

Southern Park (some impressions)

The Southern Park is a large city park that has been developed in 1951 and is the largest park in Rotterdam (215 hectares). In 1999 the park was re-structured and enlarged. The Southern Park was designed by the city architect Hanekroot. The park is situated at the left bank of the river Meuse in the Southern part of Rotterdam. In Rotterdam-South most of the 51% autochthonous residents of Rotterdam are living (around 70% of the Rotterdam South districts is autochthonous). A few districts near the park are deprived (Charlois, Zuidwijk, Pendrecht, Carnisse). Around 50% of the park is free accessible for visitors. The park comprises allotments for gardening, a number of sport complexes for soccer, handball or tennis, a children's farm, play grounds and a sun bathing areas. The park also contains many hiking and biking lanes, facilities for picnicking and barbequing. The park is surrounded and intersected by a number of busy roads. The park encloses a large events hall (AHOY) on the north side rather near to the metro and bus station Zuidplein. This AHOY complex organises all kind of indoor and outdoor events such as exhibitions, congresses, sport games, festivals (such as the North Sea Jazz Festival), fairs, fairgrounds and circus. Especially the outdoor events could be very noisy and annoying for the dwellers living nearby. For an impression about the AHOY's events and activities, see [The Southern Park](#). The Southern Park contains also much wide water courts which makes the park very spatial and attractive. These water courts are being used for fishing and canoeing. Swimming is prohibit. The Southern Park is not designated as a Quiet Urban Area by the municipality of Rotterdam yet. Based on the noise map (according the END 2002/49/EC) the Southern Park at least a major part of it could be considered/seen as a potential quiet urban area. The parts near the roads, the metro and the AHOY complex could be defined as transition or buffer zones.



See also on google maps, [here](#)

Remarkable elements in the Southern Park (by url)

[Old historical building \(former city hall of Heenvliet\)](#)

[Mill in the Southern Park](#)

[AHOY event hall](#)

Some pictures





