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It's been a long 15 weeks since the beginning of the corona quarantine and finally we are able to enjoy our freedom again. Terraces are flooded with people, schools have begun and we can look out towards holiday time. But it is also a moment to realise that not everyone in our world enjoys the same kinds of freedom.

Swan Lake City

Jesse Opdam

Nature flourished in recent months, mainly because of less traffic and quieter cities. Rijkswaterstaat (Dutch ministry of infrastructure and water management) warned as early as the end of March that animals felt safer and therefore crossed roads more often, risking collisions. In Wales, wild mountain goats decided to visit the now quiet villages, seabirds and fish once again swim visibly through the clean canals of Venice. Monkeys in Lopburi in Thailand that normally live off the food and snacks they get from tourists, now have to scavenge for themselves.

Closer to home we notice the positive influences of the quarantine on nature and animals. For the second year in a row the swan couple laid 8 eggs in the University Pond. For years the nest has been fenced off to keep people at least 1.5 meters away, with seemingly successful results. In downtown Wageningen, the same tactic was applied when a swan couple decided to nest between the glass-box and the parking meter, right next to the grassy field where hundreds of people eat ice cream every day in summer. Two meter high fences with black opaque tarpaulin were carefully placed around the nest, one side was left open to allow the swans to pass through.

It seemed to be a tricky situation, amidst the noise and clutter. But in the first weekend of June, 7 beautiful swan chicks hatched. A day later the parents walked proudly around the Junushoff with their offspring. Away from the safety of the nest, they must feel ill at ease, but also here keeping at least 1.5 meters distance is the best thing everyone can do.

12 numbers about corona in Wageningen, The Netherlands and summer holidays

Clemens Joham

* At the time of going to press (21/06/2020)

How many patients were tested positively in Wageningen?*	How many Wageningers are above 70 and therefore more at risk?	Which % of courses in Period 6 could take place?	How many corona related emails have students received?*	At which body temperature do you need to stay home? (°C)	Most important: What distance should you keep? (m)
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How many cases were confirmed in the NL?*	How many people work in vital professions?	Which fraction of people will not go on holidays this year?	Which % of people who do go on holidays this year will stay in the NL?	How many countries can we visit without restriction? (& the Dutch Caribbean!)*	How long is the Dutch coast line for beach holidays close to home? (km)
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Presented during the protest June 14th

I am not here to convince the people who already acknowledge racism; that it is a complex reality that we can only try to continue to understand and effectively change, but we will never fully comprehend.

I am standing here today to reach out to *the people* that still think that learning about racism is not relevant regarding The Netherlands, your community, your personal life and your education. This is relevant for everyone, every citizen, every child, every parent, brother, sister, every single student, and staff member. Racism is always relevant. But here we are today, still at a point where we have to convince people to actually listen, *just listen* to the voices that are *trying to tell you* about the inhumane reality of a racism pandemic.

I grew up in The Netherlands in a racially ignorant and white town. There was no diversity and the only education we had in school on racism was some theory fitted in only one paragraph, *one paragraph*, in high school. So, if you understood that single paragraph, you understood racism .. right?

Since I was a child I've been called out by my classmates about my hair looking like a birds nest, my skin being luckily not too dark, my dad coming from some uninhabited island, monkey back because I have black body hair and not blonde, half blood. I've been sexualized by older men since I was 14, because I was some exotic being they weren't used seeing around. A dermatologist burned my skin because she didn't know how to deal with it. Whenever I came with my mom to her hair dresser all the workers came to touch my hair like I was some animal waiting to be petted - and these are just a few examples from the top of my head.

At the time I thought this was just bullying or uncomfortable, but my basic understanding of racism *from that one paragraph in high school* in the most obvious form being; "discriminating one by their colour, nationality or ethnicity" made me unable to identify this behaviour as being racist and part of a result of a system that is racist too.

My journey on properly educating myself on racism started a month ago. I felt so ashamed about that the fact that I have had the privilege to live in racial ignorance and not

be drastically affected by it. That I could just live my life not knowing about the role I play in a racist system and not be part of the group that suffers the most from its consequences. I learned that no matter what you want to accomplish, racism plays a role, it's patterned everywhere.

You are a feminist and want women to get equal pay and get those extra pushes to reach the top? What about those women at the bottom of the social order, women of colour, black trans women, disabled women, affected by our racist system who are *so much more disadvantaged* and do not even have the chance to get a proper job?

You are a climate activist and want to save the world? Who do you think is going to be affected by climate change the most?

You want people to stop eating animal products and eat organic? Do you realise what a privileged thing that is to say and to demand from the world? Since there are a lot of people who eat what they *can get* to survive the conditions they are in.

I've learned in order to learn about anything you want to study you cannot neglect the social impact factor. That includes racism and that means learning about imperialism, colonialism, the history of what our former leaders did to other countries, what they took, what they damaged. You have to understand capitalism and that it only works with inequality. *And this* is just the tip of the iceberg.

These are some things that I learned in a couple of days, that is not basic knowledge, but should be. But it should not come down to our individual will and capability to learn *all of this*. It is *too much* to comprehend for one person. This should be part of all education and should be moulded so anyone can understand it, we can do our jobs better and have a more realistic world view.

Racism doesn't only exist in the most obvious forms and in the Netherlands we have an attitude that we know what we're talking about, and that racism isn't a problem in this country and we don't need to be educated about it. Racism is always relevant and we are only at the early stages of a long journey. We cannot go back to our old lives. Effective change must be followed through in all of our daily lives and responsibilities.

Thank you.

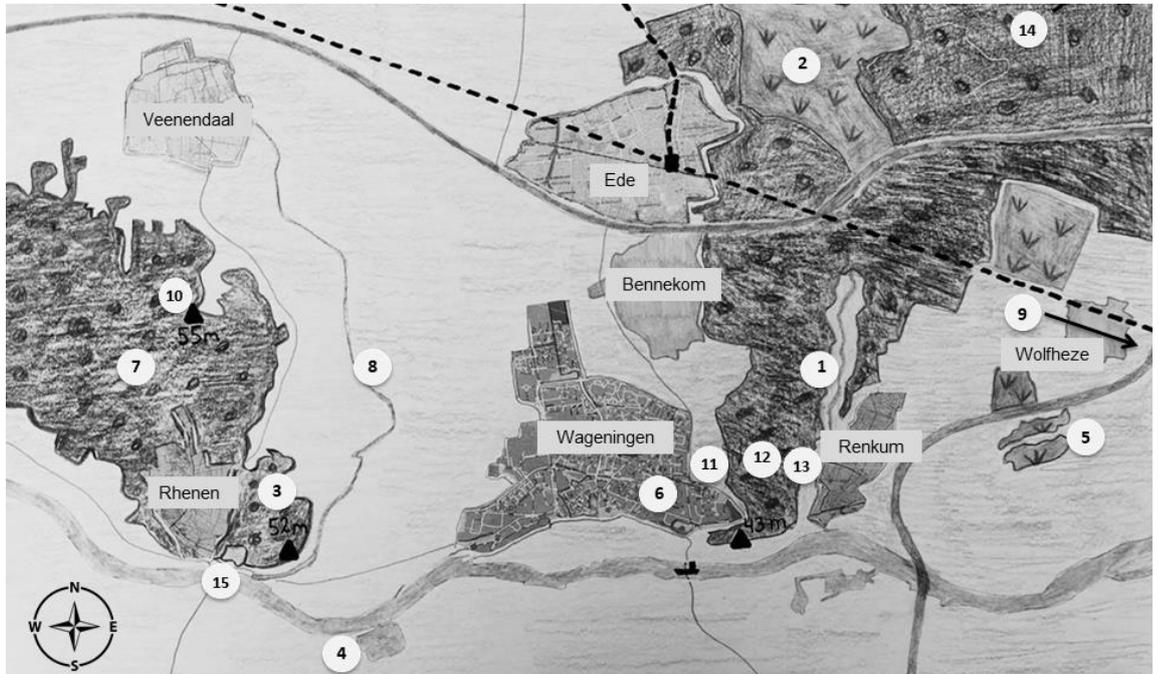
Great, we are almost having summer holidays! The time of the year to visit the mountains, enjoy the sun, eat traditional food, swim in the sea, read a nice book, go on an adventure, and enjoy the sun even more. But wait ... what if you are stuck in Wageningen? Due to Covid-19 it is suddenly quite hard to visit your faraway family or to make any holiday plans at all. For me personally the realization of not being able to go abroad hit me quite hard. If I think of holidays I think of experiencing something new. New countries where I have never been before, new places, new types of nature or new food. It's about broadening your horizon, literally! And how can you do that when being stuck in the same old town Wageningen?

Yeah, those were my (stupid) prejudices before Covid-19 happened.

Because I wasn't able to work anymore or do sports in the weekend, I finally took the time to experience the surroundings of Wageningen. And wow, so much I haven't seen before. New places, new food, new musea,

new towns, new nature areas (only not a new country, but that's okay). So, Wageningen can broaden your horizon? And the most amazing thing about this, I didn't have to spend any carbon! I just got my bike, running shoes, skates or the train (okay, a little little bit of carbon...).

So, for those staying in Wageningen in the summer here some tips:



1. **Renkums Beekdal** – A little river flows through the forest between Wageningen and Renkum. It's a beautiful place to go hiking. Check out www.klompenspaden.nl/klompenspad/hartensepad
2. **Ginkelse Heide** – Although the perfect time to visit the Ginkelse Heide is in Autumn due to the purple flowering, within summer it is still beautiful to go hiking or biking. Check out www.route.nl/routeplanner for a map of all biking lanes through the Netherlands.
3. **De Grebbeberg** – Who said that Wageningen doesn't have any mountains? Check out the Grebbeberg and you will be surprised!
4. **De Blauwe Kamer** – For those who love watching birds this is the perfect spot. They are currently closed, but they might open soon.
5. **Wolfhezerheide** – This heather area is a bit more unknown for most people in Wageningen, but in my opinion just as beautiful as the Ginkelse Heide. Check out www.klompenspaden.nl/klompenspad/molenbeeksepad for a nice hike.
6. **Arboretum de Dreijen** – Although the museum Het Depot is still closed, their garden is open. Maybe a nice change from arboretum Belmonte.
7. **Mountainbiking in Rhenen** – Are you looking for some adventure? You can rent a mountain bike in Wageningen and check out the MTB trail Rhenen. Check out www.mtbroutes.nl/utrecht/rhenen
8. **De Griff** – This cute little rivier in the middle of 't Binnenveld (area between Rhenen, Wageningen, Veenendaal & Ede) can be followed by bike or even canoe. To rent a canoe go to: www.kanoverhuuroost.nl/prijzen
9. **Sonsbeek** – A bit outside the scope of this map, but easily accessible from Wageningen, is park Sonsbeek: a 120 year old city park in the north of Arnhem. You can have beautiful walks here between country houses, rivers and even some hills!
10. **Kwintelooyen** – The highest hill in the surroundings of Wageningen! The way up is pretty easy and you can run downhill through the sand.
11. **Wageningen wine** – Did you know that Wageningen has a vineyard? You can visit them for free every Saturday and Sunday between 13:30 and 17:30. Also, you can order an arranged picnic for two while tasting some of their wines. Isn't that romantic?
12. **Truffle orchard** – Maybe you are thinking about magic truffles now. Sorry, in that case I have to disappoint you. Between Wageningen and Renkum one of the very few Dutch truffle orchards is located. Every month they offer a guided tour, see www.truffelgaard.nl
13. **De Ommuurde Tuin** – In the direction of Renkum you can find a beautiful historic vegetable garden where currently over 400 different eatable plants are growing. You can buy your groceries here or have a sit within their tea garden and enjoy their delicious home-made pies and juices.
14. **Kröller-Müller museum** – Located in the middle of nature park 'de Hoge Veluwe' is a museum of contemporary art. It contains i.a. paintings of van Gogh, Claude Monet, Georges Seurat and Piet Mondriaan.

Gin-Tonic

Eric Van Bruggen

A gin-tonic or a GT must be the perfect cocktail for this corona summer.

First of all, a gin-tonic is easy to make, it consists of simple ingredients and is super healthy. Super healthy? Yep, the tonic in the gin-tonic contains quinine, which was the go to malaria medicine before hydroxychloroquine became all the hype. That is the same hydroxychloroquine that Trump claims can cure corona.

Quinine is supposed to have similar properties to hydroxychloroquine, and is basically the next best thing. Although recent studies show that hydroxychloroquine in fact does not improve the health of corona-patients, Trump says he still takes it every day, and he's still alive. Anyway, quinine is proven to be

moderately effective against malaria, and that can come in handy too this summer, depending where you're going.

Unfortunately, the dose of quinine in tonic is pretty low, so don't be shy and treat yourself on lots of gin-tonics this summer. The key of a gin tonic is in the measures. I recommend to put in at least 2 to 3 times more tonic than gin. Remember, the more quinine the better. As a garnish you can use a lime wedge.

Recipe for all gin tonics

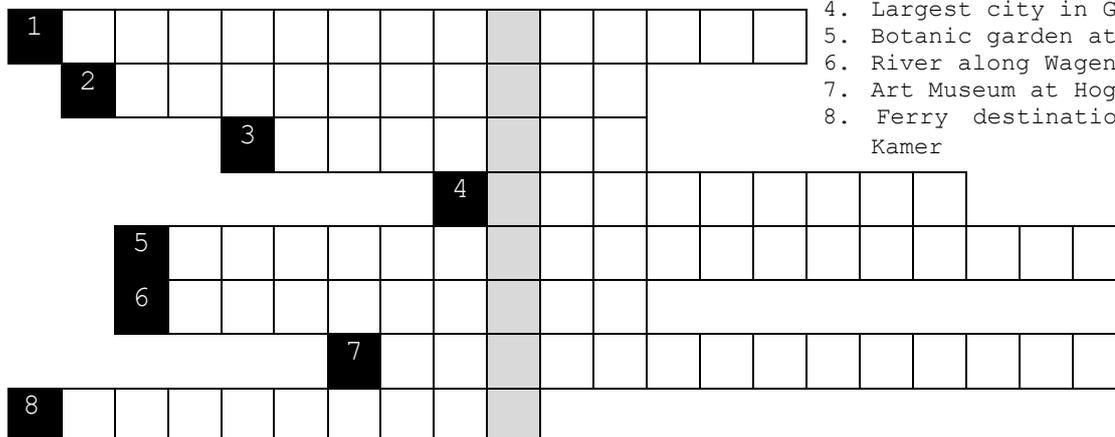
1 part gin
3 parts tonic
Lime wedge

Mix all ingredients together and you're done.

Enjoy a healthy summer!

Puzzle

Rosanne Onstenk



1. Area between the Utrechtse Heuvelrug and Veluwe
2. Camping in Wageningen Hoog
3. Province where the Grebbeberg is located
4. Largest city in Gelderland (area)
5. Botanic garden at the Wageningse Berg
6. River along Wageningen
7. Art Museum at Hoge Veluwe
8. Ferry destination from the Blaauwe Kamer

In solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and victims of racism

RUW Foundation stands together with the victims of racism here in Wageningen and around the world. The global protests in response to the inhumane murder of George Floyd in the United States have furthered dialogue and action against the culture of white supremacy that is embedded in legal and socio-economic systems globally, as well as the biases we hold within ourselves. We must confront structural and institutionalized racism as individuals, as members of the community of Wageningen, of Wageningen University and of the wider global community. RUW Foundation actively commits to anti-racism, and will contribute to furthering listening, learning, dialogue and action. If you would like to write about your experience in Wageningen or promote an anti-racist initiative, please let us know and we are happy to help you to produce media. We have equipment available for producing podcasts and videos.

We fully endorse the petition on [change.org](https://www.change.org) demanding WUR to act on racism, inequality and xenophobia in the university. We invite you to do so as well.

Here is a short list of books and other media focussing on racism in the Netherlands and the EU to continue to educate yourself about racism:

Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race by Reni Eddo-Lodge

2Doc Wit is ook een kleur (Documentary by Sunny Bergman)

Afropean: Notes from Black Europe by Johny Pitts

Hallo witte mensen by Anousha Nzume

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