



Restaurant of the swimming pool De Biltsche Duinen (ca. 1938), Bilthoven, Burgemeester Van Der Borchlaan

Waiters line up tightly on the terrace of the restaurant built in 1932 - 1933, which could be found on Burgemeester Van der Borchlaan. The restaurant had been built to the design of architect Jan Wilkes.

The Nature and Sports Park De Biltsche Duinen was inaugurated on Saturday 19 May 1933. It was opened by the then mayor, H.P. baron van der Borch tot Verwolde of Vorden.

At the time, the natural pool was among the most modern and best-equipped pools in the country. It was designed for 5,000 bathers. On some summer days, however, there were as many as 9,000 visitors, visitors who came not only from De Bilt and Bilthoven but from far and wide.

The pool had a specially constructed competition pool, which was gratefully used by the Bilthoven Swimming and Polo Association founded in June 1933. National swimming competitions were also organised in the pool. Unfortunately, the Bosbad was closed in 1980.

A golf course was built on part of the former swimming pool. The former restaurant, although renovated, can still be found on the site.