

# GENT-WEVELGEM

## IN FLANDERS FIELDS





Dear cycling fan,

After two editions without the public, this year, it is finally possible to welcome cycling fans back to Ypres. Riders will make an appearance on the Grand Place, in the shadow of the In Flanders Fields Museum and the Lakenhallen (Cloth Hall). They will start their ride to Wevelgem under the Menin Gate and you can be there on there on the front row again!

This guide tells you all about the seven races in Flanders Fields, because Gent-Wevelgem is more than just a race for the professionals. In addition to the Men Elite and Women Elite, the U17 (men & women), U19 (men & women) and U23 (men) will finally be able to ride Gent-Wevelgem again on Sunday 27 March, after waiting two long years.

It's time to plan your day in Westhoek, because Gent-Wevelgem offers more than just a race. The link with the Great War makes this race a unique event on the international cycle racing calendar and not only tells the story of the history of sport, but world history too. So have a quick read of all the information in our guide and get ready to join us in looking for the successors to Wout van Aert and Marianne Vos.

Happy reading and viewing!

Yours sportingly,





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# START YPRES

## PROGRAMME

We have been looking forward to welcoming you to Ypres with open arms for two years, and we can finally do so on 27 March! For the first time we will start the races under Menin Gate with you, the fans! Our youth races are also returning. This is a must-see event in your spring cycle racing season, because you can only experience something for the first time once!

### What's on the programme for the professionals?

- 9:20 a.m.:** Men Elite launch presentation on the Grand Place with a DJ
- 10:50 a.m.:** Start of the Men Elite under Menin Gate
- 12:20 p.m.:** Women Elite launch presentation on the Grand Place with a DJ
- 1:50 p.m.:** Start of the Women Elite under Menin Gate
- 4:20 p.m.:** Passage of Men Elite on the Grand Place & live coverage on screen
- 5:30 p.m.:** Passage of Women Elite on the Grand Place & live coverage on screen



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### What's on the programme for the youth?

- 8:30 a.m.:** Start of the GP Andre Noyelle Men U19 at Menin Gate
- 10:00 a.m.:** Start of the Kattekoers Ieper Men U23 at Menin Gate
- 10:00 a.m.:** Start of the Women U17 - local circuit in Boezinge (sub-municipality of Ypres)
- 11:45 a.m.:** Start of the Women U19 - local circuit in Boezinge (sub-municipality of Ypres)
- 11:55 a.m.:** Finish of the GP Andre Noyelle Men U19 on the Grand Place
- 2:15 p.m.:** Start of the Men U17 - local circuit in Boezinge (sub-municipality of Ypres)
- 2:40 p.m.:** Finish of the Kattekoers Ieper Men U23 on the Grand Place



## HOW TO GET THERE

### On foot

Do you live nearby? If so, just head to the Grand Place on foot. The station is within walking distance and the bicycle parking facility is also nearby.

### By bike

Are you coming to Ypres by bike? Good idea! We will provide a special bicycle parking facility in Parking De Kolve, accessible via Sint-Jacobsstraat. Please note that the parking facility is not guarded, so don't forget to bring your lock to secure your bike.

### Public transport

Ypres station is within walking distance of our starting site on the Grand Place. So be sure to check the timetable of the trains to Ypres at [belgiantrain.be](http://belgiantrain.be) and arrive at the start of Gent-Wevelgem without any parking problems.

### By car

Are you coming by car? We will provide a public car park on Oudstrijderslaan and Rijselsepoort. This car park is accessible via exit 4 Ypres Centre. From there just follow the signs. Or leave your car in the car park at Ypres station, which is within walking distance, and where you can also park for free on Sundays.

### Wheelchair users

We work with Inter. Would you like to attend Gent-Wevelgem but have some questions? Please contact [thomas.desmet@inter.vlaanderen](mailto:thomas.desmet@inter.vlaanderen).

Find out more about mobility and accessibility [here](#).



## YPRES AND WORLD HISTORY

Anyone mentioning Ypres immediately thinks of the **Great War**. The city of Ypres and, by extension, the entire Westhoek breathe war history. In Ypres city centre, there is of course Menin Gate, which is also the starting point of Gent-Wevelgem. The **Menin Gate** can be considered as the general symbol for the First World War. The owner and administrator of the monument is the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The official name of the monument is Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. Sir Reginald Blomfield designed this memorial as a classical triumphal arch. But the Menin Gate is also a “memorial to the missing”. On the inside, a total of 54,896 names are engraved on the monument. That number represents the number of names of soldiers from the Commonwealth who were reported missing before 15 August 1917. It took four years for the war monument to be completed. Under the Menin Gate, the Last Post is also played every evening. Since 1928, an imposing ceremony has taken place every evening at 8 p.m. The Last Post Association aims to keep this tradition going forever. In the meantime, the **Last Post** has been sounded more than 31,000 times.

There are also two museums in the centre of Ypres, located in the Lakenhallen (Cloth Hall), and which are entirely dedicated to the Great War: **Yper Museum** and **In Flanders Fields Museum**. The museums give you a realistic picture of what the war was like and what impact it had on the people and the city. There are other war museums on Ypres’ territory, such as the Hooze Crater Museum (also known from the Hooze Boys), Hill 62 and the Merghelynck Museum. In addition to the traditional museums, Ypres has many trenches, such as Yorkshire Trench & Dug-Out, Bayernwald and the Dodengang. All the **trenches** are located on the outskirts of the city.

Besides the theme of the Great War, there is so much more to experience in Ypres. For instance, Ypres has more than **1,300 bicycle-friendly beds**. Those beds form a network that is certainly sufficient for couples, groups of friends or families who want to explore the region around Ypres on two wheels. But we can also arrange a trip to the hilly Heuvelland for groups of sporty cyclists. You can stay overnight in large holiday homes or one of the many hotels. Besides being a cycling paradise, Ypres and its surroundings are also a **walking paradise**. This year, among other things, there is a [Nutteloze bordenwandeling](#) (Useless Signs Walk) in the town centre. There is also the “ramparts route” (17th century ramparts) and the “stadswandelroute” (city walk route). If you want to go further, you can walk the “Triootje Westhoek” between Ypres, Poperinge and Heuvelland.

Ypres also has something to offer all the **family**. A trip to Bellewaerde and Bellewaerde Aquapark is always nice during your holiday in Ypres, for the children, parents and grandparents alike. But do not forget the city centre. Ypres has many beautiful churches whose various towers still characterise the city’s skyline today. The Ypres city centre is a pleasant place to take a stroll and to discover the lesser-known **historical gems**. Afterwards you can enjoy a leisurely drink and a bite in one of the restaurants or cafés.

Want to know more about Ypres? Surf to [toersmeieper.be](https://toersmeieper.be) or download the commentary guide below.



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# FINISH WEVELGEM

## PROGRAMME

After a tour through Flanders Fields, the finish line traditionally awaits on Vanackerestraat in Wevelgem. Will we again witness decisive sprints or will the lone cyclists that break away from the pack get the upper hand?

- 10:30 a.m.:** Opening Café Saint-Velo at the Guldenbergplein - fan zone at the finish with DJ, live coverage and podium ceremony
- 5 p.m.:** Men Elite's finish
- 6:15 p.m.:** Women Elite's finish

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## HOW TO GET THERE

### On foot

Anyone who lives in Wevelgem and close to the finish line can of course head to the finish on Vanackerestraat on foot. The train station is also within walking distance.

### By bike

Would you like to go to Wevelgem by bicycle just like the riders? If so, you can head to the bicycle parking facility in Schoolstraat or the Grotplein, nearby the church and at 300m of the finish line. Don't forget to bring your lock so that you can leave your bike behind securely while you enjoy the race. Please be mindful that the bike stalls near the pubs "Alfa" and "De Mythe" will be temporarily removed due to safety reasons during the race.

### Public transport

After the start in Ypres, would you also like to head to the finish in Wevelgem? It's easy by train! The station is also near the finish line in Wevelgem, so you don't have to worry about parking. Consult the timetable at [belgiantrain.be](http://belgiantrain.be).

### By car

We advise you to leave your car at home, but if that is not possible and you are looking for a parking space? Then you can park here:

- ▶ Parking Station, Stationsstraat, Wevelgem
- ▶ Parking Nieuwe Markt, Stationsstraat, Wevelgem

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**EXPLORE WEVELGEM!**

The municipality of Wevelgem has a **long and rich history**. The first mention of it was at the end of the 12th century as Wevelgem/Wibilinga. Moorsele and Gullegem were already mentioned a century earlier. From the 16th century onwards, the **flax industry** began to grow. The trade reached a peak between 1850 and the Second World War. The main reason for the development was the presence of the **Leie** (Lys) river, also called the Golden River.

Wevelgem has a great many **green pieces of nature** to offer. For example, there is the provincial domain of Bergelen. This domain is the largest green area and was created in the 1970s by the sand extraction needed for the construction of the E403, the motorway that provides the easiest connection with the municipality. There is also the Leie river and the woods around it. The source of the Leie can be found in Aire-sur-la-Lys (Ariën-aan-de-Leie) and, from there, the river eventually flows into the Scheldt in Ghent. The Leie connects the Seine and Scheldt basins. The straightening of the Leie has created natural domains, including tributaries of the Leie.

Besides nature, Wevelgem also breathes history, especially **war history** because of the location of the municipality. The First World War left the largest traces in and around the municipality. For example there's Menenwald, the largest German military cemetery of the First World War, with 48,049 victims. But the military cemeteries of Kezelberg and Moorsele Military Cemetery, part of the Commonwealth War Graves, can also be found in Wevelgem and are definitely worth visiting.

Other places of interest in Wevelgem include the **Kloosterhoeve Guldenbergabdij** near Leie. The building for Cistercian nuns dates from the 13th century, but the cloister was disbanded after the French Revolution in 1797. There is also the **Yugoslavia Pavilion Expo '58**. The former Expo '58 pavilion of Yugoslavia is protected as a monument. The building is now used by the Sint-Pauluscollege. A museum that is also worth a visit is the **FAS - Flanders Aviation Society Aviation Museum**. The FAS relates the history of the Kortrijk-Wevelgem International Airport and the related technological evolution of aviation.

Wevelgem is also known for a piece of folklore with the **giants**, who move to twin municipality Ennevelin every year during Paris-Roubaix. Some well-known people from Wevelgem are Wannes Cappelle (singer - Het Zesde Metaal), Camille Dhont (singer), Tijs Mauroo (journalist), Stefaan Degand (actor), Steven Vanackere (politician) and Bart Van Loo (writer).

Want to know more about Wevelgem? Surf to [www.wevelgem.be/toerisme](http://www.wevelgem.be/toerisme) or download the commentary guide below.



# Lotto, trotse gangmaker van de koers



Omdat het kan

**Lotto**



# THIS IS HOW IT WENT LAST YEAR

A new season and thus new opportunities for the pack to add Gent-Wevelgem to the list of achievements. This year, between Ypres and Wevelgem, we will be looking for the successors to Wout van Aert and Marianne Vos who sped to victory last year.

## RELIVE IT ALL BELOW

### THE TOP 10 OF 2021

#### Men Elite

<b>1</b>	Wout van Aert	BEL
<b>2</b>	Giacomo Nizzolò	ITA
<b>3</b>	Matteo Trentin	ITA
<b>4</b>	Sonny Colbrelli	ITA
<b>5</b>	Michael Matthews	AUS
<b>6</b>	Stefan Küng	SUI
<b>7</b>	Nathan Van Hooydonck	BEL
<b>8</b>	Dylan Van Baarle	NED
<b>9</b>	Anthony Turgis	FRA
<b>10</b>	Gianni Vermeersch	BEL

#### Women Elite

<b>1</b>	Marianne Vos	NED
<b>2</b>	Lotte Kopecky	BEL
<b>3</b>	Lisa Brennauer	GER
<b>4</b>	Elisa Balsamo	ITA
<b>5</b>	Marta Bastianelli	ITA
<b>6</b>	Emilia Fahlin	SWE
<b>7</b>	Kristen Faulkner	USA
<b>8</b>	Sarah Roy	AUS
<b>9</b>	Emma Cecilie Norsgaard	DEN
<b>10</b>	Lauren Stephens	USA

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# RACE INFORMATION

Are you a loyal fan on the Kemmelberg or are you eager to immerse yourself in Gent-Wevelgem for the first time? Below you can find all the route information you need to plan a fun race day: men, women and youth!

## NEW THIS YEAR

The women will probably explore Gent-Wevelgem extensively this year, because their race looks a little different. For the first time, they also pass through De Moeren. Will the battle with the wind in Veurne make an initial selection among the women too?

Like the men, the women will also become acquainted with the steepest side of the Kemmelberg, better known as the “Ossuaire” side. We’re curious about what effect these new elements will have on the women’s race along the way!

There are no changes to the men’s race though. Who will win the battle with the wind and the cobbles? Discover all the route information below!



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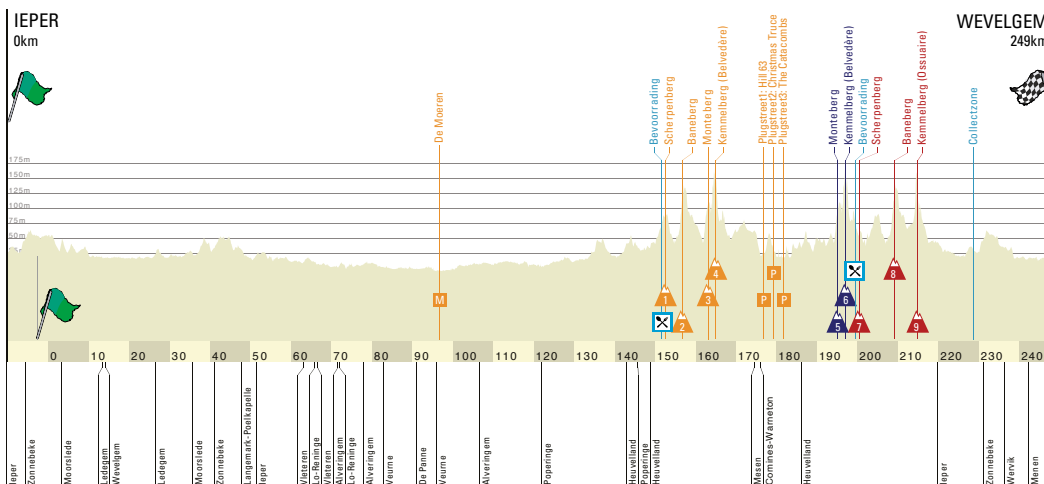
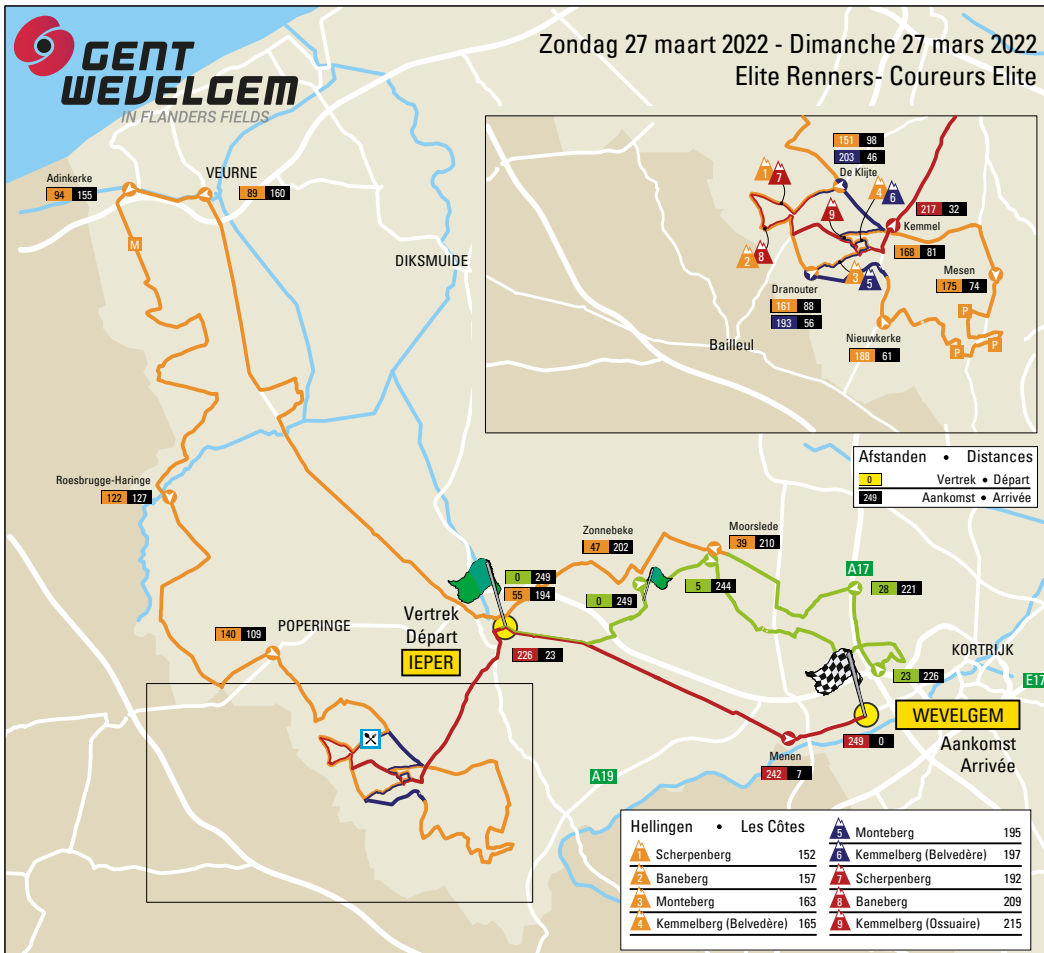
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THE CIRCUIT > MEN ELITE



## TIMETABLE &gt; MEN ELITE

	km +	km -	41 km/h	43 km/h	45 km/h		km +	km -	41 km/h	43 km/h	45 km/h
<b>West-Vlaanderen</b>											
<b>Ieper</b>											
Ieper											
Officiële Start	-10.3		10:50	10:50	10:50						
Zillebeke	-8.1		10:58	10:59	10:59						
<b>Zonnebeke</b>											
Zonnebeke	-5.7		11:02	11:02	11:02						
Officiële Start	0.0	248.8	11:10	11:10	11:10						
Passendale	2.6	246.2	11:14	11:14	11:14						
<b>Moorslede</b>											
Moorslede	3.2	245.6	11:15	11:15	11:14						
Dadizele	10.4	238.4	11:25	11:25	11:24						
Ledegem	13.2	235.6	11:29	11:29	11:28						
<b>Wevelgem</b>											
Moorsele	14.1	234.7	11:31	11:30	11:29						
Gullegem	18.2	230.6	11:37	11:35	11:34						
Moorsele	24.6	224.2	11:46	11:44	11:43						
<b>Ledegem</b>											
St-Eloois-Winkel	26.5	222.3	11:49	11:47	11:45						
Rollegem-Kapelle	29.2	219.6	11:53	11:51	11:49						
Ledegem	30.8	218.0	11:55	11:53	11:51						
Moorslede	35.6	213.2	12:02	12:00	11:58						
<b>Zonnebeke</b>											
Passendale	40.9	207.9	12:10	12:07	12:05						
Litter Zone	43.1	205.7	12:13	12:10	12:08						
Zonnebeke	44.6	204.2	12:15	12:12	12:10						
<b>Langemark-Poelkapelle</b>											
Langemark	47.5	201.3	12:20	12:16	12:13						
<b>Ieper</b>											
Sint-Jan	51.3	197.5	12:25	12:22	12:19						
Ieper	54.1	194.7	12:29	12:26	12:22						
Brielen	56.6	192.2	12:33	12:29	12:26						
Elverdinge	59.8	189.0	12:38	12:33	12:30						
<b>Vleteren</b>											
Woesten	63.0	185.8	12:42	12:38	12:34						
<b>Lo-Reninge</b>											
Reninge	65.8	183.0	12:46	12:42	12:38						
<b>Vleteren</b>											
Oostvleteren	66.5	182.3	12:47	12:43	12:39						
<b>Alveringem</b>											
Hoogstade	71.5	177.3	12:55	12:50	12:45						
<b>Lo-Reninge</b>											
Pollinkhove	71.8	177.0	12:55	12:50	12:46						
Litter Zone	76.5	172.3	13:02	12:57	12:52						
<b>Alveringem</b>											
Hoogstade	77.8	171.0	13:04	12:59	12:54						
<b>Veurne</b>											
Vinkem	82.7	166.1	13:11	13:06	13:00						
Steenkerke	84.8	164.0	13:14	13:08	13:03						
Veurne	87.5	161.3	13:18	13:12	13:07						
<b>De Panne</b>											
Adinkerke	91.0	157.8	13:23	13:17	13:11						
<b>Veurne</b>											
De Moeren	96.0	152.8	13:30	13:24	13:18						
Houtem	99.4	149.4	13:36	13:29	13:23						
Vinkem	104.8	144.0	13:43	13:36	13:30						
<b>Alveringem</b>											
Izenberge	106.6	142.2	13:46	13:39	13:32						
Leisele	107.8	141.0	13:48	13:41	13:34						
Beveren	117.7	131.1	14:02	13:54	13:47						
<b>Poperinge</b>											
Roesbrugge-Haringe	121.7	127.1	14:08	14:00	13:52						
Proven	123.7	125.1	14:11	14:03	13:55						
Litter Zone	124.0	124.8	14:12	14:03	13:55						
Watou	129.5	119.3	14:20	14:11	14:03						
Poperinge	136.6	112.2	14:30	14:21	14:12						
<b>Heuvelland</b>											
Westouter	142.9	105.9	14:39	14:29	14:21						
<b>Poperinge</b>											
Reningelst	145.7	103.1	14:43	14:33	14:24						
<b>Heuvelland</b>											
De Klijte	148.7	100.1	14:48	14:38	14:28						
Litter Zone	151.2	97.6	14:51	14:41	14:32						
Bevoorrading	151.4	97.4	14:52	14:41	14:32						
Litter Zone	151.7	97.1	14:52	14:42	14:32						
Helling / Côte 1: Scherpenberg	152.2	96.6	14:53	14:42	14:33						
Westouter	153.0	95.8	14:54	14:44	14:34						
Helling / Côte 2: Baneberg	156.9	91.9	15:00	14:49	14:39						
Loker	158.6	90.2	15:02	14:51	14:41						
Dranouter	160.6	88.2	15:05	14:54	14:44						
Helling / Côte 3: Monteberg	162.9	85.9	15:08	14:57	14:47						
Kemmel	164.1	84.7	15:10	14:59	14:49						
Helling / Côte 4: Kemmelberg (Belvédère)	164.7	84.1	15:11	15:00	14:50						
Wijtschate	170.0	78.8	15:19	15:07	14:57						
Litter Zone	172.9	75.9	15:23	15:11	15:01						
Mesen	174.4	74.4	15:25	15:13	15:03						
<b>Province du Hainaut</b>											
Comines-Warneton	176.0	72.8	15:28	15:16	15:05						
Plugstreet 1 - Hill 63	177.2	71.6	15:29	15:17	15:06						
Plugstreet 2 - Christmas Truce	179.7	69.1	15:33	15:21	15:10						
Plugstreet 3 - The Catacombs	181.9	66.9	15:36	15:24	15:13						
<b>Province West-Vlaanderen</b>											
<b>186.0</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>15:42</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>15:18</b>							
<b>Heuvelland</b>											
Nieuwerkerke	186.0	62.8	15:42	15:30	15:18						
Dranouter	188.9	59.9	15:46	15:34	15:22						
Helling / Côte 5: Monteberg	195.2	53.6	15:56	15:42	15:30						
Kemmel	196.4	52.4	15:58	15:44	15:32						
Helling / Côte 6: Kemmelberg (Belvédère)	197.0	51.8	15:58	15:45	15:33						
De Klijte	201.9	46.9	16:06	15:52	15:39						
Litter Zone	203.5	45.3	16:08	15:54	15:41						
Bevoorrading	203.7	45.1	16:08	15:54	15:42						
Litter Zone	204.0	44.8	16:09	15:55	15:42						
Helling / Côte 7: Scherpenberg	204.5	44.3	16:09	15:55	15:43						
Westouter	205.2	43.6	16:10	15:56	15:44						
Helling / Côte 8: Baneberg	209.2	39.6	16:16	16:02	15:49						
Loker	210.8	38.0	16:19	16:04	15:51						
Helling / Côte 9: Kemmelberg (Ossuaire)	214.5	34.3	16:24	16:09	15:56						
Dranouter	214.5	34.3	16:24	16:09	15:56						
Kemmel	216.2	32.6	16:27	16:12	15:58						
<b>Ieper</b>											
Voormezele	219.6	29.2	16:31	16:17	16:03						
Ieper	223.3	25.5	16:37	16:22	16:08						
Zillebeke	228.8	20.0	16:45	16:29	16:15						
Zonnebeke	231.2	17.6	16:48	16:33	16:18						
Geluveld	232.8	16.0	16:51	16:35	16:20						
<b>Wervik</b>											
Geluwe	236.3	12.5	16:56	16:40	16:25						
Geluwe	237.9	10.9	16:58	16:42	16:27						
<b>Menen</b>											
Menen	242.2	6.6	17:05	16:48	16:33						
Litter Zone	245.5	3.3	17:09	16:53	16:37						
<b>Wevelgem</b>											
Aankomst - Arrivee	248.8	0.0	17:14	16:57	16:42						



# DE KNEUCHT

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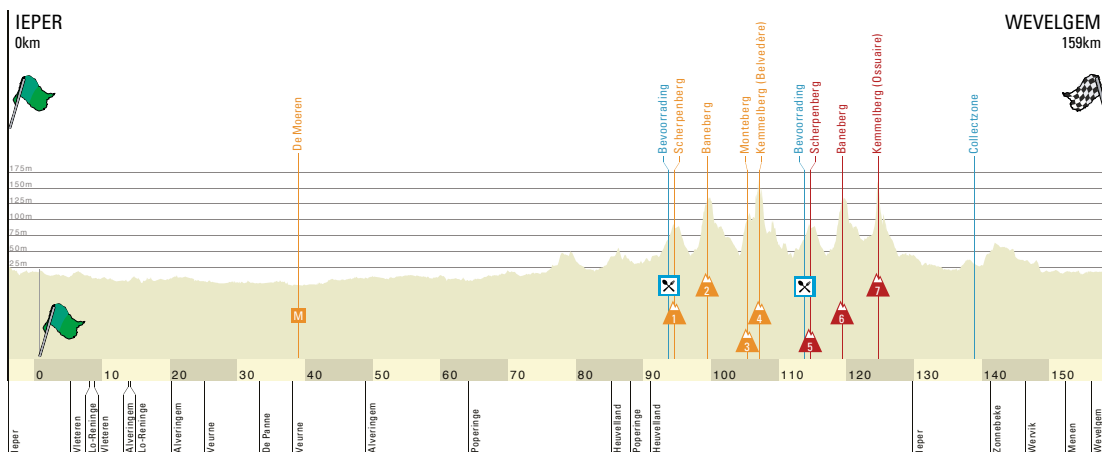
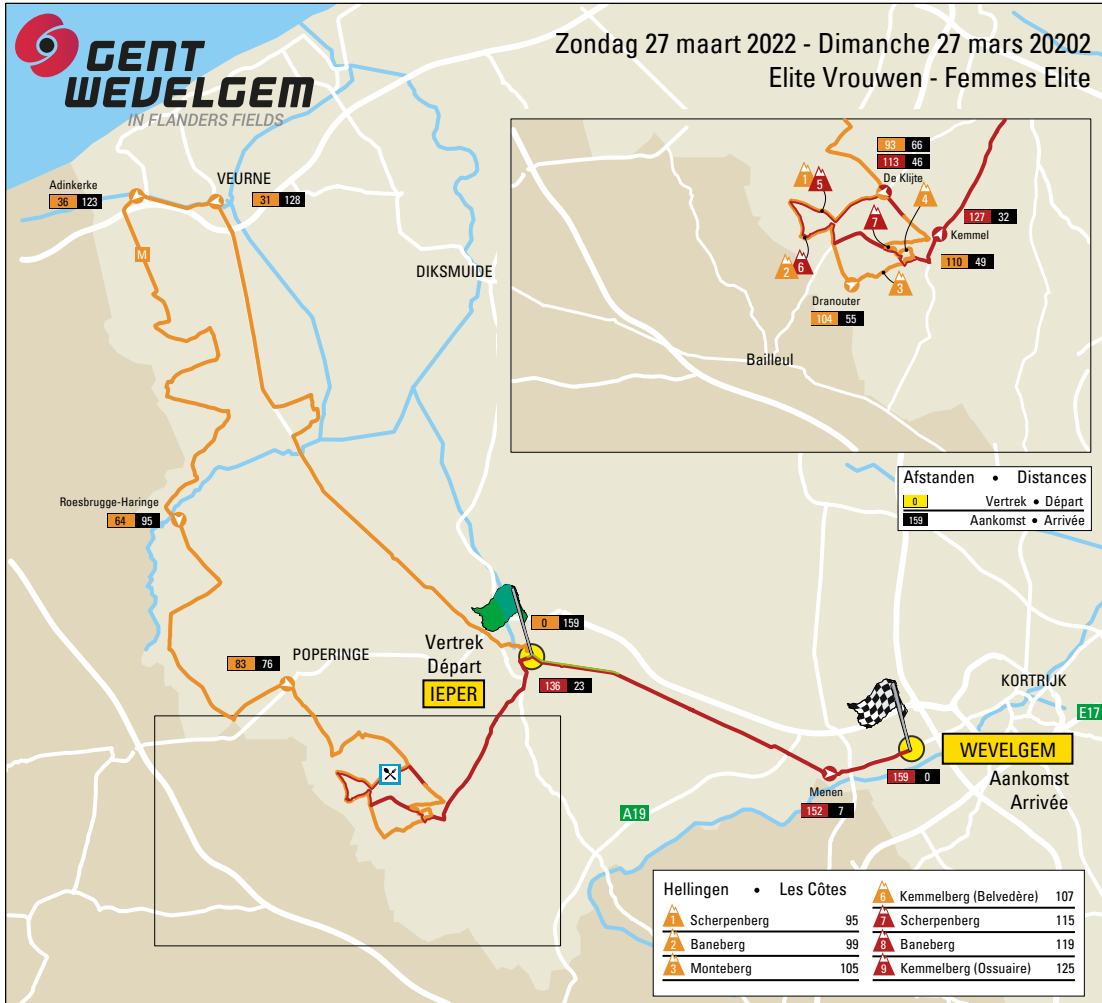
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	km +	km -	36 km/h	38 km/h	40 km/h		km +	km -	36 km/h	38 km/h	40 km/h	
<b>West-Vlaanderen</b>												
Ieper												
	Officieuze Start	-4.0	13:50	13:50	13:50							
	Brielen	-1.0	13:58	13:58	13:58							
	Officiële Start	0.0	159.0	14:00	14:00							
	Elverdinge	2.1	156.9	14:04	14:03							
<b>Vleteren</b>												
	Woesten	5.3	153.7	14:09	14:08							
<b>Lo-Reninge</b>												
	Reninge	8.2	150.8	14:14	14:13							
<b>Vleteren</b>												
	Oostvleteren	8.8	150.2	14:15	14:14							
<b>Alveringem</b>												
	Hoogstade	13.9	145.1	14:23	14:22							
<b>Lo-Reninge</b>												
	Pollinkhove	14.2	144.8	14:24	14:22							
	Litter Zone	18.9	140.1	14:31	14:30							
<b>Alveringem</b>												
	Hoogstade	20.2	138.8	14:34	14:32							
<b>Veurne</b>												
	Vinkem	25.1	133.9	14:42	14:40							
	Steenkerke	27.2	131.8	14:45	14:43							
	Veurne	29.9	129.1	14:50	14:47							
<b>De Panne</b>												
	Adinkerke	33.3	125.7	14:56	14:53							
<b>Veurne</b>												
	De Moeren	38.3	120.7	15:04	15:00							
	Houtem	41.8	117.2	15:10	15:06							
	Vinkem	47.2	111.8	15:19	15:14							
<b>Alveringem</b>												
	Izenberge	48.9	110.1	15:22	15:17							
	Leisele	50.2	108.8	15:24	15:19							
	Beveren	60.1	98.9	15:40	15:35							
<b>Poperinge</b>												
	Roesbrugge-Haringe	64.1	94.9	15:47	15:41							
	Proven	66.1	92.9	15:50	15:44							
	Litter Zone	66.4	92.6	15:51	15:45							
	Watou	71.9	87.1	16:00	15:53							
	Poperinge	79.0	80.0	16:12	16:05							
<b>Heuvelland</b>												
	Westouter	85.2	73.8	16:22	16:15							
<b>Poperinge</b>												
	Reningelst	88.0	71.0	16:27	16:19							
<b>Heuvelland</b>												
	De Klijte	91.0	68.0	16:32	16:24							
	Litter Zone	93.6	65.4	16:36	16:28							
	Bevoorrading	93.8	65.2	16:36	16:28							
	Litter Zone	94.1	64.9	16:37	16:29							
	Helling / Côte 1: Scherpenberg	94.6	64.4	16:38	16:29							
	Westouter	95.3	63.7	16:39	16:31							
	Helling / Côte 2: Baneberg	99.4	59.6	16:46	16:37							
	Loker	101.1	57.9	16:48	16:40							
	Dranouter	103.1	55.9	16:52	16:43							
	Helling / Côte 3: Monteberg	105.4	53.6	16:56	16:46							
	Kemmel	106.6	52.4	16:58	16:48							
	Helling / Côte 4: Kemmelberg (Belvedere)	107.2	51.8	16:59	16:49							
	De Klijte	112.1	46.9	17:07	16:57							
	Litter Zone	113.7	45.3	17:09	16:59							
	Bevoorrading	113.8	45.2	17:10	17:00							
	Litter Zone	114.2	44.8	17:10	17:00							
	Helling / Côte 5: Scherpenberg	114.7	44.3	17:11	17:01							
	Westouter	115.4	43.6	17:12	17:02							
	Helling / Côte 6: Baneberg	119.4	39.6	17:19	17:09							
	Loker	121.0	38.0	17:22	17:11							
	Helling / Côte 7: Kemmelberg (Ossuaire)	124.7	34.3	17:28	17:17							
	Dranouter	124.7	34.3	17:28	17:17							
	Kemmel	126.4	32.6	17:31	17:20							
<b>Ieper</b>												
	Voormezele	129.8	29.2	17:36	17:25							
	Ieper	133.5	25.5	17:43	17:31							
	Zillebeke	139.0	20.0	17:52	17:39							
<b>Zonnebeke</b>												
	Geluveld	141.4	17.6	17:56	17:43							
	Geluveld	143.0	16.0	17:58	17:46							
<b>Wervik</b>												
	Geluwe	146.5	12.5	18:04	17:51							
	Geluwe	148.1	10.9	18:07	17:54							
<b>Menen</b>												
	Litter Zone	152.4	6.6	18:14	18:01							
	Litter Zone	155.7	3.3	18:20	18:06							
<b>Wevelgem</b>												
	Wevelgem	156.2	2.8	18:20	18:07							
	Aankomst - Arrivee	159.0	0.0	18:25	18:11							

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*The seven winners of the seven races in Flanders Fields in 2019 (from left to right): Z. Backstedt, E. Backstedt, K. Wild, A. Kristoff, J. Rutsch, Q. Simmons and N. Detalle.*

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We can't persuade you to come along and encourage your favourites in person? Don't worry, we will also treat fans of the race in their own living room to some vital information. Thanks to our broadcasters, you won't miss a second of the action.

Sporza (Belgium) is starting its broadcast at 10 O'clock with the men's race. The final of the women will be broadcasted right after. Tune into the international channels from 1 p.m. CET. Happy watching!

### DISCOVER FLANDERS FIELDS

More than any other race, Gent-Wevelgem tells a bigger story than the race itself. Dive into world history in Ypres and Flanders Fields. We have bundled together the sights along the circuit. Read on and perhaps you'll soon be keen to explore them by bike.

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# AUSTRALIA

Did you know that Gent-Wevelgem has an annual theme we use to include stories from the Great War on the margins of the race? This year that will be Australia and so will the 27th of March be even more special to our race director Scott Sunderland.

All winners of the seven races in Flanders Fields will receive an additional symbolic trophy this year, with a rider becoming one with the 5th Australian Division Memorial at CWGC Buttes New British Cemetery, Polygon Wood. With the start under Menin Gate, where the names of nearly 55,000 Commonwealth missing from the First World War are carved into the walls, and with this trophy, Gent-Wevelgem pays a unique tribute to the many people who perished.



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You can read one of the Australian stories from the Great War below.

## **BROTHERS IN ARMS**

Brothers in arms, comrades, fellow soldiers... it applies to all brothers, in all countries, of all colours and all cultures. It applies to team-mates in the Race.

To race is to die a little, Tim Krabbé wrote in his highly praised book “De Renner”. A bloc, chasse patate, death or gladioli... a battle for victory, the trophy, the medal. Racing is a sport, but above all a game.

Not so in Wartime. 127 Australian amateur and professional riders undertook the great crossing to Europe, including the only pair of brothers and professionals Alex and Mick Wann, both of whom were killed in the summer of 1918.

Whether they were sports-minded or not, Australia sent its sons. John Hunter came with his brother Jim to fight in Flanders Fields. A pair of brothers in the 49th Battalion, a Band of Brothers made up predominantly of Queenslanders. John was killed, hit by an artillery shell, witnessed by his brother Jim. Jim lovingly and very carefully covered his brother's body with a Standard Issue Ground Sheet in order to preserve the body well. Like so many other soldiers in WWI, John remained missing, one of the many names engraved on the Menin Gate Memorial. Until by chance, almost 90 years later, his body was unearthed along with four other Australian soldiers. Well preserved thanks to the care of his brother, he could be identified. This overwhelming experience inspired Johan Vandewalle, the digger, and his team to set up a unique memorial project near Polygon Wood for all brothers killed in wars.

Australian brothers Theo, George and William Seabrook from Sydney first saw action at the Battle of the Menin Road on 20 September 1917. It was their only action in the Great War because all three were killed. William was buried in Lijssenthoek Cemetery near Poperinge, the other two brothers are recorded on the Memorial to the Missing in Ypres.

A “Saving Private Ryan” story also played out with the six Reid brothers from Brisbane. Four were killed: one at Gallipoli, two at the Somme and the fourth at Polygon Wood and now buried in Lijssenthoek Cemetery. The fifth brother returned Down Under severely disabled. The sixth brother was sent home by the military authorities after a plea from his mother.

(Source : Meer broeder- en Australië verhalen at [www.brotherinarmsmemorial.info](http://www.brotherinarmsmemorial.info) & at René Degryse - [Feelthespirits@skynet.be](mailto:Feelthespirits@skynet.be))





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YEAR	1st	2nd	3th
2021	NL Marianne Vos	BE Lotte Kopecky	DE Lisa Brennauer
2020	BE Jolien D'hoore	BE Lotte Kopecky	DE Lisa Brennauer
2019	NL Kirsten Wild	NL Lorena Wiebes	IT Letizia Paternoster
2018	IT Marta Bastianelli	BE Jolien D'hoore	DE Lisa Klein
2017	FI Lotta Lepistö	BE Jolien D'hoore	US Coryn Rivera
2016	NL Chantal Blaak	DE Lisa Brennauer	NL Lucinda Brand
2015	NL Floortje Mackaij	NL Janneke Ensing	AU Chloe Hosking
2014	US Lauren Hall	NL Janneke Ensing	NL Vera Koedooder
2013	NL Kirsten Wild	NL Sanne Van Paassen	BE Kelly Druyts
2012	GB Elizabeth Armistead	NL Iris Slappendel	BE Jessie Daams



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# LIST OF HONOURS ELITE MEN

YEAR	1st	2nd	3th
2021	BE Wout van Aert	IT Giacomo Nizzolo	IT Matteo Trentin
2020	DK Mads Pedersen	FR Florian Sénéchal	IT Matteo Trentin
2019	NO Alexander Kristoff	DE John Degenkolb	BE Oliver Naesen
2018	SK Peter Sagan	IT Elia Viviani	FR Arnaud Demare
2017	BE Greg Van Avermaet	BE Jens Keukeleire	SK Peter Sagan
2016	SK Peter Sagan	BE Sep Vanmarcke	RU Viacheslav Kuznetsov
2015	IT Luca Paolini	NL Niki Tepstra	GB Geraint Thomas
2014	DE John Degenkolb	FR Arnaud Démare	SK Peter Sagan
2013	SK Peter Sagan	SI Borut Bozic	BE Greg Van Avermaet
2012	BE Tom Boonen	SK Peter Sagan	DK Matti Breschel
2011	BE Tom Boonen	IT Daniele Bennati	US Tyler Farrar
2010	AT Bernhard Eisel	BE Sep Vanmarcke	BE Philippe Gilbert
2009	NO Edvald Boasson Hagen	BY Aleksandr Kuschynski	AU Matthew Goss
2008	ES Oscar Freire	CH Aurélien Clerc	BE Wouter Weylandt
2007	DE Marcus burghardt	GB Roger Hammond	ES Oscar Freire
2006	NO Thor Hushovd	DE David Kopp	IT Alessandro Petacchi
2005	BE Nico Mattan	ES Juan-Antonio Flecha	IT Daniele Bennati
2004	BE Tom Boonen	SE Magnus Backstedt	EE Jaan Kirsipuu
2003	DE Andreas Klier	AU Henk Vogels	BE Tom Boonen
2002	IT Mario Cipollini	US Fred Rodriguez	US George Hincapie
2001	US George Hincapie	NL Leon Van Bon	DE Steffen Wesemann
2000	BE Geert Van Bondt	BE Peter Van Petegem	BE Johan Museeuw
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1997	FR Philippe Gaumont	MD Andrei Tchmil	BE Johan Capiot
1996	BE Tom Steels	IT Giovanni Lombardi	IT Fabio Baldato
1995	DK Lars Michaelsen	IT Maurizio Fondriest	BE Luc Roosen
1994	BE Wilfried Peeters	IT Franco Ballerini	BE Johan Museeuw
1993	IT Mario Cipollini	BE Eric Vanderaerden	UZ Djamolidine Abdoujaparov
1992	IT Mario Cipollini	BE Johan Capiot	IT Adriano Baffi
1991	UZ Djamolidine Abdoujaparov	IT Mario Cipollini	DE Olaf Ludwig
1990	BE Herman Frison	BE Johan Museeuw	IT Franco Ballerini
1989	NL Gerrit Solleveld	GB Sean Yates	DK Rolf Sørensen
1988	IE Sean Kelly	IT Gianni Bugno	US Ron Kiefel
1987	NL Teun Van Vliet	BE Etienne De Wilde	BE Herman Frison
1986	IT Guido Bontempi	NL Twan Poels	BE Jean-Marie Wampers
1985	BE Eric Vanderaerden	AU Phil Anderson	BE Rudy Dhaenens
1984	IT Guido Bontempi	BE Eric Vanderaerden	IT Pierino Gavazzi
1983	NL Leo van Vliet	NL Jan Raas	BE Frank Hoste
1982	BE Frank Hoste	BE Eddy Vanhaerens	BE Alfons De Wolf
1981	NL Jan Raas	BE Roger De Vlaeminck	BE Alfons De Wolf
1980	NL Henk Lubberding	BE Alfons De Wolf	NL Piet van Katwijk
1979	IT Francesco Moser	BE Roger De Vlaeminck	NL Jan Raas
1978	BE Ferdi Van den Haute	BE Walter Planckaert	IT Francesco Moser

YEAR	1st	2nd	3th
1977	FR Bernard Hinault	IT Vittorio Algeri	NL Piet van Katwijk
1976	BE Freddy Maertens	BE Rik Van Linden	BE Frans Verbeek
1975	BE Freddy Maertens	BE Frans Verbeek	BE Rik van Linden
1974	GB Barry Hoban	BE Eddy Merckx	BE Roger De Vlaeminck
1973	BE Eddy Merckx	BE Frans Verbeek	BE Walter Planckaert
1972	BE Roger Swerts	IT Felice Gimondi	BE Eddy Merckx
1971	BE Georges Pintens	BE Roger De Vlaeminck	NL Gerben Karstens
1970	BE Eddy Merckx	BE Wily Vekemans	BE Walter Godefroot
1969	BE Willy Vekemans	BE Roger De Vlaeminck	BE Eric De Vlaeminck
1968	BE Walter Godefroot	BE Willy Vanneste	IT Felice Gimondi
1967	BE Eddy Merckx	NL Jan Janssen	BE Edward Sels
1966	BE Herman Vanspringel	BE Noël Vanclooster	DK Palle Lykke Jensen
1965	BE Noël De Pauw	BE Bernard Vandekerckhove	BE Gustaaf Desmet
1964	FR Jacques Anquetil	BE Yvo Molenaers	BE Rik Van Looy
1963	BE Benoni Beheydt	GB Tom Simpson	BE Michel Van Aerde
1962	BE Rik Van Looy	BE Frans Schoubben	BE Armand Desmet
1961	BE Frans Aerenhouts	BE Raymond Impanis	BE Yvo Molenaers
1960	BE Frans Aerenhouts	BE Frans De Mulder	BE Jozef Planckaert
1959	BE Léon Van Daele	BE Joseph Hoevenaars	FR Jacques Anquetil
1958	BE Noël Foré	BE Rik Van Looy	BE Fred De Bruyne
1957	BE Rik Van Looy	BE André Noyelle	BE Lucien Mathys
1956	BE Rik Van Looy	BE Richard Van Genechten	BE Désiré Keteleer
1955	BE Briek Schotte	BE Désiré Keteleer	BE Raymond Impanis
1954	CH Rolf Graf	CH Ferdinand Kübler	BE Ernest Sterckx
1953	BE Raymond Impanis	NL Wim Van Est	BE Germain Derycke
1952	BE Raymond Impanis	BE Maurice Blomme	BE Alois De Hertog
1951	BE André Rosseel	BE Raphael Jonckheere	BE Lionel Van Brabant
1950	BE Briek Schotte	BE Albert Decin	BE André Declerq
1949	BE Marcel Kint	BE André Declerq	BE Albert Decin
1948	BE Valère Ollivier	BE Albert Ramon	BE Hilaire Couvreur
1947	BE Maurice De simpelaere	BE René Beyens	BE Lucien Vlaemynck
1946	BE Ernest Sterckx	BE Maurice Desimpelaere	BE Michel Remue
1945	BE Robert Van Eenaeme	BE Maurice Van Herzele	BE André Declerck
1939	BE André Declerck	BE Frans Van Hellemont	BE Albert Van Laecke
1938	BE Hubert Godart	BE Edmond Delathouwer	BE Gustaaf Van Cauwenberghe
1937	BE Robert Van Eenaeme	BE Albert Ritserveldt	BE André Hallaert
1936	BE Robert Van Eenaeme	BE Jozef Somers	BE Gaston Denijs
1935	BE Albert Depreitere	BE Jérôme Dufromont	BE Karel Catrysse
1934	BE Gustaaf Van Belle	BE Maurice Vandenberghe	BE Jerome Dufromont



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