

# OPENSTREETMAP: THE FREE WIKI WORLD MAP!

OpenStreetMap opens maps like Wikipedia has opened the encyclopedia. Our goal is to create a free map of the world on which everybody can collaborate. Started in England in 2004, OpenStreetMap inspired many volunteers to create a better and better map using a GPS and a notepad.



In the Netherlands many people are busy realising a complete, up to date, detailed and freely available map of the Netherlands. We got a lot closer to this because of a big 'data-donation' in 2007 of the well known mapprovider AND! As a result the Dutch OpenStreetMap now equals the maps of Google and Yahoo. But what makes OpenStreetMap unique is it's openness: everybody can download the data to do whatever he wants to do with it, and everybody can collaborate on creating better and more up to date maps. We have enthusiastic people creating bicycle maps - which Google does not provide. You can also add your own POI's (Points Of Interest) toevoegen, like for example the Beurs van Berlage in Amsterdam. The active community of OpenStreetMap is aware of the importance of free information - in everybody's interest. Go take a look at [www.openstreetmap.nl](http://www.openstreetmap.nl)!

