

Travel information for your trip to De Bilt

KNMI is situated in De Bilt, east of the city of Utrecht, approximately 30 km south east of Amsterdam. Amsterdam International Airport, called Schiphol, and Utrecht CS (Main Railway Station) are connected by train.

Trains from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Central Station

During the day there are trains from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht (direction Eindhoven) leaving from platform 1 – 2 each half hour at :14 at and at :44 and at :29 and :59 (direction Nijmegen) leaving from platform 3. Travel time about 30 minutes, no changeovers necessary.

The train fare for the single trip from Schiphol to Utrecht CS amounts to Euro 7.80 (2nd Class) or Euro 12.60 (1st Class).

Further information on train connections can be found on the Internet in English:

<http://9292ov.nl> or <http://www.ns.nl> (click on English on the top of the page).

After midnight there are still trains, but they will take longer with probably a changeover.

It is not possible to buy tickets in the train (you pay extra and probably a big fine, depending on your explanation). Ticket machines should accept credit cards, but perhaps it is easier to buy the ticket at the ticket windows, at a small surcharge.

From Utrecht Central Station to De Bilt

Going from Utrecht Central Station to KNMI or the hotel De Biltsche Hoek can be done by taxi or by bus.

KNMI is near a bus stop, but to get to the hotel De Biltsche Hoek a 10 minute walk from the (same KNMI) bus stop is needed.

So it is more convenient to take a taxi, but more costly: about 20 - 25 Euros. Taxis can be found on an exterior platform at the top platform of the station. Taxi drivers should know the hotel.

Taking the Bus

There are buses leaving Utrecht Central Station for De Bilt roughly every 10 - 20 minutes. The numbers are: 50, 52, 53, 74. These are regional buses (called "streekvervoer") and they start in front of the station. (Walk from the top platform of the Central Station into the direction of the town centre, turn right to go downstairs to the bus station, which you will see through the windows. Follow the indicators "streekbusstation").

The buses have various regional destinations, so do not get confused by that.

Bus times are accessible through <http://www.9292ov.nl> .

You can buy a ticket at the bus. It is recommended to have a 5 Euro note, or even better, some Euro coins (2 – 3 Euros or so). In the Netherlands there is a general system for busses with a “strippenkaart” (a card where a number of strips are stamped according to distance; 3 strips for Utrecht to De Bilt).

The busstop for KNMI and Hotel De Biltse Hoek is called ‘*Tunneltje De Bilt*’, which refers to a small bicycle tunnel at the stop, see the map (red flag). You could try your Dutch and mention KNMI (pronounced as **Kah N M Ee**). After a few bus stops in town, you leave the city of Utrecht to the east direction and then it is still a few kilometres on a straight road. Bus travel time about 20 minutes.

KNMI is located at 300 meters from the busstop (see pink star on the map). You may be able to see the white radar dome on the tower.

To go to the hotel (see bleu arrow on the map) walk 30 meters away from the main road towards a little farm, walk back into the small bicycle tunnel and cross the road. After about 150m turn right into a main street, cross the traffic lights and walk another 500m towards the hotel (see map, the hotel is at the green flag at the right hand side).

From De Bilt to Utrecht Central Station

Going back to Utrecht Central Station can also be done by taxi or by bus.

If you prefer a taxi, order one at the hotel or at the KNMI reception.

Going back by bus is straightforward. The bus stops at the north side of the tunnel (the opposite side of B), so coming from KNMI you should walk through the tunnel. There is also a bus stop at the Hotel De Biltse Hoek from where you can go straight to Utrecht Central Station (only in this direction).

Weather

Information on the local weather conditions can be found via the Internet Home page of KNMI: <http://www.knmi.nl>

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