

Name of Camp: Westerbork

Location of Camp: Hooghalen, Netherlands

Brief description of the Camp:

This camp was a “transit” camp. It functioned as a location to assemble Roma and Dutch Jews for transport to other concentration camps.

How many people were imprisoned at the Camp? How many people perished at the Camp?

Because the population was being deported constantly, the estimated number of people was 100,000. Fewer than 5,000 people survived after being transported from this camp.

What were the dates that the Camp was in existence? 1939-1945

When was the Camp liberated? Who liberated the Camp?

It was liberated by the Canadian 2nd Infantry Division on April 12, 1945.

Other interesting facts:

- Anne Frank was shipped here and stayed at this camp for about a month before she was shipped away on the first train of the last three ever deported before the camp’s liberation.
- Every Monday night for nearly three years, approximately 1,000 Jews were deported to death camps throughout Poland.
- Westerbork was a strange place. There was a school, a hair dresser, an orchestra and even a restaurant. If a prisoner had money, it was possible for them to buy goods that were impossible to find elsewhere in Holland at this time.
- The most tragic aspect about this camp was that transport selections were made by Jewish security service. The Nazi’s gave orders and the Jewish governing body had to send their own to meet their death.

