A rich history
The Twickel estate was established during the Middle Ages. Between 1347 and 1953 Twickel was continually passed on from father to son or daughter. Hence the estate came into possession of the following families, such as Van Twickelo, Van Raesfelt, Van Wassenaar Obdam and Van Heeckeren van Wassenaer. The last owner, baroness Van Heeckeren van Wassenaer, countess Van Aldenburg Bentinck, who had no children of her own, decided in 1953 to establish a foundation in order to preserve the estate as a nature reserve and cultural monument. Twickel is now one of the largest and best preserved private estates in The Netherlands.

Twickel Castle
The castle is situated in the centre of the estate. The oldest parts, among which the tower at the front, date from the 15th century. Throughout the centuries the castle has been extended and beautified. Thus the buildings, stables and coach house, situated in the forecourt, were added to Twickel castle during the 18th century. Twickel is still inhabited and has a vulnerable interior, which is the reason why visiting by the public is limited. However it is possible to partake in a guided tour through the house during several days of the year.

Gardens & Park
Twickel castle is well-known for its beautiful park. The gardens have been developed by the various generations and give us a good impression of the history of the garden since the Renaissance. For instance, you can find a formal garden with clipped figures of the taxus and buxus (yew) trees. The ornamental garden in Victorian style has been designed by the last baroness. The surrounding park, with its large water gardens, were developed in English landscape style during the 18th and 19th century.

The Vegetable Garden
Next to the park lies the large walled-in vegetable garden where traditional vegetables, fruits and flowers are cultivated. The vegetable garden is still very functional for the castle. It also is a living monument for visitors with its characteristic elements such as the impressive hothouse (Iron House), the trained fruit trees along the walls, the rhubarb in bleach pots and the lettuce under the glass cloches (bell-jars).

The Orangery
You can find the historical Orangery in the park near the house, which was built in the first half of the 19th century. The Orangery served as winter residence for the tropical and subtropical plants, such as the 300 year old orange trees. During the summer months the Orangery is used for events and exhibitions, and where also refreshments are served with something delectable to eat as well.

Walking along the Umfassungsweg
The ‘Umfassungsweg’, which is marked by posts engraved with UW, is a walking route of about 11 kilometers (7 miles) long. The route was named after the German landscape architect Petzold, who was commissioned in 1890 by baron Van Heeckeren van Wassenaer for various improvements and alterations and has left a lasting impression on the estate. The path encompasses the heart of the Twickel estate and gives a beautiful impression of the scenic diversity found in Twente. The route leads you along the castle, through the forest, via half-open meadows, across a planking path, through the nature reserve Koematenveld, until the end of the Twickelerlaan and thus finally arriving at the imposing Deldeneresch.

Other points of interest
The Twickel Estate not only has the castle with surrounding park, but also has 150 farmhouses and many other special buildings. Nearly all these buildings can be recognized by the typical black and white shutters, which is the ‘logo’ of Twickel.

Nice to visit are amongst other things:
- Twickeler sawmill Zeggenweterweg 1, Delden
- The historic oil mill Noordmolen Noordmolen 5, Ambt Delden
- The Museum farm Wendezoel Twickelerlaan 14, Ambt Delden
- The water mill Oldemeule Oldemeuleweg 2, Oele
- The nature reserve Borneveld Bornsevoetpad, Ambt Delden - limited accessibility; guided tour on demand via the Estate shop
- Coachbuilding workshop Van den Barg Bornsevoetpad 1, Ambt Delden

Estate shop | Visitors Centre
Near the castle across the parking area, lies the Estate shop. In this entrance building towards the park one can find information about the estate, events, worth seeing, tours and group arrangements. Besides all this, there are the Twickel articles you can buy, such as books, walking and bicycle routes, terra cotta pottery, table-linen, wine, jams and honey. Plus local products from the tenant farmers, such as cheese and local meat products.

Orangery
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Opening hours and Entrance fees
- **The Estate Shop | Visitors Centre**
  Twickelerlaan 7, Amt Delden
  Selling of Estate products and information centre.
  Opening times: From April through October on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10.00-17.00 hrs. From November through March on Fridays through Sundays from 11.00-16.00 hrs.

- **Gardens & Park**
  Twickelerlaan 7, Amt Delden
  Admission, group reservations, guided tour on demand via the Estate shop. Opening times: From April through October on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10.00-17.00 hrs. For admission fees, see twickel.nl.

- **Twickel Castle**
  Twickelerlaan 1, Amt Delden
  Open for castle concerts and castle tours. For information, fees and reservation, see twickel.nl

- **Vegetable garden**
  Twickelerlaan 11, Amt Delden
  Open for visiting and sale of vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants. Opening times: May through November on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 13.00-16.00 hrs. No admission fee.

**Agenda**
For the current events, see twickel.nl

**Information and Reservations**
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**Friends of Twickel**
The Organization Friends of Twickel applies to everybody, young as well as old, for all those who find it important to preserve the nature- and cultural-historical values of this estate. For more information, see vriendenvantwickel.nl (friends of Twickel).