



Rijkswaterstaat  
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Natura 2000 rules

# Enjoying Veerse Meer

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**Veerse Meer is an ‘artificial’ lake with a beautiful and unique nature reserve and many leisure options. It is also an important habitat for birds. This area is a Natura 2000 area. This means you have free or partial access to some areas, but may not enter other areas.**

### **Paradise for leisure pursuits**

Veerse Meer is a popular and attractive area for leisure pursuits such as water sports. Activities here include sailing, powerboating and waterskiing. It is also used as a transit route from the Westerschelde to the Oosterschelde. The busiest months are July and August. There are 3,500 berths for yachts spread across Veerse Meer marinas and moorings on the islands. The maximum speed on Veerse Meer is 15 km/hour. Several areas have been designated for powerboats, waterskiing and jetskiing, etc. Check the map for the locations and the relevant rules and facilities.

Many daytime leisure options are also available around the banks of the lake, including stunning hiking and cycling routes, and there are two beaches at Ruitersplaat. Veerse Meer also offers various fishing zones for anglers.

### **Paradise for birds**

Veerse Meer Natura 2000 is an area where birds rest, feed and breed. Birds inhabit the salt marshes, beaches, sandbanks and other bare and sparsely vegetated land. If they are disturbed, they will not get enough food or rest. If birds often need to leave their nests, their eggs may also not hatch.

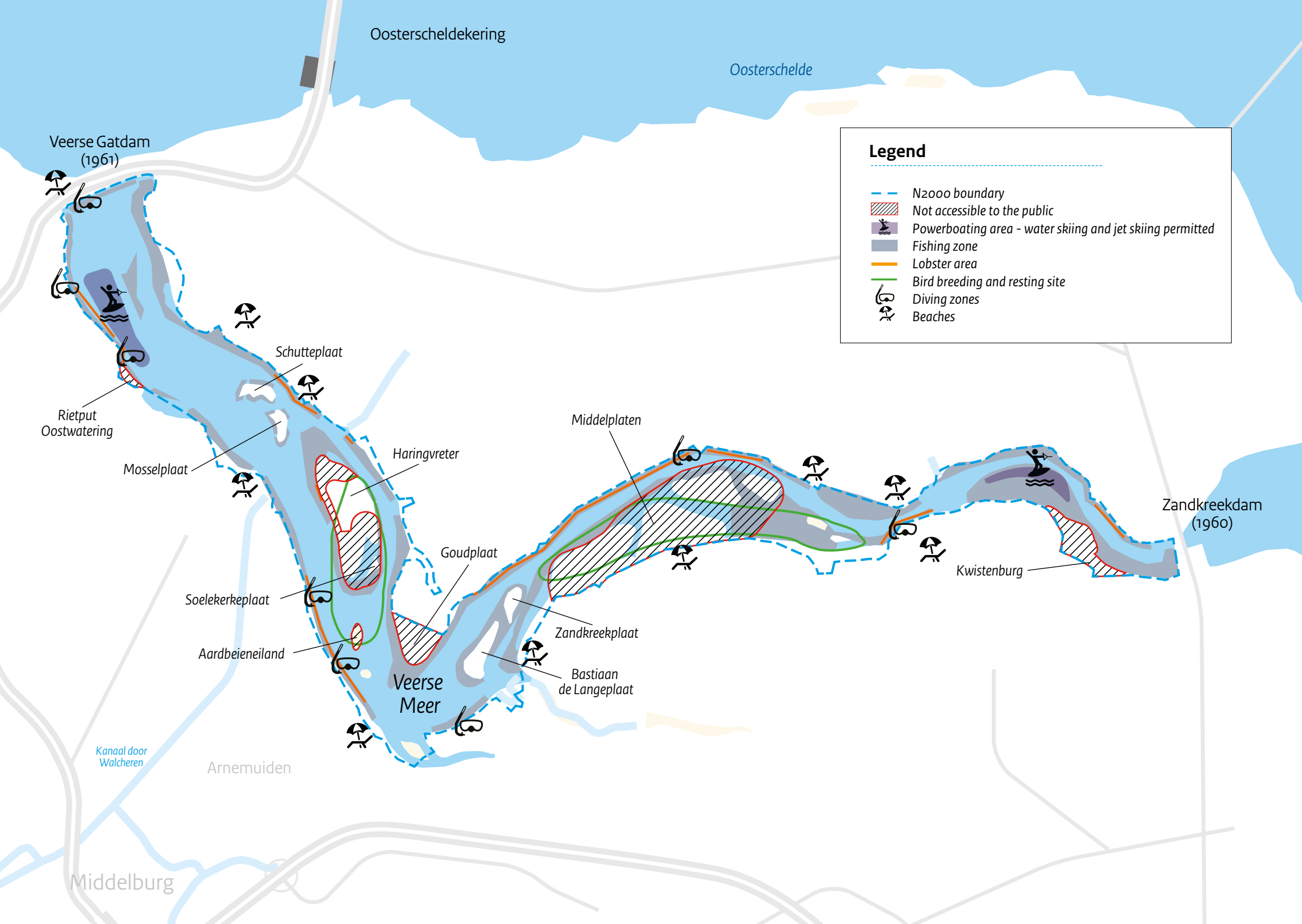
Several locations are breeding areas for lesser black-backed gulls, cormorants and spoonbills. Veerse Meer is also a stopover for migratory birds, which stay for a short period during their transit. Little grebes, cormorants, waders, ducks, geese and swans come to overwinter here.

### **Rest for birds and conserving our beautiful nature**

Staatsbosbeheer, Vereniging Natuurmonumenten, Rijkswaterstaat, the Waterschap Scheldestromen and private individuals act as nature conservationists to conserve and protect nature in and around Veerse Meer. For this reason you may never enter the following Veerse Meer areas:

- Part of the Haringvretter sandbank
- Aardbeieneiland
- Middelpaten
- Kwistenburg
- Outer dike section of Goudplaat
- Rietput Oostwatering





Oosterscheldekering

Oosterschelde

Veerse Gatdam  
(1961)

**Legend**

- Nzoo boundary
- Not accessible to the public
- Powerboating area - water skiing and jet skiing permitted
- Fishing zone
- Lobster area
- Bird breeding and resting site
- Diving zones
- Beaches

Rietput  
Oostwatering

Mosselplaat

Schutteplaat

Middelplaten

Haringvreter

Zandkreekdam  
(1960)

Soelekerkeplaat

Goudplaat

Kwistenburg

Aardbeieneiland

Veerse  
Meer

Zandkreekplaat

Bastiaan  
de Langeplaat

Kanaal door  
Walcheren

Arnemuiden

Middelburg

# Rules



Only sail and fish in the permitted areas. These areas are indicated on the map and are marked by buoys and signs.



Powerboating is permitted within designated speed zones. The maximum speed on Veerse Meer is 15 kilometres per hour.



Jetskiing and waterskiing are only permitted within the designated speed zones.



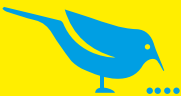
You should always have your VISpas with you when fishing, which you can order on [www.vispas.nl](http://www.vispas.nl). Make sure you comply with relevant legislation.



Always take waste home with you, so you do your bit to keep the nature reserve unspoiled. You can also deposit your waste in the waste bins provided.



Keep the volume of any music low.



We must all do what we can to protect our Dutch nature. In every nature reserve, be aware of what is and is not allowed, and hold others to account if they contravene the rules.

Nature management organisations, police, RUD Zeeland and Sportvisserij Zuidwest Nederland officers patrol the nature reserves every day. Violations will result in fines. These are easy to avoid if you stick to the rules.

## **Natura 2000**

Veerse Meer is a Natura 2000 area.  
Natura 2000 is a network of  
protected nature reserves in Europe.  
For more information, please visit  
[www.rwsnatura2000.nl](http://www.rwsnatura2000.nl).



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