This Dutch City Built a Glowing 'Van Gogh' Bike Path for Psychedelic Cyclists



Studio Roosegaarde

Psychonauts seeking a two-wheeled spirit quest should head to northern Europe, where the Dutch have just unveiled a dreamy bike path that makes it seem like you're riding atop the Milky Way.

The "Van Gogh-Roosegaarde" cycle avenue debuted this week just outside of Eindhoven, the design capital of the southern Netherlands. It's a collaboration between construction firm Heijmans and Daan Roosegaarde, the same duo who built a nearby glow-in-the-dark highway. The path's swirling, spectral patterns are meant to recall "The Starry Night," the delirious masterpiece that Dutch native son Vincent van Gogh painted while locked in an asylum.



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The path's supernatural aura comes from thousands of embedded nuggets that suck up solar energy and release it as light at night. The project cost about \$

870,000 and is part of a larger effort to make the region a laboratory for sustainable infrastructure. Roosegaarde <u>says</u> he hopes it will feel like "techno-poetry" that "people will experience in a special way" (perhaps with the assistance of certain <u>locally popular substances</u>?).

Turn off the lights and take a test drive:



