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Welcome to the District of Viersen

The district of Viersen



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A warm welcome to you!

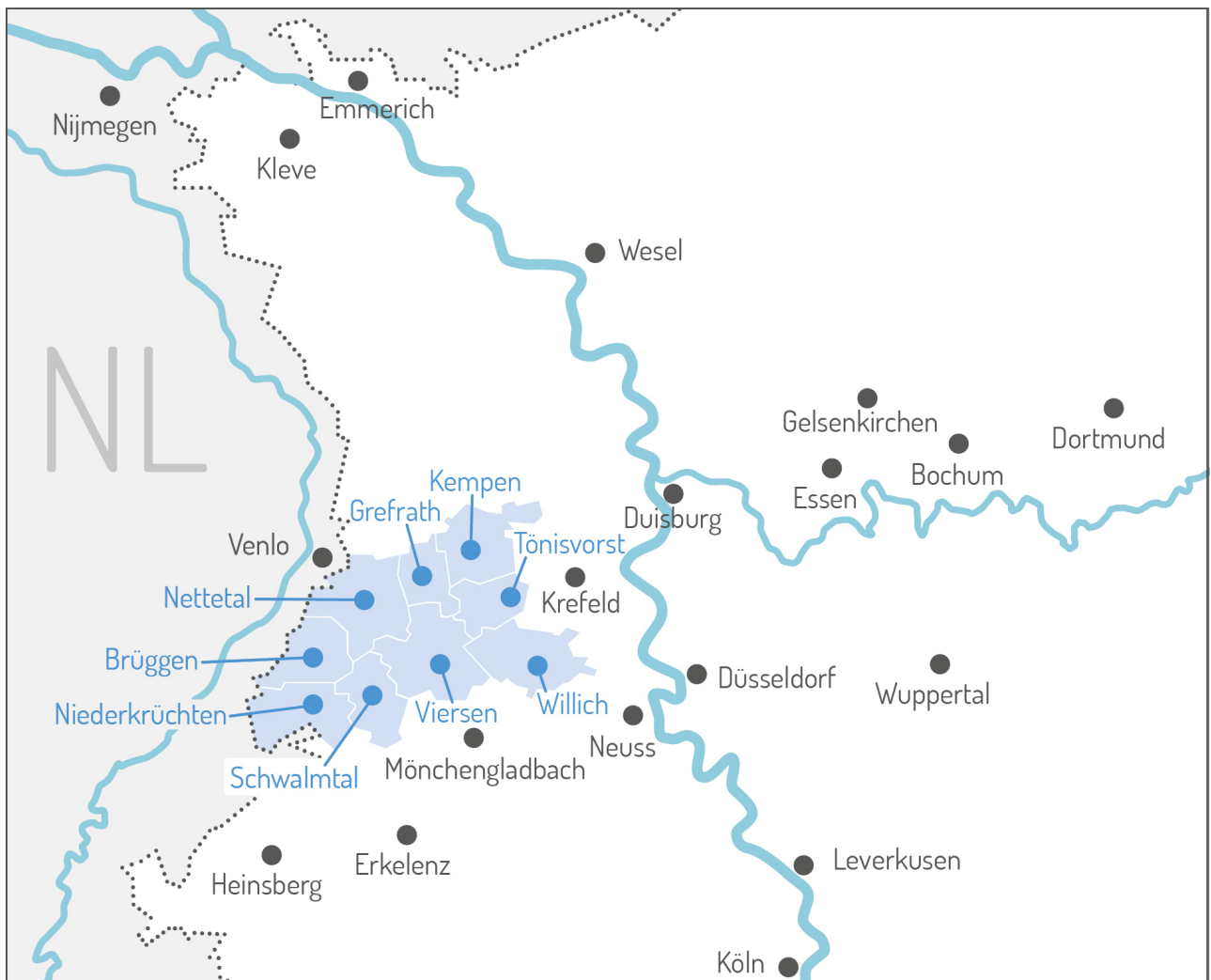
We are delighted to welcome you to the district of Viersen. Leaving your home country and making a new start in another country is a big change. In the first few months you will have many questions about everyday life in Germany. We have designed this app to make your arrival in our region easier. It is designed to help you find your way around in the first few months and give you answers to your most important questions. The app also contains lots of useful information, addresses and important contact points in the district of Viersen to help you find your way around.

The app is multilingual, free of charge and can also be used offline. We hope that it will be a good help to you and wish you a good arrival here in the district of Viersen.

Your district of Viersen

About the district of Viersen

The district of Viersen is located in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia and has just under 300,000 inhabitants. The district comprises a total of nine towns and municipalities. In close proximity to the Dutch border, the Ruhr region and the cities of Krefeld, Mönchengladbach and Düsseldorf, there is plenty to discover in the surrounding area.



In the district of Viersen, you can expect an appealing mix of city and nature, business and culture. This diversity contributes to the high quality of life. This also includes family friendliness. There are plenty of childcare facilities, good schools and housing and care options for senior citizens. Rents are affordable - and you get good neighbourliness on top. Nature lovers will get their money's worth in the Schwalm-Nette Nature Park or in our numerous forests and lakes. Those interested in culture can take a trip to the Lower Rhine Open-Air Museum in Greifath. Adults and children alike can gain an insight into the farming and craft culture of pre-technological times. If you want to learn even more, you are sure to find what you are looking for in the wide range of programmes offered by our adult education centre and our music school.

The district of Viersen has been recognised for its bicycle-friendliness. Cyclists have countless routes available for a tour. We are also constantly expanding the network of routes for commuters who cycle to work.

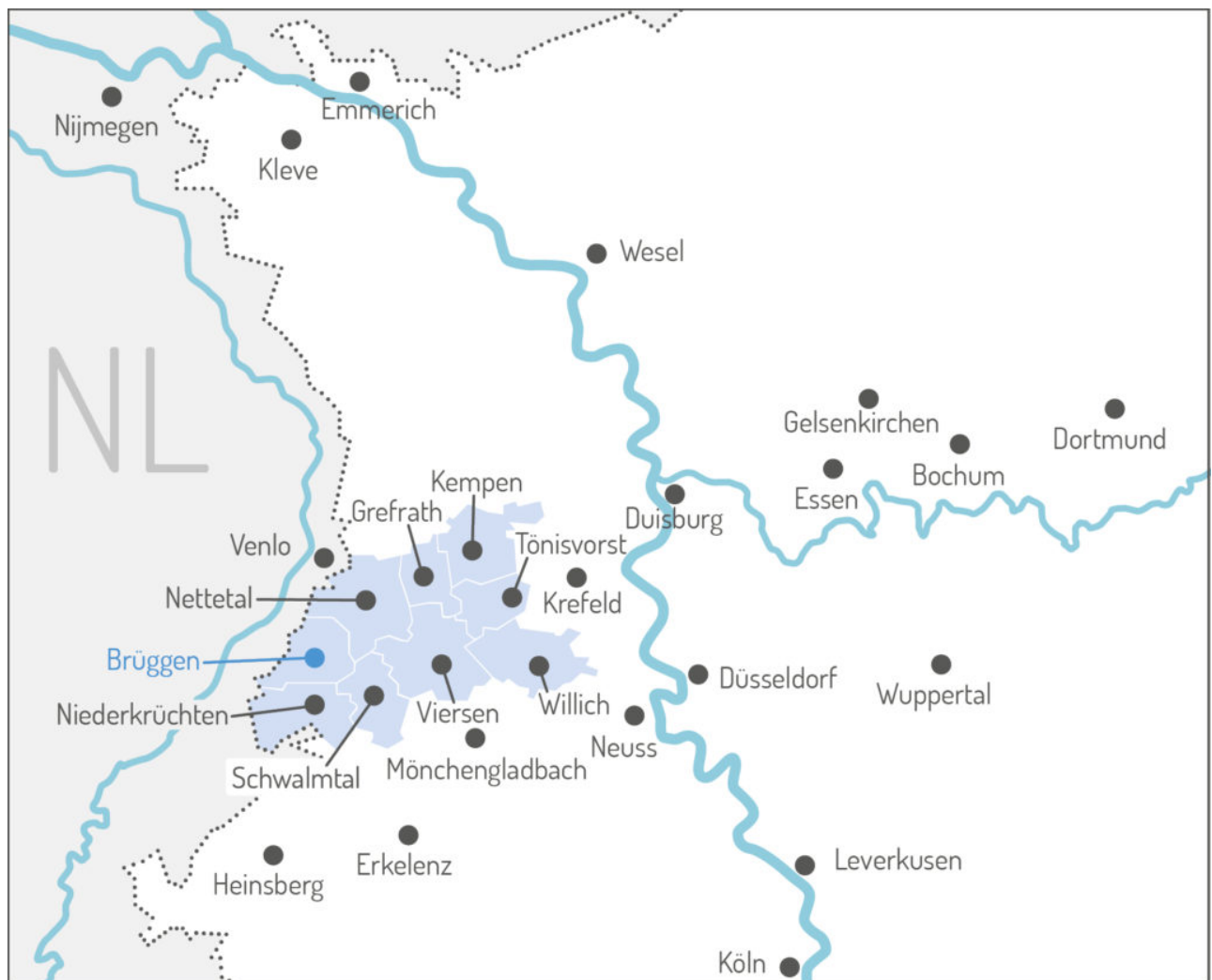
But the social and health network with hospitals, doctors' surgeries, welfare organisations, retirement homes and other facilities is also good.

The Viersen district is a good place to live. Try it for yourself!

Bruges

Brüggen is a friendly and beautiful municipality. Many visitors come here. Everyone enjoys the hospitality of the people who live in Brüggen.

Brüggen lies in the centre of a very large nature park. It is the Schwalm-Nette nature park with its meadows, forests and fields.



The castle community of Brüggen consists of several districts. They are called Brüggen, Bracht and Born.

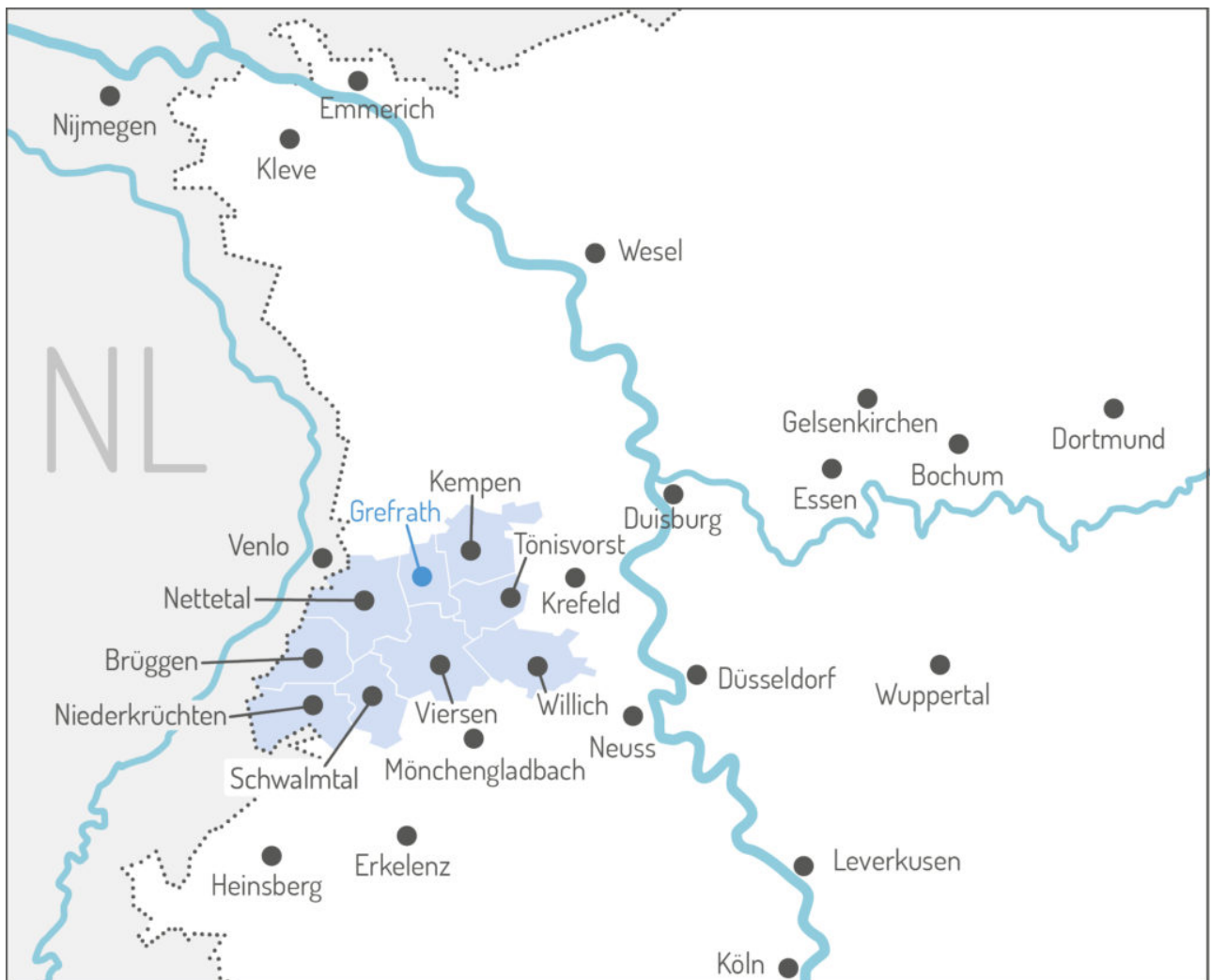
There are still many old houses in Brüggen. Some even date back to the Middle Ages, which means they are many hundreds of years old.

There are many small and narrow streets, a castle and many mills.

There is a lot to see on a walk through Brüggen. You can feel at home in Brüggen.

Grefrath

The motto of the municipality of Grefrath (15,500 inhabitants) is "sports and leisure". Indeed, the municipality, which was merged from the independent villages of Grefrath and Oedt in 1970, has much to offer in this area. With more than 8000 square metres of ice space, the ice sports centre has one of the largest artificial ice facilities in Germany. The ice sports hall, the 400-metre speed skating rink with floodlights under the open sky and the covered outdoor rink are a paradise for ice sports enthusiasts. During the summer months, well-known artists such as Udo Jürgens or Joe Cocker make guest appearances here. Additionally, there are events that have a supra-regional appeal.



Open-air museum attracts visitors

The Grefrath Schwingboden Park, built in 1970 as part of the Regional Garden Show, is adjacent to the Niederrheinische Freilichtmuseum of the Viersen District with a toy museum, historic farm buildings, Bügelbahn (Bügeln is a game of skill that has almost fallen into oblivion, related to boules), Pfannkuchenhaus, corner shop, schnapps distillery and blacksmith's shop. Special exhibitions and events such as the tractor meeting, romantic Christmas market and Mairitt on draught horses delight visitors. In addition, Grefrath offers, among other things, an indoor and a separate outdoor swimming pool as well as the Niershorst airfield.

Abbey, castle and monastery

The central venue is the Albert-Mooren-Halle in the district of Oedt, a community centre with a hall, beer garden and restaurant. The historical past of "Greverode" is reminded not only of the Dorenburg (baroque noble residence, 1326), but also of Uda Castle (built around 1300), which has been lovingly restored by the local heritage society, the Niershoff estate and the Dückerhaus. Two nunneries are located in Grefrath. For over 100 years, Mariendonk Abbey has been the spiritual centre of the Benedictine nuns on the Lower Rhine. In the district of Mülhausen, the Congregation of "Unserer Lieben Frau" runs a Gymnasium that is recognised beyond the borders of Grefrath.

Local government agencies and public authorities

Residents' Service Centre (Bürgerservice) (Registry Office (Einwohnermeldeamt)/ social benefits)

Grefrath town hall

■ [Rathausplatz 3, 47929 Grefrath](#)

□ [grefrath.de](#)

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□ [grefrath.de](#)

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Jobcenter

The Jobcenter's services are offered in the towns and municipalities within the district. Local support and counselling is provided in the local Employment and Service Centres (Beschäftigungs- und Leistungszentrum; BLZ):

BLZ Kempen/Grefrath/Tönisvorst

■ [Arnoldstr. 13c, 47906 Kempen](#)

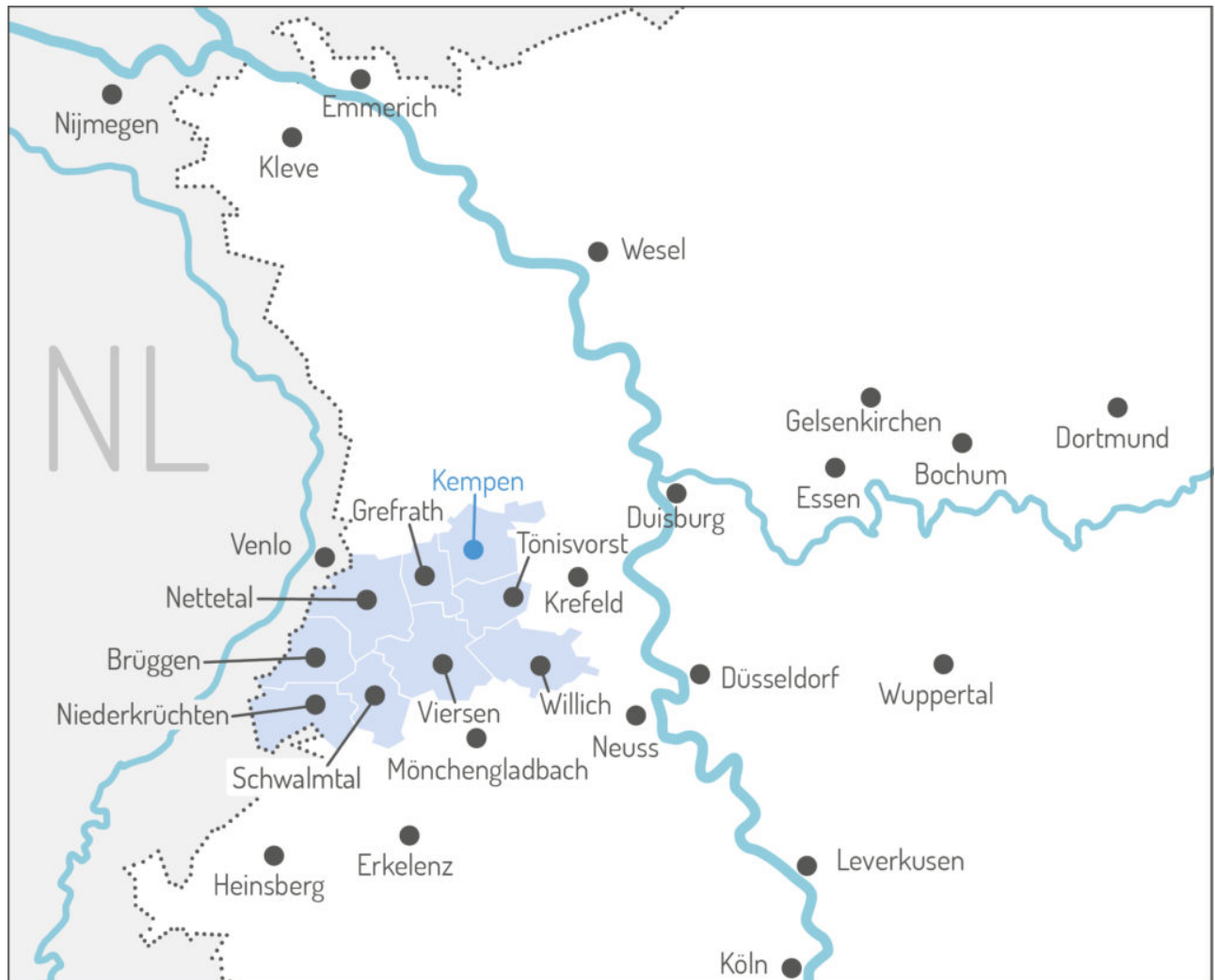
□ [kreis-viersen.de](#)

■ [02162/2661-100](#)

Kempen

The City of Kempen (35,700 inhabitants) is the pearl of the Lower Rhine. No other town in the District of Viersen has so many monuments, such striking manor houses or such a medieval old town. It's no wonder out-of-town visitors are attracted to the city. Particularly popular: the

half-timbered houses on Alte Schulstraße (1609), the Kurkölnische Landesburg (1396), the Kuhtor (1350) or Haus Horten (1773), ancestral seat of the eponymous department stores' dynasty. Also worth seeing in the district of St. Hubert is the 16th-century Berfes rural fortified tower, the post mill in Tönisberg (1804) and Haus Velde in Schmalbroich (13th century), the oldest knight's seat in the former Electorate of Cologne.



Thomas à Kempis is the patron saint of the city of St Thomas

Within the city wall there are impressive town houses. The monument to Thomas à Kempis (1380 - 1471) at the Provost Church commemorates the city's great son, the author of the "Imitation of Christ". This work is considered the most widely read religious work in the world after the Bible. The City of Kempen, mentioned in the registers of the Benedictine abbey of Werden as early as 890, mentioned for the first time in documents in 1186 and endowed with municipal rights since 1294, was the district town from 1815 to 1975, before the seat of the district administration was moved to Viersen.

Classical music festival with stars like Bruno Ganz and Uri Caine

Kempen has a rich cultural scene to be proud of: the Kulturforum Franziskanerkloster, which houses the Städtische Kramer-Museum and the Museum für Niederrheinische Sakralkunst, offers classical music programmes as well as exhibitions. The concerts at the Kempen monastery are well known. Every two years, the "Kempen Klassik" association organises a highly acclaimed

festival. Greats like the actor Bruno Ganz or the jazz pianist Uri Caine perform there. Other outstanding events are the town festivals, markets, the St Martin's festival with fireworks at the castle and the Christmas markets.

Local offices and authorities

Service centres (Residents' Registration Office / Social Benefits)

Service centre Kempen

Town Hall

■ [Buttermarkt 1, 47906 Kempen](#)

■ kempen.de

■ [02152/917-4933](tel:021529174933)

🕒 Mondays and Tuesdays 8.00 am - 4.00 pm, Wednesdays 8.00 am - 12.30 pm, Thursdays 8.00 am - 6.00 pm, Fridays 8.00 am - 1.00 pm and Saturdays 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Service centre St.Hubert

■ [Königsstr. 13, 47906 Kempen](#)

■ [02152/917-4936](tel:021529174936)

🕒 Thursdays 8.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Service centre Tönisberg

■ [Helmeskamp 31, 47906 Kempen](#)

■ [02845/81-31](tel:028458131)

🕒 Wednesdays 8.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Registry office

The registry office has several tasks. For example, when a child is born, the parents are obliged to report the birth of the child to the registry office in person (birth certification). If you want to get married, the registry office is responsible for registering your marriage.

■ [Neustraße 32, 47906 Kempen](#)

■ kempen.de

📞 [02152/917-2455](tel:021529172455) or - [2456](tel:2456) or - [2457](tel:2457)

🕒 Monday to Friday: 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Mondays 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Thursdays 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Job Centre

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BLZ Kempen/Grefrath/Tönisvorst

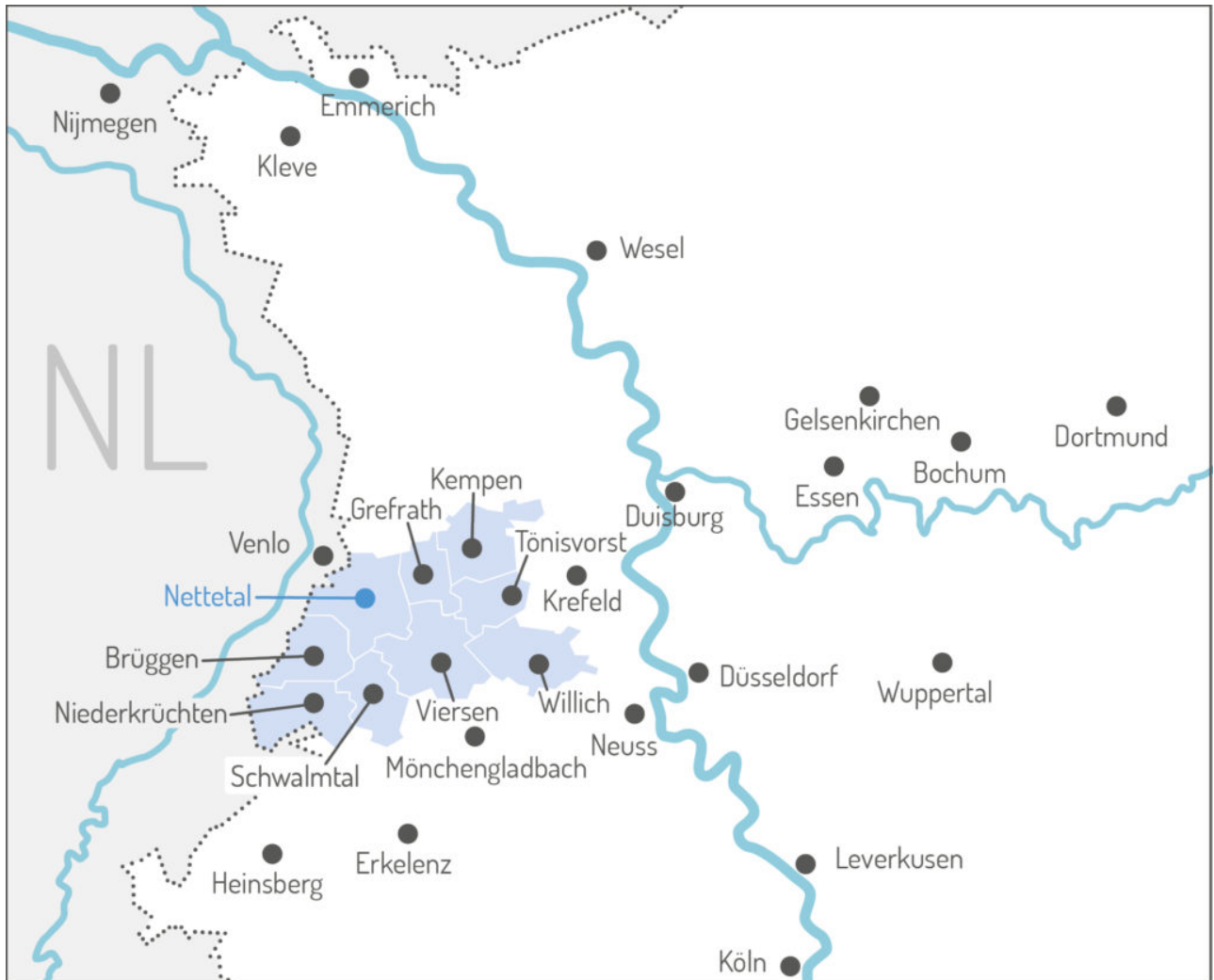
■ [Arnoldstraße 13c, 47906 Kempen](#)

■ kreis-viersen.de

■ [02162/2661-100](tel:021622661100)

Nettetal

The town of Nettetal (41,700 inhabitants) is a young and dynamic municipality. The uniqueness and flair of its six districts give Nettetal a charming diversity. After a stroll through Nettetal's pedestrian zones, you can relax and enjoy upscale or rustic cuisine in both historical and modern settings, in quaint beer gardens and farm cafés. With the districts of Hinsbeck and Leuth, Nettetal is a state-recognised health resort and thus an ideal destination for nature-loving people with a sense of relaxation.



The nature of the Nette

The geologically unique area of the Nettetal valley is home to a diverse natural and cultural landscape. These include the border forest with its pine and birch forests, the Hinsbeck heights, the Krickenbecker lakes, moorlands, heathlands and extensive green meadows. Three nature experience areas showcase the distinctive features of the local landscape. Information centres such as the Biologische Station Krickenbecker Seen, the Naturschutzhof, the Landschaftshof Baerlo, the Sequoia Farm and the Geo-Hydrologische Wassergarten provide interesting facts about nature and the environment.

The small river Nette, which gives the valley its name, flows through twelve lakes in the city area, which are strung together like a string of pearls. These waters are also home to the water lily - symbol of the Nettetal coat of arms.

Culture writ large

With the Werner-Jaeger-Halle, the city has a 500-seat theatre for theatre, music and cabaret. Private initiatives complement the cultural offerings with concerts, cabaret, theatre and open-air events. The Textilmuseum DIE SCHEUNE provides an insight into the history of textile manufacturing in the Lower Rhine region. Interesting exhibits can be found in the Feuerwehrmuseum, the Heimatmuseum, and also in Künstlerdorf Hinsbeck. Nettetal's visual arts enjoy a high status. Changing exhibitions take place in private and municipal galleries.

Local government agencies and public authorities

Residents' Service Centre (Bürgerservice) (general services, registration matters and civil status)

Nettetal town hall

■ [Doerkesplatz 11, 41334 Nettetal](#)

📧 nettetal.de

■ [02153/898-1777](tel:021538981777)

■ Email: buergerservice@nettetal.de

Residents' Service Centre (Bürgerservice):

🕒 Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Personal status matters:

🕒 Mondays to Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thursdays 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Fridays 08:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Social Welfare Office (Sozialamt): Social care, asylum and homeless people

■ [Doerkesplatz 11, 41334 Nettetal](#)

■ [02153/898-0](tel:021538980)

■ asyl@nettetal.de

🕒 Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nettetal Employment Agency (Agentur für Arbeit)

■ [Steegerstraße 49, 41334 Nettetal](#)

✉ Mailing address: Agentur für Arbeit Krefeld, 47796 Krefeld

■ [02151/92-1010](tel:02151921010)

■ Nettetal@arbeitsagentur.de

🕒 Mondays and Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Jobcenter

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BLZ Nettetal/Brüggen

■ [Poststraße 19, 41334 Nettetal](#)

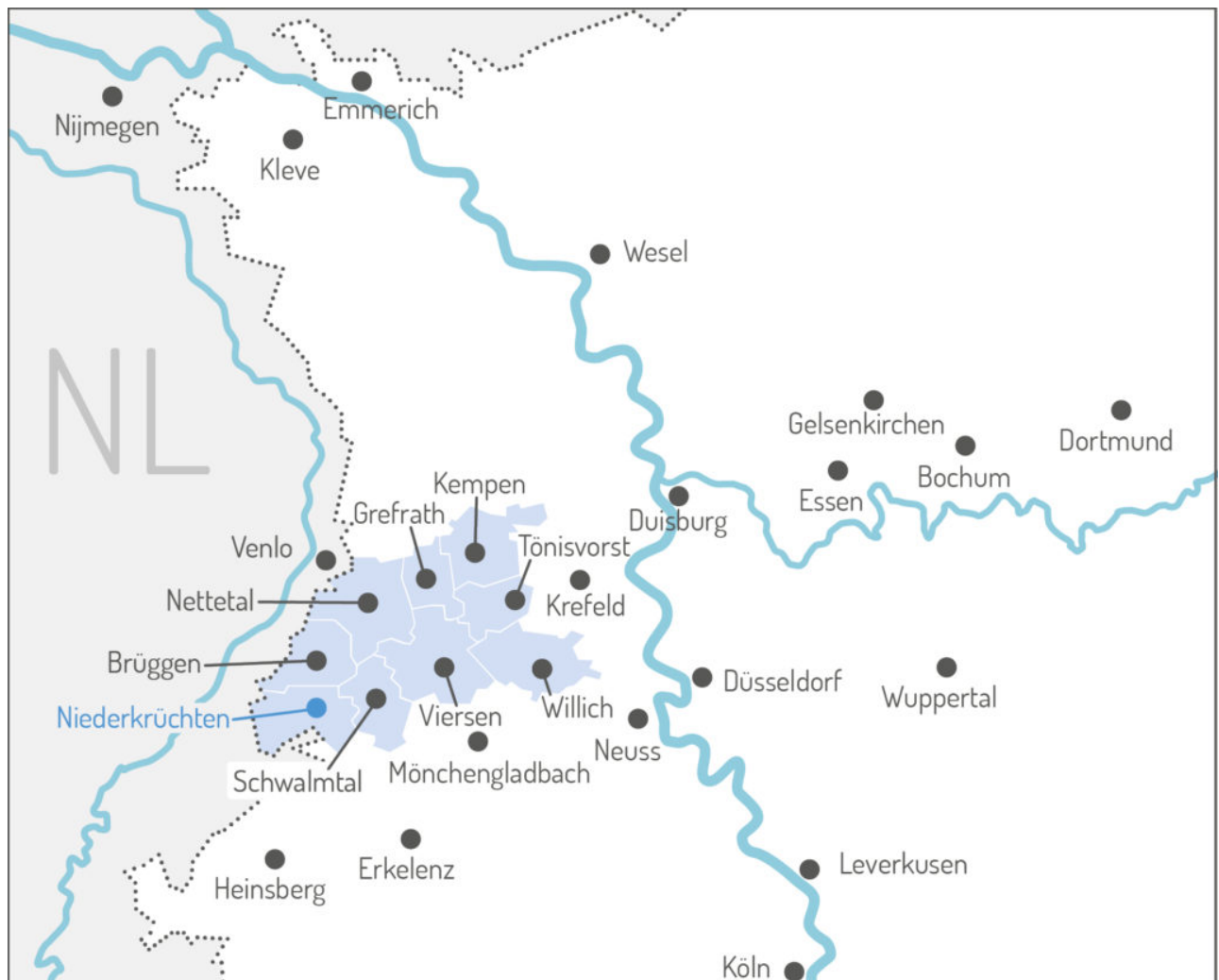
■ kreis-viersen.de

■ [02162/2661-100](tel:021622661100)

🕒 Mondays to Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fridays by appointment only

Niederkrüchten

The municipality of Niederkrüchten (15,400 inhabitants) forms the heart of the Maas-Schwalm-Nette International Nature Park. The 6707-hectare area of the municipality is characterised by extensive woodlands, quarries and heathlands.



Experiencing and conserving nature

The nature conservation and experience area Elmpeter Schwalmbruch is unique with its 55 hectares and the largest juniper heath on the left bank of the Lower Rhine. The Lüsekamp and Boschbeeketal nature reserves cover a total of 250 hectares on the Dutch border. About 200

kilometres of well-maintained hiking trails beckon walkers, hikers and cyclists to enjoy nature.

Brempt destination at the Hariksee lake

Water sports enthusiasts will find ample opportunity for recreation at Venekotensee and Hariksee. The district of Brempt on the western shore of the Hariksee is a popular destination. The Brempter Mill on the Schwalm and the St. George Chapel are witnesses to the past. Restaurants and cafés invite you to linger. And: The former British military airfield in Elmpt offers opportunities for future development.

Flemish carved altar

Niederkrüchten has a number of buildings worth seeing. Of particular note here is Haus Elmpt, a 15th-century manor house commemorating the Lords of Elmpt. Many monuments are of ecclesiastical heritage. The Elmpter Kapelle St. Maria an der Heiden from 1703 in Overhetfeld is well worth mentioning. The former house chapel of Dilborn Castle, which was extended by a hall in 1734, is home to a 16th-century Flemish carved altar.

Local government agencies and public authorities

Residents' Service Centre (Bürgerservice) (Registry Office (Einwohnermeldeamt)/ social benefits)

Niederkrüchten town hall

■ [Laurentiusstraße 19, 41372 Niederkrüchten](#)

■ <https://www.niederkruechten.de>

■ [02163/980-0](tel:021639800)

■ info@niederkruechten.de

Elmpt Residents' Service Centre (Bürgerservice)

■ [Poststraße 27, 41372 Niederkrüchten](#)

■ [02163/980-206](tel:02163980206) and [02163/980-216](tel:02163980216)

🕒 Mondays to Wednesdays and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Thursdays 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mondays 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every 1st Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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■ [Poststraße 27, 41372 Niederkrüchten](#)

■ [niederkruechten.de](https://www.niederkruechten.de)

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BLZ Schwalmthal/Niederkrüchten

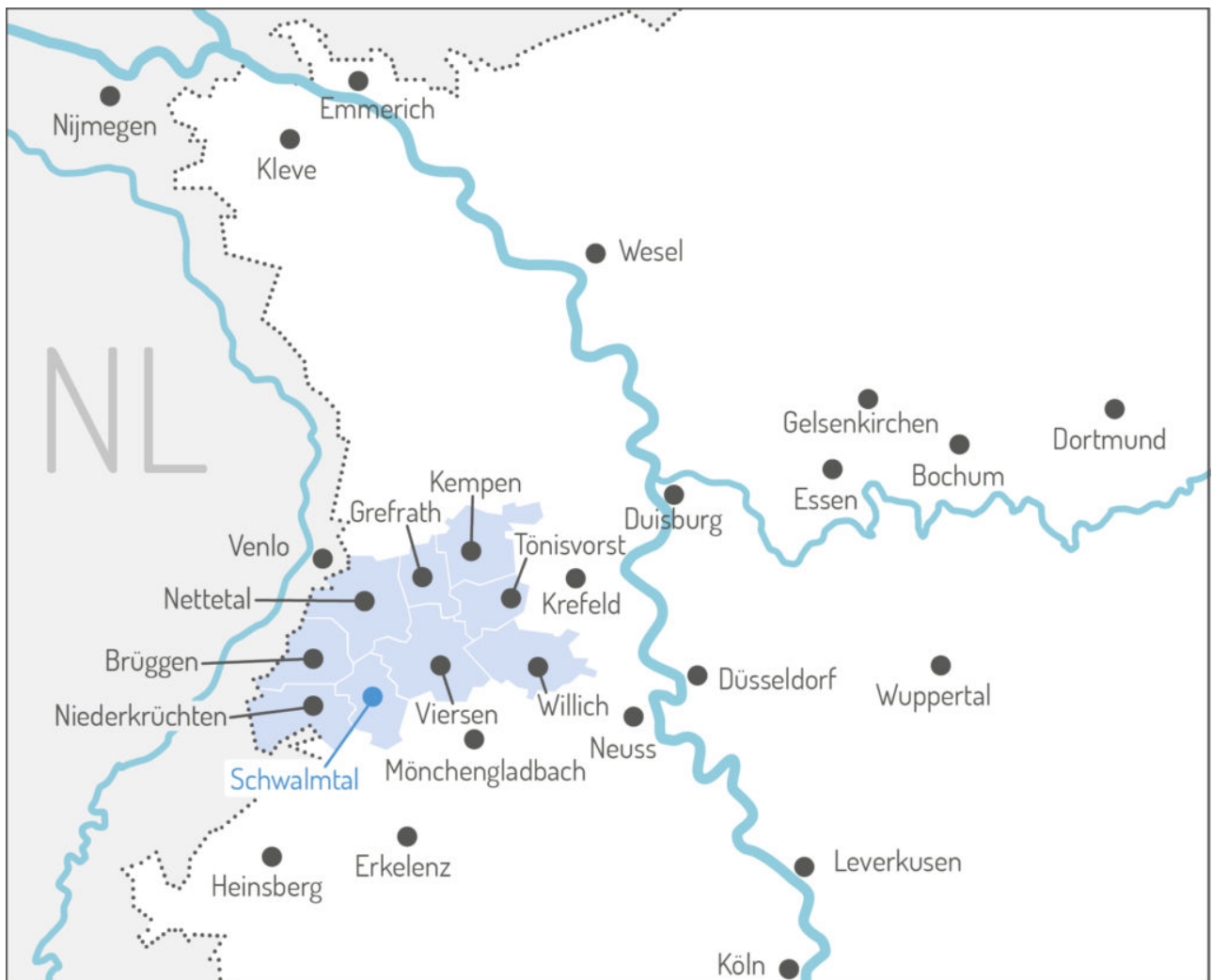
■ Hospitalstraße 16, 41366 Schwalmthal

■ kreis-viersen.de

■ [02162/2661-100](tel:021622661100)

Schwalmthal

The municipality of Schwalmthal (population 18,900) invites you to take a mill tour, best by bike. The choice is multifaceted. There are cycling tours from the District of Viersen Verkehrsverein, and also a two-country route, a Lower Rhine route and, more recently, the District of Viersen BahnRadweg on former railway lines. With a day at Hariksee, guests can experience leisure in a whole new way - from fishing, hiking around a lake, rowing, pedal boating or a boat trip on the excursion boat "Patschel", to feasting in the Mühlrather Mühle or drinking coffee on the lakeside of the Inselschlösschen. With its holiday cottages, boathouse, mini-golf course and boat hire, the Hariksee is Schwalmthal's most popular destination. It is characterised by its alder swamp forests and moorlands.



The home of the linen weavers

It is worth taking a walk through the alleyways of Old Waldniel to discover the home of the former linen weavers. The figure on the fountain of the linen washers on the market square in front of the Schwalmthal Cathedral, the parish church of St. Michael (19th century), is a reminder of the old days. There are over 130 monuments in the municipality. Sights worth seeing are the tower mill in Amern (18th century), the natural monument Kastanienallee in Waldniel, the Waldhufendorf Lüttelforst, the Protestant church in Waldniel and the Kinder- und Jugenddorf Bethanien with Haus Clee.

Europe's largest guitar orchestra

The municipality is located in the Schwalm-Nette Nature Park and, with the Schomm and Happelter heathlands, has plenty of forest. There is plenty of culture too: With the Schwalmthal Zupfern, the municipality boasts Europe's largest guitar orchestra in its ranks. The Achim-Besgen-Halle offers theatre and ballet performances, children's theatre, concerts as well as cabaret and comedy with well-known stars throughout the year. The Amern tower mill has become a well-known exhibition venue with its temporary gallery of the Schwalmthal municipality "Our Gallery - The Tower".


You can find more information here:

 [schwalmtal.de](https://www.schwalmtal.de)

Local offices and authorities

Citizen service (registration office / social benefits)


Schwalmtal municipal administration

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 [schwalmtal.de](https://www.schwalmtal.de)

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Tuesdays and Wednesdays 08.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Thursdays 07.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.


every 1st Saturday of the month 09.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.


Registry office

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 [schwalmtal.de](https://www.schwalmtal.de)

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BLZ Schwalmtal/Niederkrüchten

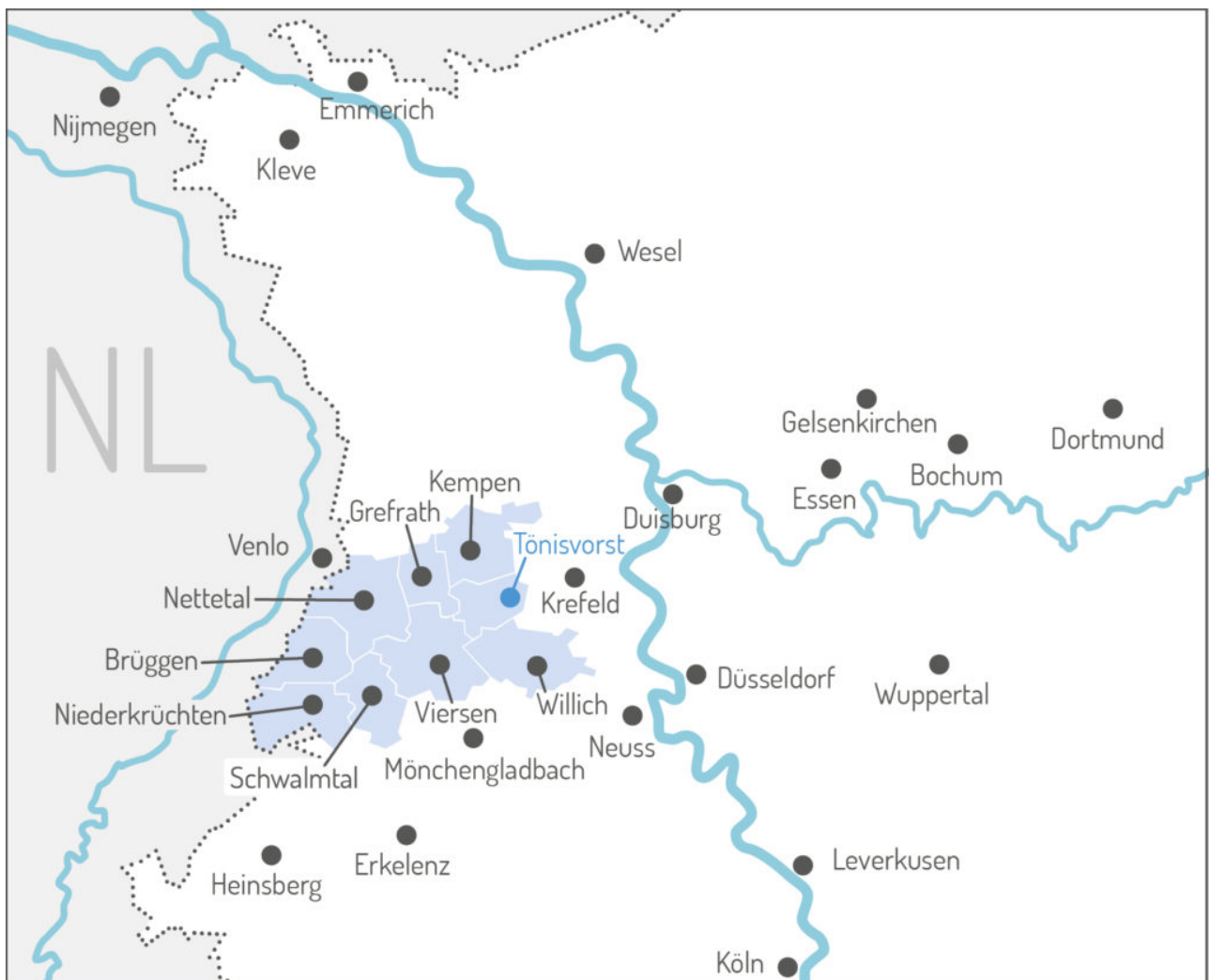
■ [Hospitalstraße 16, 41366 Schwalmtal](#)

■ kreis-viersen.de

■ [02162/2661-100](tel:021622661100)

Tönisvorst

Apple town. The town on the border with Krefeld is named after St Anthony ("Ferkes-Tünn") and was formed in 1970 from the municipalities of St Tönis and Vorst. Although it was first mentioned in 1188 as "Osterverd", it is one of the youngest towns in the country: it only received its town charter in 1979. The citizens and tradesmen praise its central location and fast connections to the major cities.



The Battle of the Hückelsmay

The Battle of Hückelsmay is linked to the town's history: Ferdinand von Braunschweig defeated a French army during the Seven Years' War. The parish church of St. Cornelius has an

impressive tower height of 70 metres and a pretty church square. The octagonal brick building of the water tower and the Streuff mill (1769) are other striking features of the town.

St. Tönis is the start and end point of the "longest tram line in the world" via Krefeld to the Ruhr region. The nostalgic "Schluff" railway also runs from Wilhelmplatz in St. Tönis to Hülser Berg, often still with an old steam locomotive.

Anke Engelke promotes action medeor

The town has become known worldwide for the medical aid organisation action medeor, for which Anke Engelke is the ambassador. Vorst is home to the manor houses of Haus Donk, Haus Neersdonk, Haus Brempt and Haus Raedt, all of which are architectural monuments worth seeing, including the Gelleshof in Kehn with Berfes (all from the 17th century). A popular destination is the Forstwald forest with its bridleways and hiking trails. The Stadtkulturbund organises cabaret, drama, comedy and music.

Local offices and authorities

Citizen service (registration office / social benefits)

Citizens' Service Tönisvorst

■ [Bahnstraße 15, 47918 Tönisvorst](#)

□ toenisvorst.de

■ [02151/999-153](tel:02151999153) and [02151/999-158](tel:02151999158)

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Registry office

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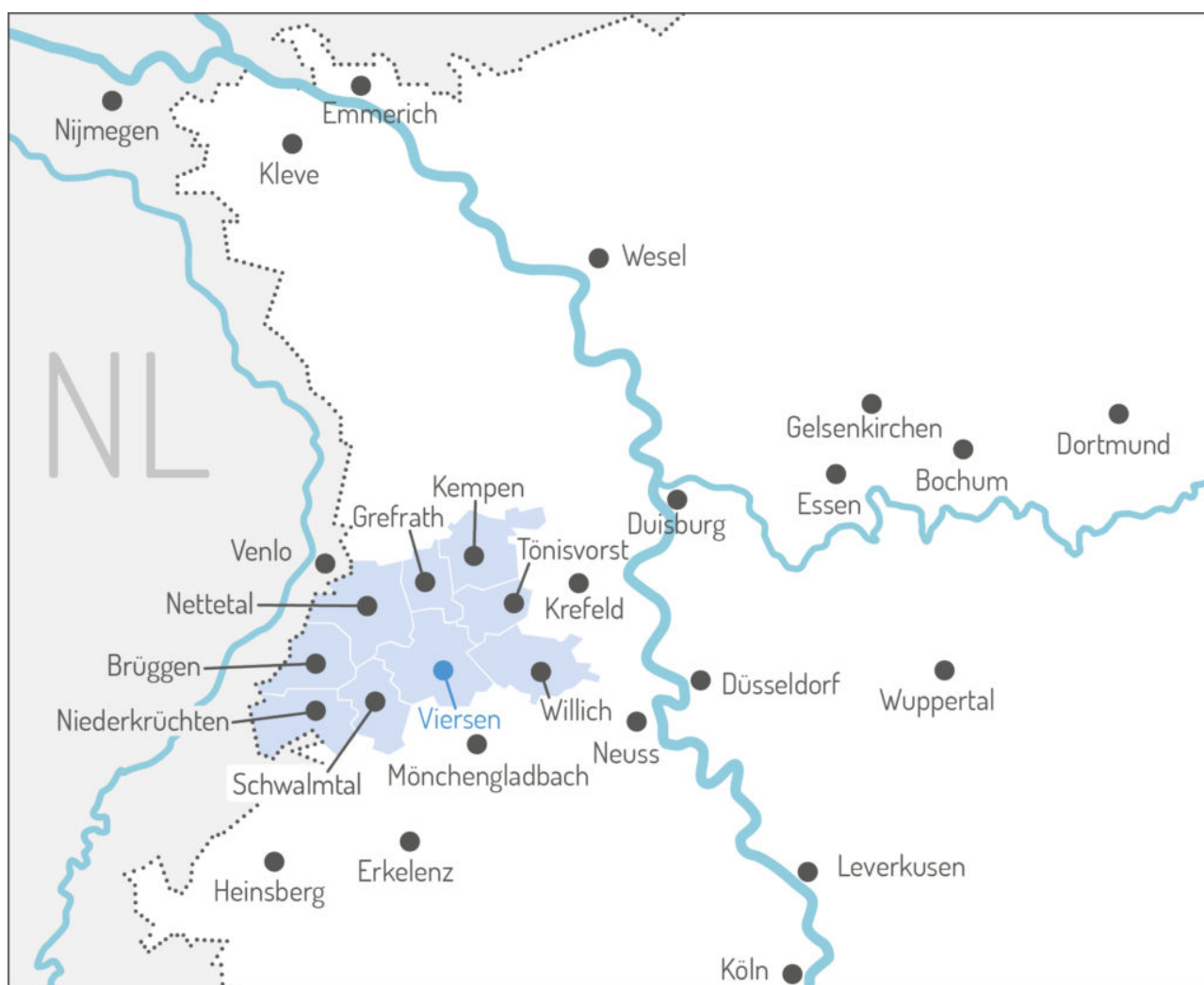
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BLZ Kempen/Grefrath/Tönisvorst [Arnoldstr. 13c, 47906 Kempen](#) kreis-viersen.de [02162/2661-100](tel:021622661100)**Viersen**

The district town of Viersen (75,300 inhabitants) focuses on culture in all its facets. World-famous artists and ensembles give guest performances in the festival hall. The Viersener Musiksommer and the international Jazz-Festival attract out-of-town visitors. Of growing importance is the collection of sculptures at the district office (Kreishaus) around the Städtische Galerie, where sculptures by Anthony Cragg, Mark di Suvero or Erwin Heerich can be found. The Städtische Galerie im Park houses a collection of graphic works of distinction begun in the 1960s.

**The Narrenmühle in Dülken**

Highlights are the Narrenakademie, which has existed since the 16th century, and the Narrenmühle in Dülken, a post mill built in 1809 as well as a Narrenmuseum. Notable buildings in the town include the parish church of St. Remigius in Alt-Viersen, the Protestant church and St. Clemens in Süchteln and St. Cornelius in Dülken. There, the old city wall with the prison tower is worth seeing. The former generator hall of the municipal utilities on Rektoratstraße,

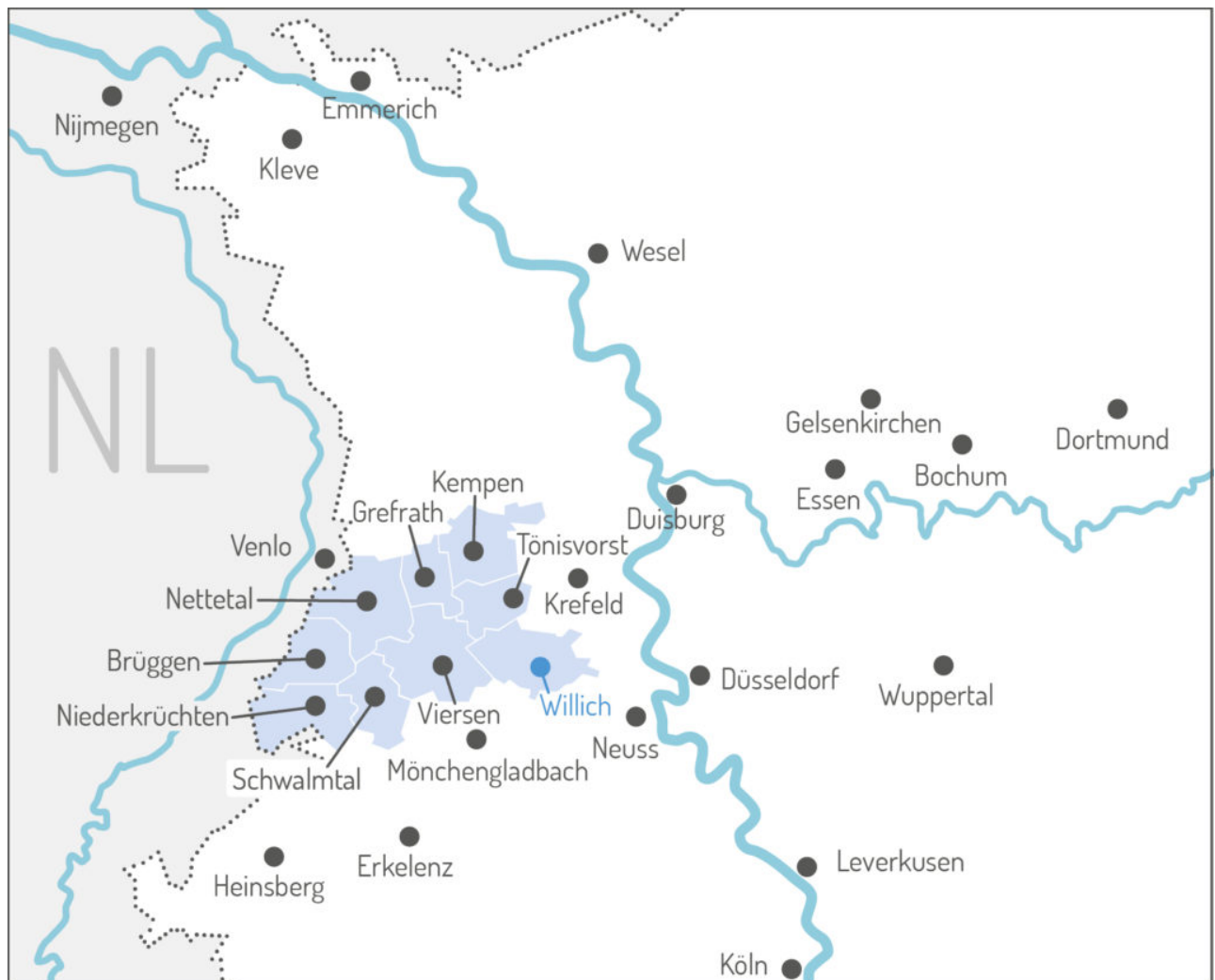
now an event space with charm, and the art nouveau town baths have been extensively renovated. Nice water fountains are the Remigiusbrunnen fountain in Viersen, the fountain at the Alter Markt in Dülken and the Weberbrunnen fountain in Süchteln. The Irmgardis Chapel (1664) on the Süchtelner Heights is the destination of processions.

Comprehensive educational programme

Viersen became a district town in 1975. Five years earlier, the city association was formed from the formerly independent districts of Viersen, Dülken, Süchteln and Boisheim. The educational infrastructure in Viersen is good. There are all types of schools in the town: Grundschulen, Hauptschulen, Realschulen, Gymnasien, Gesamtschule, the Weiterbildungskolleg (evening school), Berufskolleg, district music school and the district Volkshochschule. The regional hospitals in Süchteln are of supra-regional importance.

Willich

The City of Willich (51,800 inhabitants) was formed in 1970 from the previously independent municipalities of Anrath, Neersen, Schiefbahn and Willich. The city is a symbol of economic growth, but also of culture. The economic track is covered by the Münchheide industrial estate, the largest contiguous industrial estate in Europe. Word of the attractiveness of Willich and its central location has spread to companies in the Far East.



Format theatre in the castle courtyard

The Neersen Castle Festival offers fine culture. Thousands of spectators come to see one light-hearted, one serious and one children's play each summer as part of the annual programme of the only professional open-air theatre with its own ensemble in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Neersen Castle alone is worth the trip. In the middle of the castle park lies the fort, which was converted from a moated castle into a three-winged castle complex in the 17th century by Adrian Wilhelm von Virmond.

A detour to Little Jerusalem

The 17th century pilgrimage chapel of Little Jerusalem is modelled on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. There is also Haus Stockum (1619) and Haus Broich (13th century), both in Anrath. Willich was first mentioned as "Wylike" in a deed of donation to Kamp Monastery as early as 1137. "Anrode", today's Anrath, appears as an independent parish as early as 1010. The history of "Ners" can be traced back to 1262, and "Schyffbaen" first appears in documents in 1420.

Willich is a sociable place: No fewer than eight target shooting festivals - including the second largest in the Lower Rhine region behind Neuss in Alt-Willich - show how lively customs are in Willich.

Local government agencies and public authorities

Residents' Service Centre (Bürgerservice) (Registry Office (Einwohnermeldeamt)/ social benefits)

Anrath district office

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Neersen district office


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Register Office (Standesamt) matters

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Apply for certificates online

Jobcenter

The Jobcenter's services are offered in the towns and municipalities within the district. Local support and counselling is provided in the local Employment and Service Centres (Beschäftigungs- und Leistungszentrum; BLZ):

■ [Gießerallee 8, 47877 Willich](#)

■ kreis-viersen.de

■ Telephone: [02162/2661-100](tel:021622661100)

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