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the rings of Saturn through a large telesco-

All who would like to view distant galaxies or

ture, species diversity, the climate and human

night sky: Reduced light pollution benefits na-

Park. Since 2014, it has protected its special

many places is assured at the Lifel National

naked eye? What is now scarcely possible in

When did you last see the Milky Way with the

WHAT DOES BEAVER

All who wish to learn about the senses of

dragonflies, owls and other animals, or feel

they are looking for at the major National

exhibits range from tiny insects to magni-

ficent mammals. Modern installations take

guests into a world full of surprising disco-

You can experience the fully accessible ex-

hibition on your own or on a tour guided by

Opening hours: Daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (December

Admission: 8 euros (reduced: 4 euros) | Family ticket:

18 euros | Free admission for children under 7 years old,

a National Park ranger. Customised guided

tours for groups are also available.

24 and December 31 until 2 p.m.)

and for birthday children of any age

Park exhibition "Dreams of Wilderness". The

the soft fur of a beaver or deer will find what

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National Park! Experience nature independent-

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Full accessibility has a high priority at the Eifel

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EXPLORING ON YOUR

OWN INITIATIVE

On foot, by bicycle or on horseback - discover the diverse landscapes of the Eifel National Park on your own initiative! Altogether, 240 km of trails are available, of which 104 km are designated as bicycle trails and 65 km as bridle paths

On the Outdooractive and Komoot websites you can find the most popular Eifel National Park routes, perfectly prepared for you and accompanied by useful information. Then you only have to decide whether to choose the "Wadenbeißer" trail, the "Ruhe-Tankstelle" hike, the "Schöpfungspfad" or one of more than 60 other routes.

Highlights to explore on your own: Vogelsang IP International Place - Creation path ("Schöpfungspfad") at Simmerath-Hirschrott

24 theme routes, of which 5 are signposted

throughout (see map)

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2	Staying overnight in the Park is forbidden. Camping in tents and motorhomes is permitted only at the designated locations outside the Mational Park	
	Do not fly any drones or other flying objects.	
92	Bicycles are permitted only on the designated cycle routes.	
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3	Do not smoke and do not light any fires.	
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ON THE WAY TO RE-EMERGENCE OF WILDERNESS

National Parks protect nature - as it would be naturally and as it develops in the absence of human beings. The National Park motto "Let nature be nature" summarises this principle. The focus is on the large-scale protection of naturally occurring processes.

- the Eifel National Park will be considered a

Already, nature can evolve freely in large areas of the Eifel National Park. Landscapes formerly shaped by human beings are gradually changing into re-emerging wilderness. Nature is now developing with its own dynamic in more than half

For 30 years after its founding - until 2034 developing National Park. During this period,

nature may be assisted in developing its natural balance. For example, this includes the renaturalisation of brooks, the removal of non-native tree species and the planting of beeches.

the area of the Park. The goal for this process is to cover more than 75 percent of the area in order to fulfil the international National Park criteria

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VISITING A SPECIAL NATURE PROTECTION AREA

As in all National Parks worldwide, in the Eifel National Park the motto is "Let nature be nature". This means that natural processes take place largely uninfluenced by human beings. In this way, our mission is to make possible a valuable "paradise" for animals and plants.

A stay at the Eifel National Park offers you surprising aesthetic insights. Experience the emergence of wilderness in the young developing National Park at the interactive exhibition "Dreams of Wilderness" in the Eifel National Park Centre, either on your own or accompanied by one of our expert guides.

Do you have questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please scan the QR codes on the following pages to obtain additional information.









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ON THE TRAIL WITH NATIONAL PARK RANGERS

It is a special experience to explore the emerging wilderness in the Eifel National Park accompanied by a ranger. Ranger tours take place almost every day of the week, free of charge and with no prior notice required.

The routes offered are as diverse as the landscape of the National Park: Offerings range from demanding hikes to short walks on fully accessible routes designed for participants with restricted mobility.

Tip: During the summer months, there are fully accessible boat tours accompanied by rangers. On board Rursee-Schifffahrt boats, rangers provide information about North Rhine-Westphalia's National Park.

BOOKING INDIVIDUAL TOURS

Forest guides offer customised tours for all groups, whether children, seniors, friends, business colleagues, or members of associations. These honorary specialists are also glad to advise and assist you in planning your excursion. Their training as "certified nature and landscape guides" and regular further education ensure the high quality of the tours.

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Info: The charge for a tour of up to three hours is a flat rate of 55 euros per group (15 euros for each additional hour). Each group can have a maximum of 25 people. Tours may be booked via the National Park Ad

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Diverse nature experience programmes are offered for children, youth and families:

Family days: Free three-hour hikes tailored to the needs of children are offered on the first Sunday of each month, and also on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the North Rhine-Westphalia school holidays

Individual family tours: Certified forest guides with educational training explore the forest wilderness with you and your family - for instance on the occasion of a child's birthday. The meeting place, length and duration of the tour can be arranged individually.

Junior ranger tours for families: During the school holidays, or when events are held in the region, junior rangers offer exciting, creative tours through the National Park – especially designed for children

Programmes for children in school and day care: Groups can explore the National Park with its emerging wilderness during a multi-hour discovery hike or in a day programme at the Düttling Wilderness Workshop. Weekly programmes for school classes can be found at the "Naturerlebnistref (Nature discovery rendezvous) at the forest guest house for youth in Urft. Children from the region can be trained as junior rangers and take action for their protected area.

WILDERNESS TRAIL: HIKING WITH THE WILD(AT SYMBOL

The Wilderness Trail is a hiking trail that extends 85 km, traversing the Eifel National Park from the southern tip at Monschau-Höfen to Hürtgenwald-Zerkall in the north of the protected area. Signs with a wildcat symbol show hikers the way along the entire route.

In four day hikes, experience the total diversity of the young developing National Park: Speciesrich meadows of narcissi and wildflowers, the broad open land of the Dreiborn plateau, small highland brooks, impressive beech woods in the Kermeter, and gnarled oaks in the Hetzinger forest. Book the Wilderness Trail as a package - for instance including luggage transport and transportation to the starting point - and look forward to a memorable, adventurous break!

The package can be booked at Monschauer Land Tourismus e.V.

Info: The Wilderness Trail can also serve as a recognised educational holiday. You can obtain information about the content and general conditions at Rureifel Tourismus e.V. via info@rureifel-tourismus.de



NATIONAL PARK HOSTS

For food, drink and overnight accommodation in the region, we recommend our certified National Park hosts. Hotels, restaurants, guest houses, youth hostels, holiday flats and campsites are dedicated to the philosophy and goals of the National Park and wish to enable guests to experience its unique nature - they are the ambassadors of this large protected area.

Gastgeber Nationalpark Eifel

National Park hosts fulfil established quality and environmental criteria for ecological, economic and social sustainability. They stand for an environmentally friendly stay. The welltrained personnel will be glad to inform you concerning the ideas, goals and regulations of the protected area, and the numerous opportunities for experiencing nature!





TRANSPORTATION IN THE REGION



With the guest card, you can enjoy sustainable, climate friendly transportation free of charge in the Eifel National Park discovery region. The card is valid for buses and trains in the entire area of the VRS (Rhein-Sieg transport association) and AVV (Aachen transport association) - a region extending over a large part of southwestern North Rhine-Westphalia, from the border with the Netherlands at Aachen, to the metropolitan areas of Cologne, Bonn, and Leverkusen and to the Rhein-Sieg district.

You can obtain the guest card as an overnight guest at participating establishments - upon request, even in advance of your stay, so that you can benefit from it upon your arrival. In the "heart of the National Park", the Kermeter shuttle (line 814), the Kermeter line (231), the "Mäxchen" bus, and the National Park shuttle (SB 82) provide environmentally friendly transportation. The guest card also allows you to use these services free of charge

Tip: A new edition of the free brochure "Natur erfahren" (Experience nature) is published each year in the spring. It provides an overview of bus and train connections, as well as tips for attractive tours.

The National Park Gates and the National Park Information Point in Schleiden-Gemünd are all situated at the edge of the large protected area and can be visited free of charge. They are accessible without steps and most are equipped with fully accessible sanitary facilities. **Opening hours:**

WHERE (AN I OBTAIN INFORMATION ON SITE?





The National Park website provides answers to almost all questions concerning your stay at the Eifel National Park. If you would like to ask advice in person, we recommend a visit to the National Park Gates: These information centres are located in Simmerath-Rurberg, Monschau-Höfen, Heimbach and Nideggen. Each contains a tourist service area and a small exhibition on a National Park theme.

April 1 to October 31: 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. November 1 to March 31: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. December 24 & December 31: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.