
- 5- Saint John's Church (Sint-Janskerk) – Achter de kerk 16
- 6- Gallery/Workshop 'Firma van Drie' – Achter de kerk 13
- 7- Museum Gouda / 7a Museum Garden– Achter de kerk 14 \*\*\*
- 8- Reading café Sweet and Delicious (Zoet & Zaligh) – Spieringstraat 1  
Arcade to the courtyard of the former orphanage
- 9- Blomatelier (Blom workshop) - Molenwerf 22
- 10- Willem Vroesen garden and Vroesenhuis Court Yard
- 11- Raoul Wallenberg garden
- 11a- Clubhouse Music band De Pionier
- 12- Jeruzalem Chapel – Jeruzalemstraat
- 13- Punselie Syrup cookies factory – Spieringstraat 107
- 13a– Bar Miranda & Ramon – Spieringstraat 113
- 13b– Aloysiusschool – Spieringstraat 18
- 13c– Houtmansplantsoen
- 14- Lange Tiendeweg
- 15- Gouwe Church – Hoge Gouwe 41
- 16- Old Catholic Church – Hoge Gouwe 107
- 17- Christian Reformed Church - Hoge Gouwe 141
- 18- The Fishmarket – Hoge Gouwe
- 19- Lutheran Church – Lage Gouwe 134
- 20- Liberated Evangelist Parish – Turfmarkt 23
- 21- Club/Society Concordia – Westhaven 27
- 21a – Workshop 'De Werkwinkel' – Peperstraat 22a
- 22- Gouda Studio's – Oosthaven 12
- 22a- Jan Salie – Oosthaven canal near nr. 37
- 23- Gallery 'De Hollandsche Maagd' – Oosthaven 28
- 24- Wilhelminastraat / Zeugstraat– streets with Christmas fair
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- 26- Gouda Station & square / NS – Dutch Railways - Stationsplein
- 27- Resistance Museum (Verzetsmuseum) – Turfmarkt 30

- 27a- Nieuwe Haven 308
- 28- Chocolate Factory (Chocoladefabriek with public library / Kruid / Archives) - Klein Amerika 20
- 29- Museum Port, historic Harbour (Raam/Bogen)
- 29b- Museumhavencafé (IJsselhuis)
- 30- Molen de Roode Leeuw
- 31- De Kleischuur – Vest 2
- 32- LF De Lichtfabriek – Hoge Gouwe 189
- 33- Cultuurhuis Garenspinnerij - Turfsingel 34a en 34b
- 34- StudioGonz – Turfsingel 36
- 35- Art Filmhuis Gouda - Lethmaetstraat 45
- 36- Korte en Lange Groenendaal - Movie & Video Club 'Toverlint' - Lange Groenendaal 48
- 37- Former Cinema Arcade - Agnietenstraat 20, Fire brigade and Police pop-up location

- \* 2 - Start guided city walks: in front of the Cheese Weighing House
- \* 2 - Starting point Hidden Treasures route (De Verborgen Plekjes route)
- \*\* 3 - Starting point Gouda Candle route (Gouda Kaarsenpad) reverse side Agniet chapel
- 4 In front of the Chocoladefabriek, location nr. 28

