

OPENING HOURS

Thursday	10.00 - 0.00 h
Friday	10.00 - 0.30 h
Saturday	10.00 - 0.30 h
Sunday	10.00 - 20.00 h

OPENING HOURS CAMPING

Thursday, August 3, 10.00 h till Monday, August 7, 10.00 h

FIRST AID

There are four First Aid posts: three at the festival grounds and one at the campsite. Check the festival map for their locations.

TRAVEL

There is a shuttle bus service between Castlefest and several P+R/train stations: Nieuw-Vennep*, Sassenheim & Voorhout

day	first bus	last bus
Thu	09.30 h	0.30 h
Fri	09.30 h	1.00 h
Sat	09.30 h	1.00 h
Sun	09.30 h	20.30 h
Mon	08.00 h	12.00 h

* The shuttle bus for people with disabilities drives from Nieuw-Vennep from Thursday to Sunday.

Traveling by car? Keep your parking tickets ready when entering the parking.

PAYING AT CASTLEFEST

At the catering, we use tokens. You can buy tokens at various locations at the festival grounds. These are marked on the map with:

Do you have tokens left at the end of the festival? You can save them for next year or exchange them for money at the cash desk near the entrance. Colofon: text: Femke van Hilten; design: Lena Gijsbrechts; Photos: Anouk Pross, Ellen La Faille, Keshia van Rossum, Ruben Meeuwese, Rezien, Ruud de Korte, Slas

INFORMATION

Any practical questions you have can be asked at the info booth, marked on the map with:

This is also the place to be if you've lost or found any items. Don't want to drag around all your stuff? The info booth offers a cloakroom service as well.

CONTACT

Would you rather ask your question online? Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter or send us an email via info@castlefest.nl.
We'll answer you asap!

Want to let everyone know what a great time you're having at Castlefest? Tag us via @castlefest, use the #castlefest2023 or #cf23 on social media.

WELCOME TO CASTLEFEST 2023!

Welcome to Castlefest! Over the past year, we have been working hard to organise another wonderful edition for you. Now that the gates of the festival are open, it's time to enjoy everything the program has to offer. It's time to indulge in wondrous and extraordinary acts, listen to mesmerizing stories from the storytellers, raise a toast and dance together, and stroll along the market stalls filled with beautiful products.

This year, the Wicker Ritual is dedicated to The Mother of the Ancestors. Symbolizing the sacred triad found in nature, she carries the wisdom of the past, offering guidance for both the present and the future. Embracing the magical power of this triad, she invites you to go on a quest of self-discovery, while maintaining a deep connection with yourself and the souls who have traveled this path before you. We are curious to discover which of these life's three phases resonates with you the strongest.

You may have already noticed, but this year's line-up looks a bit different from previous years. In our search for new acts, we have come across so many amazing bands, which led us to decide to make more room in our line-up. As a result, most bands will perform only once, giving you the opportunity to discover a whole new array of music. Who knows, you might stumble upon your newfound favourite band this year! Of course, there is something in store for every music enthusiast. If you're into Nordic Folk, you can immerse yourself in the sounds of SKÁLD, Blóð Dýr, and Sowulo. Of course, various pirate crews will also dock at the Castlefest stages, so make sure to catch Barbar'O'Rhum and Pat Razket. For those who love Pagan Folk, you will be in for a treat with Waldkauz, Trolska Polska and FeHu. The Dolmen, Corvus Corax, Reliquiae and Celtica will blow your socks off with their bagpipes and heavy tunes. And this is just the tip of the iceberg...

On top of everything, we have something special on Friday. Especially for Balfolk enthusiasts, the Meadow Stage is fully dedicated as a Balfolk stage that day. Here you can dance all day long to the music of Loogaroo, Sanseveria, Plantec and Ball Noir. Not much of a dancer? This music is just as enjoyable with a drink in the sun!

There is so much to see, do and experience at Castlefest. This booklet provides you with the times and locations you shouldn't miss. Can't make up your mind? We've learned from experience that some of the most magical moments unfold without a plan. We wish you a wonderful time at Castlefest!

Love, The Vana Events Team

WICKER RITUAL

Every year we celebrate the Wicker Ritual together. On Friday and Saturday we invite you to put a small flammable offering in the Wicker. On Saturday, The Mother of the Ancestors will go up in flames during the ritual. Let go of the old or make a wish for the future.

THE MOTHER OF THE ANCESTORS: MANIFEST IN THE POWER OF MATTER

This year we meet the Wicker as the Mother of the Ancestors. She embodies the triad in nature that, when looking closely, can be seen all around you. Three is a magical number, it provides balance in a world that seems to be moving faster and faster. As a result, we risk losing sight of where we come from. Without the past, there is no present and no future.

The wisdom of our ancestors leads you to your greater potential. From the womb, new life, purpose, and matter arise. The mother is the origin, the source, the matriarch of matter. Your path begins on a path that has been walked many times before you. The experiences of your ancestors give you the opportunity to step into your power and grow. From this path, you can explore new routes, discover your own creativity, and develop your own identity in this world. The connection with your ancestors is important. Without birth, there is no life and no death.

Manifest in the power of matter. Be brave and step out of your comfort zone. Embrace the unknown. Embark on a journey to find yourself. But don't forget to listen to your inner thoughts and soul. Without body, there is no mind and no spirit.

The Mother of the Ancestors embodies the three phases of life. She is the Maiden, the Mother, and the Crone. By bringing the wisdom of the past into the present and future, she invites you to discover and grow. She gives you past, present, and future. She gives you birth, life, and death. She gives you body, mind, and spirit. Feel which phase calls to you the most and experience the connected magical triad of the Mother of the Ancestors.

THE MARKET

WOODLAND VILLAGE

A Lot of Rosie Arrr Fantasy Artemis Fantasy Atelier Petit Papillon Avothea/Feniks & Co. Baba Yaga - les choses curieuses Belo Mundo Black Oak Smederij Britt - fine art and design Cornibus CrazyRat De Kattenketel EarthApple Creations EarthField Creations Fantasy Giftshop Flora & Mycena Freya Dorota Talik Het Labyrinth Hollow-Moon-Art Jack Of Dice & The Queen Ring K.G. Jach Clothing Leather Leaves Lila Pixie Loeff Bureau Creative Melief Animal Sanctuary Mineralz Mitear Moira Natuuryrouw MR Leather Design Muse Suite Pagan Ways **Shewolf Creations** Sjeintje Boterkoek Spingodin Studio FADE

Sylvia Strijk Artist

Time Traveller

Ton in Ton True The Eye of Awareness Vuorelta Designs Wonderdelen Woolfashion

LIFESTYLE PLAZA

Hats 'n Dreads Houtspelmaatwerk/ Creatures of Colour Rumah Senang The Black Mantis

CASTLE DOMAINS

Amber Wolf Workshop Artisaen Awkaluna Black Planet Celtic World De Polderkol Des Chausses et des Choses Green Man Hannie's Hakhoning Heksig De Magische Marskramster Jeracraft Larpcenter Magic Within Ocarinas Arpad Takacs Queen in Black Smederij Roodbaert The Native Dutch Clan Wax Atelier Willy van Santen **Ypermanfantasypaints**

LARP VILLAGE

Larpcenter Willy van Santen

SECRET GARDEN

AlexKuijpersComics Alohomora Annemiek Symboliek Atelier Terra Nostra Ayame Designs Bepstyle Celtic Rose City Sheep Nature Custom Costumes De Godin in Jezelf Dino Jewellery Drachenheim Droomfontein Echtleer.nl Edles Geschmeide Eleoflora Elfeboutique Elsiera Etain Scelle **Eternal-Designs** Fabion Fairyland **Fuenteroyos** Grimoires et Compagnie Het Kruidenheksje Indovleermuisie Kapitein Kleerhaak Kiltshop Steve the Bagpipe Player Kleurwila Kolderieke Maliën Kovex-Ars Loesje Handel Mate Amargo Meaves Nomad Art Overthemoonfashion

Paolo Aghemo

Papagaio

Pera Peris Rasa Creations Rosies Art /Catalyst Styling and design Salem's Fantasy Gifts Seidi-Clothing Sigil Stone Studio Spirits & Beings Spooky Stuff Stixandstones Symboli-K Tal's Art Territoire Sombre Trade Mark Den Haag Vagabond Syndrome Wolfy & Jordy Wrinckley and Magick Meadows Yneo Stones

MEDIEVAL SPECTACLE

Bohemia Beauty Groep Gabs Skapa Waldfyrd Wortel & Cruydt Zwaard en Volk

Zielenklanken

WANDERING

Feathers van Raven

MEADOW FIELDS

Aardemagie
Ananda Naturmode
Black Velvet Gowns
ByLord
De Dansende Jak
De Jess Compagnie
Dreams Barcelona
Faery Goods
Fantasy En'Counter
Games-n-Stuff
Grumpy Geeks
Hebbus & Noggus
Jacklyn Hyde
Juggelin Sun Children

Kolonialwaren
Le Chevalier Thibault
Loeros
Magical Gifts
Mytholon
Painted Cave
Speelbol
Srilaksmi
The Chocolate Box
The Coloured House
The Violet Cauldron
Triskal Wellness & Art shop
Trollart
Trukado
WJH Textiel



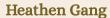
PROGRAM

Besides the wonderful music coming from any of the three stages, there is so much more to experience at Castlefest. The following pages will tell you about some of the highlights of entertainment and activities. Looking for a complete overview per day? You will find QR codes in the timetable. By scanning these, you can see the full line-up per day on our website.



The Children's Kingdom

The Children's Kingdom is the perfect place to be for the young Castlefest visitor. Participate in exciting adventures or drop by to play or craft. For the very youngest and their parents, there is also a place to retreat from the festival bustle. True to tradition, there is a Kiddy Battle every day at 17.00h, where children compete against adults. Who will win this year?



Looking for more spiritual depth in life? The Village of the Heathen Gang offers interesting workshops and activities on paganism and spirituality. Every day at 15.00h they will host a Drum Circle and you are most welcome to join! You can also make your own Wicker Ritual offering, ask for advise and make sure to visit Rineke for an intuitive in-depth face paint experience.





LARP Village

You've probably heard about *Live Action Role Playing*. At Castlefest you have the chance to experience it too. Join a quest or combat training and discover how cool this hobby can be.

Medieval Spectacle

Looking for even more adventure after visiting the LARP Village? At the Medieval Spectacle fields you will travel back to the middle ages. In the encampments of Goedvolk and 't Ambachts Ghylde you will be introduced to life in that era and on the tournament field you will witness knights fighting each other. Very exciting!





We are also proud to launch our official
2023 line-up merchandise with our brand
new logo this year, and have lots more
goodies on offer.
Will you come and have a look?



We have a new location! Find us on the map:





Lifestyle Plaza

This creative Plaza is the place to be if you are in need of some me-time. Gift yourself a massage or let yourself and your outfit shine even more with beautiful makeup, face-art or a new hairdo. A more permanent souvenir of this beautiful weekend is also possible: you can find the tattoo parlour at the Lifestyle Plaza as well.

Bodypaint

The artists at the Bodypaint Gathering will enchant you with their magic of body $\mathcal E$ face art, making the most beautiful creations. Very special to see, so be sure to stop by for all their activities.



Gamestent

Enter the Gamestent and step into a world of fantasy and adventure! Here you can test your board game skills and immerse yourself in the most fantastic worlds. Whether you are a seasoned board game fanatic or just starting out, the Gamestent is for everyone.

Balfolk

At Forest Stage you can learn all about Balfolk during the Balfolk workshops. Accompanied by Emelie and the music of Bert Leemans you will learn the first steps of these dances. New this year is the Balfolk Friday. On Meadow Stage, you can enjoy as much Balfolk as you want, because this stage will be exclusively dedicated to Balfolk music on this day. Also recommended if you don't want to dance, by the way!



Mead Tasting

There's nothing quite like toasting to life with friends, don't you think? We can imagine you'd love to have some special meads on hand, so you're always prepared for a mead to share! Therefore, this year we are introducing the Mead Market.

In addition to our own Celtic Drinks, you'll find three other meaderies in this tasting tent: De Noordelijke Mederij (NL), Taranartos (BE) and Klatovstí Poutníci (CZ). Each meadery will be happy to tell you more about their products, and the best thing: you can try everything!

When you have found a mead that you'd like to bring home, you can order and pay for it on the spot. You will then receive a voucher, which you can use to pick up your order at the car park when you leave Castlefest. Cheers!

Celtic Drinks

Explore the delightful world of mead! At Celtic Drinks, the popular mead-shop of Vana Events, you'll find a delicious selection that ranges from classic mead to exhilarating flavours infused with spices.

At Castlefest you can enjoy a selection from our wide range of meads at our bars. You can find them on the map at:







If you wish to take some bottles home with you, you can taste and order at the new Mead Market at:

The perfect tip for your after-Castlefest dip! Have your favourite flavours deliverd at your doorstep all

year round: www.celticdrinks.nl



CASTLEFEST ACADE

At Castlefest, a lot of things come together: fantasy, music, history, literature and spirituality. In the Castlefest Academy, you can enjoy lectures and workshops that dive deeper into these topics. The full Academy program can be found on our website, but we have already highlighted a few Academy items for you:

Lecture 'Food in the Middle Ages' Lecture 'Sheela-na-what?!

Friday, 12.00 - 13.00

Discover medieval cuisine in this lecture with Sacha Husken from Toen ter tafel and learn about cooking back then, ingredients and more.

Lecture 'Wild and Sacred Men'

Friday, 18.00 - 19.00

Join Oskar Kroes of Wild & Sacred Men as he delves into the world of men's work. Discover the legendary journey of wild men who embrace their vulnerability and how it restores the connection to one's true nature. All are welcome to this heartfelt lecture.

Lecture 'The magic art of story writing'

Saturday, 15.45 - 16.45

Discover his vision and learn how you give your stories a magical touch.

Lecture 'The art of Anette Pirso'

Saturday, 12.00 - 13.00

Discover the art of this Estonian illustrator, based on goddesses from various mythologies. In this lecture, she shares more about her work and creative process.

short intro of the Sheela-na-Gig'

Sunday, 11.30 - 12.30

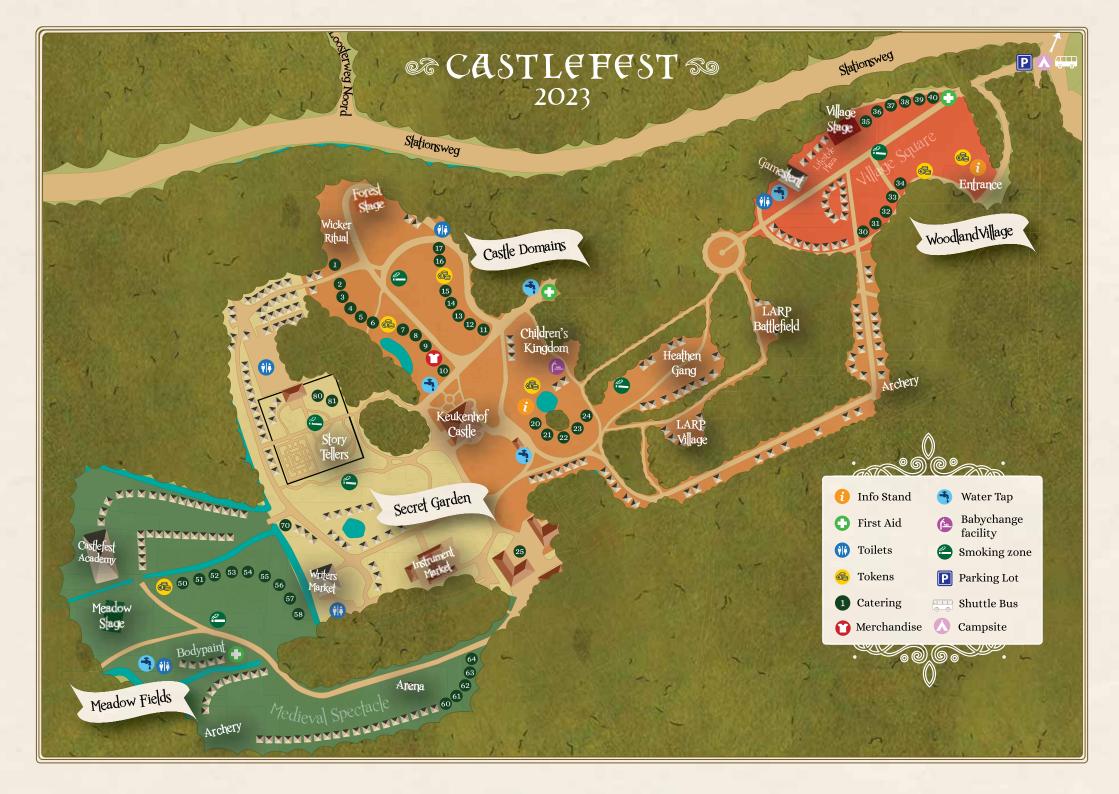
You can sometimes see them on medieval churches in Ireland or Britain: the Sheela na Gigs. Sculpted women spreading open their vulva. Where do they come from and what are they doing on a church? Nike Stam, lecturer in Celtic Languages and Cultures at Utrecht University tells you more about this mysterious phenomenon.

Lecture 'Will you survive the year 1000%

Sunday, 16.45 - 17.45

In the year 1000, the end of the world was expected. How did people deal with that? Party like it's 999? And what did people do when nothing happened? The Dutch National Museum of Antiquities will soon host an exhibition on the Netherlands a Author Thomas Olde Heuvelt gives a thousand years ago. Curator Annemarieke unique master class on writing stories. Willemsen gives a sneak preview in this





BANDS

We proudly present the musical menu of Castlefest 2023.

Below you find an overview of all the bands that will perform at Castlefest. Not familiar with a band? The dots show you which day the band plays and on the right you can find what kind of music you can expect. Now you can compose your perfect program, in tune with you musical taste palette. Enjoy!

Asynje 🚳 Pagan Folktronica

Árstíðir 🚳 Indie Folk

Ball Noir Balfolk Metal

Barbar'O'Rhum 🕟 Pirate Punk

Blóð Dýr 🗈 Neo Pagan Folk

Brisinga 🗈 Psychedelic Folk

Brother Sea P Spheric Celtic Folk

Celtica Su Bagpipe Rock

Corvus Corax hedieval Rock

Datura h Medieval Music

Ďyvina 🚳 Neo Folk

Elinborg Dark Electro Pop

FeHu 🚳 Pagan Folk

Ionathan Hultén Sa Dark Indie Folk

Loogaroo 🗈 Pure Balfolk

Mila Mar 🚳 Nu Folk

Merulsa & Easy-listening Folk

Pat Razket 80 Pirate Folk

Plantec 🗈 Elektronische Balfolk Trad

Reliquiae & Medieval Rock

Ritual Duir 🚳 Pagan Folk

Sanseveria 🗈 Balfolk Trad with a twist

SKÁLD 🚳 Nordic Folk

Sowulo 80 Atmospheric Dark Folk

The Dolmen 80 Celtic Rock

The Spleen Orchestra 🕩 Tim Burtonesque Extravaganza

Trobar de Morte 📭 🚳 Neo Medieval Folk

Trolska Polska 🚳 Nordic Troll Folk

Tulua 🚳 Irish Folk

Waldkauz 🚳 Pagan Folk

Willos' 🚳 Celtic Folk

Withershins © Celtic Folk

THURSDAY AUGUST 3

Woodland Village

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CAMPING
GUESTS
ONLY

You can find the full line-up on our website:



Tips of the day

Make new friends for life with the Green Light Movement's Tea-Time Chatter. Using their burning questions, you'll get to know each other fast.

Visit the Gamestent and beat your friends at a cool board or card game.



Woodland Village opens at **10.00 h**.

The market closes at **22.00 h.**

Village Square remains open till **0.00 h.**

Friday August 4





SATURDAY AUGUST 5





Sunday August 6





CASTLEFEST MENU

drinks at our caterers. On this page, you will find the full menu, sorted by area. All caterers offer vegetarian options.

From Friday to Monday between 7.00h and 10.00h Medieval Catering offers a delicious breakfast service at the Castefest Campsite, with coffee, tea, juice, sandwiches, croissants and more.

You can find the most delicious food and You will also see the following icons next to the catering numbers:

> This caterer has vegan options This caterer has glutenfree options*

On our website you will find a list of allergens per caterer per product.



*Please be careful in case of allergies. Cross-contamination cannot be completely ruled out.

- Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol free) beer, mead, radler, fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water
- **2** Cooking Highlander Knobi | Knobi (garlic bread)
- Cooking Highlander Wedges & Stoof | Stewed meat and wedges
- 4 Cooking Highlander Braadworst | Bratwurst on a bun
- **5** Cooking Highlander Burgers | Hamburgers and pulled pork on a bun
- **6** Cooking Highlander BBQ. | Spareribs, ham and more
- The Black Flower | Pirate bar with beer, wine, mead, soda and juice
- The Irish Rover | Irish pub with matching drinks
- The Fudge Shop | Fudge, slush ice
- Celtic Drinks Mede Bar | Mead

Castle Domains

- Vegan Spirit | Vegan paella, falafel, mango lassi and more
- B Grill-Zilla Pizzabakkerij | Pizza, cinnamon rolls
- Hanf Beckery | Hemp bread
- Spelunkus Gaudium Gastro | Meat skewer, honeyed meat, fried feta and more
- **Everts Fruitbar** Fruit salad, fresh juice and smoothies
- **Koek & Zopie** | Wide range of coffee options, tea and extra's
- Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol free) beer, mead, radler, fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water
- **Cut the Crêpe** | Biological crêpes with savory and sweet toppings
- Sir Scoop-a-lot | Artisanal ice cream, mead ice cream and milkshakes
- **De Vrybuyter** | Meat skewers, pulled chicken wrap, corn
- **Kultura Slingerkoffie** | Coffee, tea, iced coffee, iced tea, extra's
- De Hofboerderij | Various drinks and sweets

Kultura Grab 'n Bite | Fried cauliflower, onion rings, mushrooms, wedges **W** Kultura Slingerchips | Slingerchips with various seasonings and sauces

Dutch Draught | Specialty beers

- Woodland Village **Celtic Drinks Mede Bar** | Mead
 - Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol free) beer, mead, radler, fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water
 - Koek & Zopie | Wide range of coffee options, tea and extra's
 - Everts Fruitbar | Fruit salad, fresh juice and smoothies
 - Lángos Bistro | Làngos with various toppings
 - Spelunkus Gaudium Gastro | Meat skewer, honeyed meat, fried feta and more
 - Pom-Pie | English pies, savory and sweet
 - Sir Scoop-a-lot | Artisanal ice cream, mead ice cream and milkshakes

Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol free) beer, mead, radler, fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water

- Wodan's Worsten | Hotdogs, vega(n) hotdogs
- Wietse's Pie and More | English pies, savory and sweet
- **Koek & Zopie** | Wide range of coffee options, tea and extra's
- Kürtőskalács Hilversum | Chimney bread
- **55 Grill-Zilla Pizzabakkerij** | Pizza, cinnamon rolls
- Cooking Highlander Wedges & Wings | Chicken wings, bratwurst and wedges
- **57** Cooking Highlander Knobi | Knobi (garlic bread)
- Celtic Drinks Mede Bar | Mead
- Viking Voer Andhrímnir | Salmon, smoked herring and more fish dishes
- Frying Dutchman | Fries, mushrooms, chicken wings and hamburgers
- Sinners & Saints | Soda, beer, specialty beer, coffee
- 63 Garbrätery | Various kinds of sausages, steak
- 64 Flammkuchen | Flammkuchen

Secret Garden

- Tenglish Pottery & Giftware | Muffins
- De Langzame Mannen Wide range of coffee options, pastries and extra's
- Harry Poffer | Waffles, poffertjes & Cannoli

Wandering

Marskramers van Amsterdam | Brezels with salt, cheese or apple

