

buda beach

kortrijk, belgium

The place where Buddha Beach is situated is the result of diverting the river Leie and the expansion of its southern bank at the end of the island of Buda, located on the edge of the historic center of the city of Kortrijk.

Unlike the continuity that is to be established on the northern shore, where the Diksmuidekaai operation emphasizes the connecting character of this axis, the southern bank is understood as a series of episodes, with various formal and functional characteristics, that equip the contiguous urban fabric.

Buddha Beach is to be a landscaped leisure area, similar to the operations already carried out at the Koning Albertpark, that will serve as a starting point for the pedestrian bridge to link both sides of the river and can be transformed into a river beach during the summer, by providing temporary sand.

It is therefore configured as an undulated terrain, with large green slopes down from the Ijzerkaai to the shores of the river, allowing, among them, consolidated dolomite paths that link the urban axes from the interior of the island to the banks of the river and lead to a large recreation area.

At the point where the Ijzerkaai bridge reaches the start of the pedestrian bridge, a platform is created benefiting from the existing gradient and a pre-existing structure. It houses a small service building which contains the bar and the public services that must equip the new beach on the island of Buddha.



