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EXCITING CONTRASTS



Happiness is being able to enjoy your free time!

On the go together

Nothing planned for today? No appointments or jobs that have to be done? If you have the luxury of being able to enjoy free time, you are in the right place here. Fancy a little excursion in our unspoilt natural surroundings and picturesque villages and towns? Drought and bark beetles are changing our forests. Spruces are disappearing and other plants are becoming established, new views and outlooks are being created. It is a true wonder how nature renews itself. Siegen-Wittgenstein is perfect for a spontaneous short trip with the family,

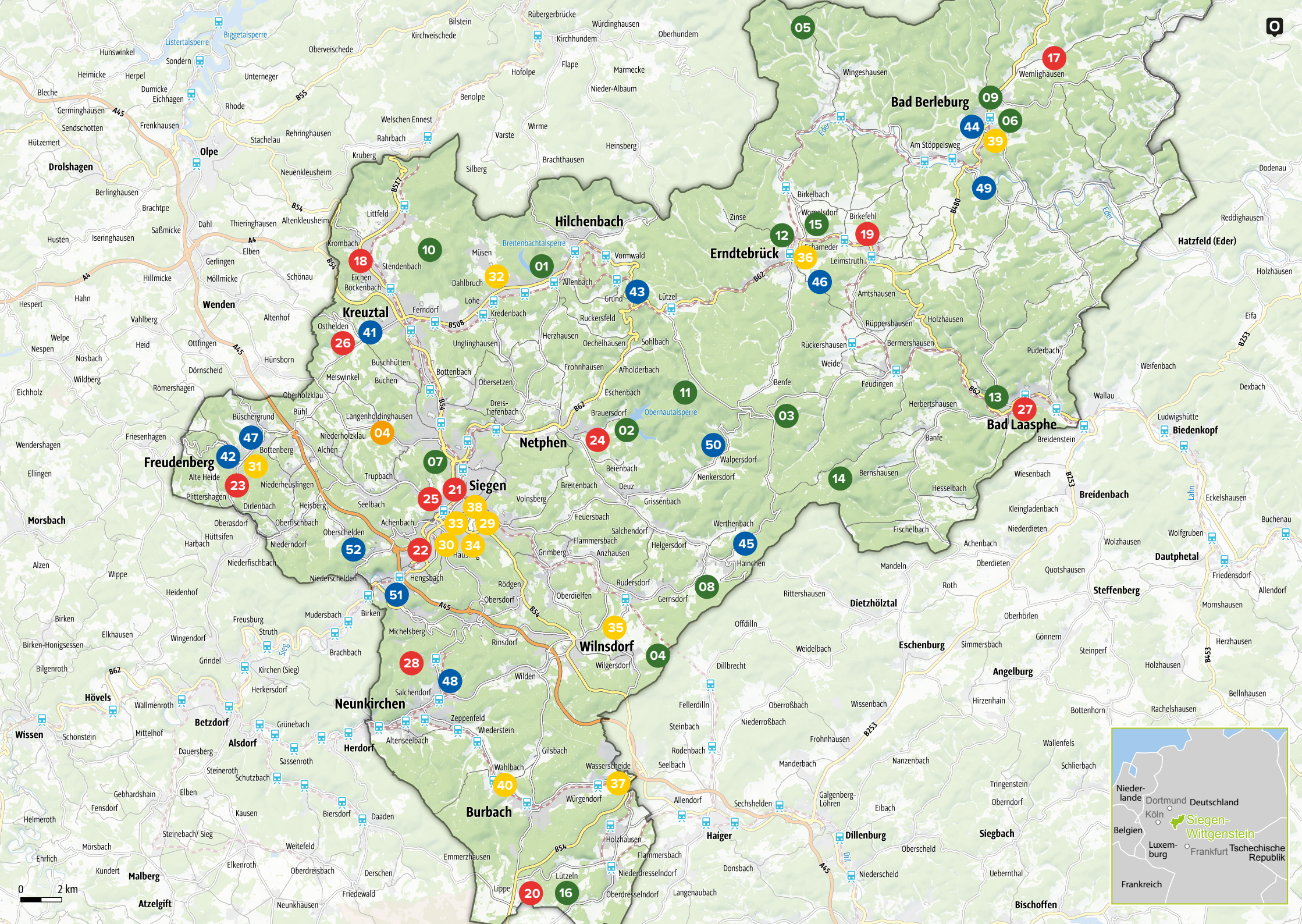
as a couple or with friends. Here, you can enjoy the present and experience unforgettable moments, have fun and allow your spirit to run free. Discover the magic of our unspoilt, low mountain landscape along the Rothaarsteig with your loved ones, as well as impressive panoramas and tranquil villages with beautiful half-timbered houses. Siegen-Wittgenstein impresses with its rugged charm and living traditions – far from the masses, without the hectic hustle and bustle. Experience the feeling of home and a relaxing time in green surroundings!

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Unfortunately, restrictions are still in place due to the pandemic. Please check online before your trip whether your respective destination is currently open and what conditions apply for visitors.





Out into the green

Get out and enjoy nature

Quietly rustling tree canopies, gently murmuring streams and joyfully singing birds – this is what the most extensive forests in Siegerland and Wittgenstein typically have to offer. Our natural landscapes and Rothaar Mountains offer quiet and relaxation. Even if drought and bark beetles have left their mark in some places, our natural surroundings are still very unspoilt. Dreamy valleys and hills, small villages with half-timbered houses, picturesque grasslands with grazing animals and mysterious forests await your visit.



01 All about water

Go for a gentle walk, enjoy the relaxing greenery and then eat a delicious meal at the “Alten Wärterhaus” restaurant. Surrounded by nature, a well developed loop trail goes around the Breitenbachtalsperre Reservoir, which serves as a drinking water reservoir. The trail is suitable for pushchairs and anyone on wheels. If you prefer something a little sportier, take the Kalorienpfad (Calories Path) with its fitness stations.



Breitenbachtalsperre Reservoir
Talsperrenstraße (at the end)
57271 Hilchenbach

Tip

Combine your trip to the Breitenbachtalsperre Reservoir with a visit to the Stahlberg museum in Hilchenbach Müsen. The history of mining can be experienced here. The tunnels in the visitors' mine where once iron ore was mined can be accessed along 380 metres.



02 Sunken world

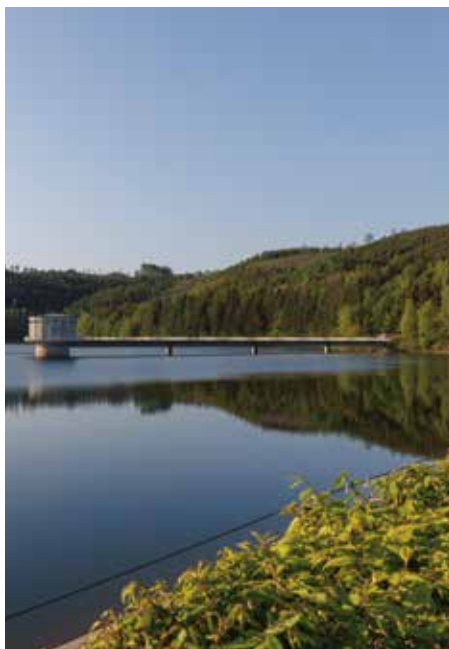
Relax amidst the trees, bushes and beautiful flowers on the picturesque loop trail. Villages once stood here; today an expansive, wonderfully blue body of water can be seen. The Obernautalsperre Reservoir is the largest drinking water reservoir in Siegerland. The artificial lake has since become a habitat for rare creatures such as great crested grebes, black storks and ospreys.



Obernautalsperre Reservoir
Zur Talsperre 40
57250 Netphen

Tip

The ten kilometre long, asphalted loop trail is not just ideal for walks or hikes but also for anyone on wheels or rollers. Along the way, numerous information boards invite you to browse.



03 The QuellenReich (Realm of Springs)

When the sun breaks through the canopy and the mist rises, you can easily believe that nymphs, elves and goblins are hiding here. The winding “Siegquelle” forest experience trail leads to special places in the forest, offering a little adventure. Along the way, wooden chimes, bridges, precipices, hills and the forest guitar await the brave and hobby musicians.



“Siegquelle” Forest Experience Trail
Eisenstraße – Siegquelle hiking car park
57250 Netphen

Tip

This is where the Sieg rises, the 155 kilometre long river that gave Siegerland its name. Only the sure-footed should attempt the forest experience trail. For everyone else, there are lovely picnic areas around the Siegquelle.



04 Picnic with your “nose to the wind”

Stop off and take a break. Experience wonderful views, allow your eyes to wander and enjoy the aromatic, fresh forest air. Not far from Wilgersdorf hiking car park, the “Nase im Wind” (nose to the wind) viewing platform at Tiefenrother Heights beckons. Rothaarsteig-Liegen and a picnic island ensure that you can relax after the hike.



Tiefenrother Heights
Wacholderheide hiking car park
57234 Wilnsdorf

Tip

The popular Rothaarsteig trail passes by this unusual rest stop with the best view. It offers the best break with a view because the viewing platform is one of the most beautiful panoramic points in the region.

05 Giants in the forest

Once almost extinct, the king of the forests invites an audience once again. The bison are majestic, quiet animals who live on a 20 hectare, mainly unspoilt site. Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig (Bison Wilderness on the Rothaarsteig) is surrounded by greenery and is right on the Rothaarsteig trail. Binoculars can be hired at the cash desk for hikes through the wilderness.



Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig (Bison Wilderness on the Rothaarsteig)
Weidiger Weg 100
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

A hike along the 13.5 kilometre Rothaarsteig-Spur "Wisent-Pfad" (Bison Trail) is the perfect addition to the trip. The trail marked by the horizontal black and white R leads along soft, often very narrow paths through the forests along the Rothaar ridge.



06 On the trail of the fairytales

Into the realm of fairytales! The "Märchenspur" (Fairytale Trail) in Bad Berleburg is the first certified, premium hiking trail in South Westphalia. The tour is full of diversity and adventure. Rapunzel, the Frog Prince and the Bremen Town Musicians greet young and old throughout the fairytale forest. Fun hiking for the whole family is combined with a fairytale quiz.



Fairytail trail – a magical hiking treasure
Start at the Nature Park Info Centre
Marktplatz 1
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

Just drop into the Tourist Information Centre Bad Berleburg at Marktplatz, stick the flyer with the quiz into your rucksack and follow the trail of the fairytales. There is a little surprise for a correctly completed flyer!



07 Animals up close

This part of Siegen municipal forest is really close to the city and yet idyllically situated in natural surroundings. The "Erlebniswald" (Experience Forest) offers numerous opportunities to observe animals and plants along a loop trail. The more than 65,000 square metre fallow deer show enclosure and viewing platform along with about 25 animals runs directly alongside the educational path.



Adventure Forest Historical Wildlife Park
Im Tiergarten
57076 Siegen

Tip

Bring enough change because right at the viewing platform there is a vending machine that sells food for the animals. If you want to learn more about trees, plants, fungi and animals, you are in the right place on the forest and fungi educational path.



08 Where are the Dilldapps?

Are you and your loved ones particularly fascinated by the world of mythical creatures, legends and fairytales? Then search for the footprints of the tiny Celtic German mythical creatures that are said to live in the forests here along the Dilldappenweg (Dilldapp Trail). The Dilldapps are described as extremely shy. They mainly eat potatoes, which they steal from the nearby fields.



Dilldappenweg hiking car park
in Hainchen on the L729
57250 Netphen

Tip

If you like mystical locations, you are in the right place in the QuellenReich (Realm of Springs), where the Sieg, Lahn, Eder, Ferndorf and Ilse rise. The natural surroundings here are pristine and the forest is full of secrets. More info on this under Point 3. The QuellenReich (Realm of Springs).



09 Hiking art

The WaldSkulpturenWeg (Forest Sculpture Trail) is one of the most beautiful hiking trails in our region. The eleven incomparable sculptures and installations were created by internationally renowned artists. For example, the “Golden egg” symbolises the eternal circle of life. A “Blue door on a white background” leads from Bad Berleburg to Schmallenberg.



WaldSkulpturenWeg (Forest Sculpture Trail) starting point
Poststraße 42
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

It is well worth making a detour to Schanze on the Kyrillpfad (Kyrill Trail), which impressively demonstrates nature's power of renewal. Here, nature was left to its own devices after the Cyclone Kyrill in January 2007. The viewing and experience trail leads along 1,000 metres through the terrain.



10 A little break on Kindelsberg

A visit to Kindelsberg is always a real treat – both in terms of the landscape with its many green, expansive views, as well as a stop for refreshments at the cosy tower restaurant. Around the mountain and at the summit, numerous hiking trails lead through the natural surroundings. Anyone who then ascends the tower is rewarded with a fantastic panoramic view.



Kindelsberg
Rasthaus Kindelsberg 1
57223 Kreuztal

Tip

The Kindelsberg Tower is currently being renovated and modernised; however, the kitchen is still open on certain days. Check the website beforehand to see what is currently available.



11 Idyll in the heart of the forest

A good 100 years ago, this place was so lonely that the forester's family no longer wanted to stay. Today, many appreciate the quiet and the proximity to nature of Hohenroth Forester's House in particular, as well as the fabulous events. The Forest Information Centre is the central hub for offerings relating to forestry, protecting nature, learning about the forest and forest encounters.



Hohenroth Forester's House
Forest Information Centre
Eisenstraße/Kohlenstraße
57250 Netphen

Tip

Interesting themed trails around the former forestry building invite visitors to explore nature. The wildlife enclosure is a great experience especially for the little ones. Afterwards, it's worth stopping off at Café Waldland for some refreshments.



12 Fragrant beauties

Anyone who visits the Rose Garden Alter Friedhof in Erndtebrück learns to explore in an entirely new way. Over 400 varieties of roses provide sumptuous blossoms in spring and summer. Insects buzz and hum everywhere, sometimes flying about hectically, sometimes lazily. At the same time, the roses exude their gentle perfume and radiate from white to yellow to vibrant red.



Rose Garden – Alter Friedhof
Ederfeldstraße
57339 Erndtebrück

Tip

Take some time for yourself, find a shady retreat in the idyllic grounds and enjoy slowing down surrounded by nature. Throughout the whole flowering season, guided tours of the rose garden are available by appointment.

13 900 cap wearers

The unique world of fungi with their gills, fruiting bodies, caps and bright colours are impressively displayed at the Mycology Museum in Bad Laasphe. More than 900 varieties can be marvelled at in the exhibition. The really special thing is that these are not models but rather real, freeze-dried fungi. All of the fine features are clear to see and marvel at.



Mycology Museum at Haus des Gastes
Wilhelmsplatz 3
57334 Bad Laasphe

Tip

In summer and autumn, the museum offers interesting seminars all about the world of fungi. Beginners and advanced enthusiasts learn interesting facts in theory and practice. The highlight is always collecting and identifying your own fungi.



14 Healing waters

The water splashes quietly, a peaceful stillness lies over the Ilsequelle. You can only get to this special place on foot, but it is worth it. The water of the Ilse is said to have healing powers because, like the water from the miraculous spring in Lourdes, it supposedly turns clockwise and is thus positively polarised. As far back as the Middle Ages, this special places attracted many people.



Ilsequelle
Heiligenborn
57334 Bad Laasphe

Tip

The Rothaarsteig, the "Weg der Sinne" (Senses Trail) goes right past the Ilsequelle – allow yourself to be inspired. Or follow the Rothaarsteig-Spur Ilsetalpfad (Ilse Valley Path) to reach Weidelbacher Pond on foot through the idyllic, narrow valley of the Ilse river.



15 Wonderfully fluffy

Would you like to see an alpaca up close, stroke its fluffy coat and go hiking with these sweet-tempered, sociable animals? Then go to the alpaca ranch! The animals' big, saucer eyes are fascinatingly beautiful. You will soon fall in love with them. The hikes are in groups by appointment with two to six animals and take about 90 minutes.



Alpaca Ranch Dörbach
Winterstraße 7
57339 Erndtebrück

Tip

After the hike, browse in the farm shop. Here, there are lots of different alpaca wool products made from the fleece of the animals on the farm. Wool is available for anyone who likes to make things by hand. Natural soaps complete the range.



16 Funny nagging

Is there anything nicer than hiking in nature with family or friends? Yes, there is - hiking with goats. Hiking with goats is a fantastic counterbalance to turbulent everyday life. Let go, relax and forget the hectic of the everyday. Goats are companions who love to walk and have great stamina. Thanks to their herd instinct, they gladly follow people.



Goat hikes through Hickengrund
Waldweg 5
57299 Burbach-Lützel

Tip

On the guided tours, you can explore the forests of Hickengrund with the goats and in places walk along the famous Rothaarsteig long-distance hiking trail. For a wild adventure, a snack can also be booked if desired.



Bad Laasphe, Lahn © Klaus-Peter Kappé

Off on an adventure

Inquisitively out and about

Our locations offer variety and adventure for all – in rain or sunshine. Everyone can find plenty of space to play, romp about and relax in the fresh air. There are even more challenges for nature lovers than exploring and hiking the forests. Would you like to climb to dizzying heights, test your limits and try out exciting, new activities? On the go together, creating unforgettable memories!



Hilchenbach-Grund, Ginsburg © Michael Bahr

17 Cosy hike

Have you already fallen in love with these wonderful animals and would like to see them up close and pet them? Or even go hiking with one? The llamas with their beautiful eyes and gentle nature await your visit. The hikes and trekking tours are in the surrounding area and take about an hour or longer. Upon request, multi-day tours are also possible.



Abenteuerdorf Wittgenstein
Am Wernsbach 1
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

The name "Abenteuerdorf" (Adventure Village) says it all. On this vast site, there is lots to discover in addition to the llamas. Outdoor games in the forest, rafting on the pond, a kick about on the football pitch, mini-golf, outdoor table football and table tennis.



18 The Krombacher Experience

At one of the most modern breweries in Europe, you can enjoy the Krombacher triad: draft Krombacher Pils, Westphalian ham and crispy Krombacher Braustube bread. On the aforementioned tour of the world famous brewery, you get to look behind the scenes with a beer expert and learn how a real Krombacher is brewed over 170,000 square metres.



The Krombacher Experience
Hagener Straße 261
57223 Kreuztal

Tip

The shop is right next door. Fans can buy anything here from clothing to loungers, fire drums and jute bags to special bottles with individually designed labels. Of course, the products are also available online.



Above the clouds

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Completely calm and leisurely, quiet and still. Would you like to just take off, defy gravity and feel the power of the wind? Allow yourself to be gently carried by the wind and enjoy the fresh air. Many are fascinated by flying and, here, anyone can make their dream of flying come true and glide through the air like a bird.



Schameder Air Field
Am Flugplatz 1
57339 Erndtebrück

Tip

The flying club always welcomes visitors who want to give hobby flying a go. The club's own planes mean you can train to fly gliders and ultralight aircraft, and they are also used for children's holiday programmes.



Around and about

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Rising up into the air in a helicopter and seeing the world in miniature from above, that's a real adrenalin rush! You experience an incomparable adventure that is sure to give you a great buzz. Dare to go on an exciting round trip by helicopter from Siegerland Airport. On corresponding taster flights, you can even take the controls in your own hands.



kayfly Flugschule
Flughafenstraße 8
57299 Burbach

Tip

Anyone who has questions or is unsure which flight would suit them best can register with the flying school and find out. Anyone who has a specific idea can buy vouchers for round flights and taster flights in the ticket shop.



21 Climbing paradise with charm

Adventure seekers to the front! Do you like climbing? With bouldering, you can see if you want to climb up the walls and try out something new. Climbing is fun and challenging at the same time! A total of eight difficulty levels each represented by a different colour can be found on the boulder walls. Sports enthusiasts can climb to a height of 4.50 metres at different angles.



Boulderhalle Siegen
Bismarckstraße 81
57076 Siegen

Tip

The enormous crane rails of the old turning shop and the brick walls of the old industrial hall add charm and character to the boulder hall. These rustic details can also be admired as you relax in the adjoining café.



22 Defying gravity

Test your own limits, take responsibility, build confidence and try something totally different. Climbing is fun and physically challenging at the same time. At this DAV climbing centre, a climbing area of 1,207 square metres has been created. 180 different routes with difficulty levels from 3 to 10 are available to choose from depending on your ability.



**DAV Climbing Centre
Siegerland**
Effertsufer 105
57072 Siegen

Tip

The extra boulder zone with 173 square metres of climbing area can be used to train technique and mobility or simply to see if climbing is the right leisure activity for you in a no-pressure environment.



23 Up into the climbing forest

Do you want to face an exciting challenge and really test your limits for once? Who dares to overcome wobbly wooden beams, suspension bridges and dangling ropes at dizzying heights? Using the appropriate climbing equipment, its up onto the exciting obstacle course among the trees and for the little ones there is a separate children's obstacle course.



Freudenberg Climbing Forest
Am Silberstern 28
57258 Freudenberg

Tip

After your visit to the climbing forest, would you like to go to the open air theatre or the technology museum? Both attractions offer a discount of EUR 2 per person upon presentation of the discount voucher.



24 Taking great leaps

Do you want to take great leaps, try a somersault and jump on a springy trampoline using all of your strength? Defy gravity and experience the world upside down. Everyone can experience pure action at the biggest trampoline arena in South Westphalia over an area of 2,000 square metres. More than 50 trampolines and other exciting elements ensure ultimate fun.



N-FLOW Trampoline Arena
Brauersdorfer Straße 54
57250 Netphen

Just next door, the N-FLOW leisure pool and N-FLOW sauna world will entice you. Anyone who hasn't had enough action yet or is a keen swimmer is in the right place at the leisure pool. Anyone who is exhausted from jumping can relax in the sauna world.



25 Downhill at speed

Racing along on two wheels is even more fun on the Siegener Flowtrail. It takes mountain bikers from Fischbacherberg at the top down to Numbach. Along about four kilometres, this fabulous natural trail with a slight gradient goes downhill through the Siegen municipal forest. Depending on the speed, the Flowtrail is suitable for both beginners and pros.



Flowtrail Siegen
Allensteiner Straße car park
or Numbachstraße car park
57072 Siegen

Tip

The route can be cycled either in one direction from the highest point down into the valley over about four kilometres and 160 metres in altitude or as a loop course. There is parking in the valley and near the highest point.



26 Swing with a view

For all fans of little white balls: at the near-natural course in the beautiful Berghäuser Valley, enjoy fantastic views and swing your clubs in green surroundings. Embedded in a gentle hilly landscape, the golf course offers covered and open driving ranges as well as putting and chipping greens and is accessible by rental cart. The idyllic atmosphere is really special.



Golfclub Siegerland e. V.
Berghäuser Weg
57223 Kreuztal

Tip

The unique 18-hole golf course in Siegerland was opened in 1996. Golfclub Siegerland is a non-profit private club. All of the membership fees go toward caring for and maintaining the golf course and clubhouse.



A fresh draft

Get to know one of the oldest breweries in Germany and sample the fresh beer on a guided tour of the Bosch Brewery. The Laasphe Bierwegelchen (Beer Mini-Trail) passes the brewery. Here, along about two kilometres through the spa park and the old town of Bad Laasphe, you can find interesting information on ten boards about Bad Laasphe's history and traditional art of brewing.



Starts at the Bosch Brewery
Steinackerstraße 15
57334 Bad Laasphe

Tip

Very close to the Bierwegelchen (Beer Mini-Trail) is Haus des Gastes with the Bad Laasphe tourist information office. Here, there is lots of information on tours, accommodation, sights and day trips; maps of local hiking trails and cycling routes are also available.

A far-reaching outlook

The eye really does fly over the landscape, constantly spotting new details in the distance – not least because you have a clear view in all four directions. The Pfannenberg Tower is at the peak of the 499 metre high Pfannenberg between Siegen and Neunkirchen. The steel construction used to be a shaft tower and is an ore mining landmark in Siegerland.



Pfannenberg Tower
Pfannenberg
57290 Neunkirchen

Tip

The Pfannenberg Tower can be reached via numerous natural hiking trails in the area and is accessible at all times. You can even enjoy wonderful bicycle tours to the viewing tower on the wide routes.





Seelbacher Pond © Dirk Herrmann



Müsen Natural Lido © TuS Müsen



Our swimming pools can be found here.

Swimming or frolicking about?

Swimming pools and playgrounds

Dive in and let your spirit run free while the children play enthusiastically with mud, jump about in the water, slide down the slide or bravely clamber all over the climbing frame. Sounds good, doesn't it? Here in Siegen-Wittgenstein, lots of lovely playgrounds and pools invite you to visit. Whether quiet and relaxing or wild and adventurous is up to you.

The following lists our best playgrounds and mud paradises as well as a compiled list of lidos with comfortable sunbathing lawns in the seclusion of nature and indoor pools for bad weather. Have fun!



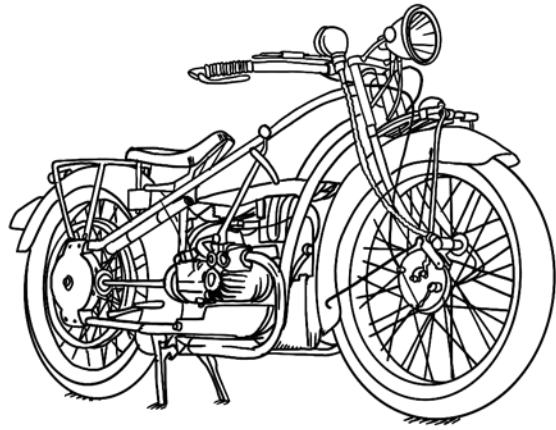
"Little Bison" Nature Experience Playground © Tina Scheffler
Wissert-Wittgenstein



Zitzenbachstraße Playground © Christian Wickler/Stadt Kreuztal



All of the playgrounds in Siegen-Wittgenstein can be found here.



Freudenberg, "Man in Tree", sculpture © Klaus-Peter Kappert

Curtains up!

Best entertainment

Want to see mammoths, vintage vehicles or modern art? The region is an ideal starting point for forays through art and culture, offering you diversity and beauty, tranquillity and calm. Here, you can experience art with all of your senses, sometimes surrounded by greenery. With its art and pub scenes, the city of Siegen invites you on inspiring trips, as do out little towns and villages that never cease to surprise and enchant.



Siegen, Apollo Theatre © Sascha Hüttenhain

29 Cabaret and more

A former girls' secondary school, now a cabaret of an elevated nature. At Kulturhaus Lÿz, you can enjoy theatre, cabaret, variety, and music of all sorts in an historic ambience. Here, every visit is a pleasure. The exciting programme mix with both famous local artists and promising newcomers ensures high-quality entertainment.



Kulturhaus Lÿz
St.-Johann-Straße 18
57072 Siegen

Tip

In the historic ambience of the lyceum, the former "School for Young Ladies", many popular artists had their first experiences on stage. And they love to come back to the Lÿz, too. Just take a look at the programme.



30 Curtains up!

Are you looking for first class entertainment in stylish surroundings? Then go to the Apollo Theatre! Behind the historical façade of the almost 100 year old cinema, you can experience an entirely new and modern venue. With popular in-house productions, famous actors and a lot of good cheer, the programme at the Apollo Theatre offers suitable events for any age group.



Apollo Theatre
Morleystraße 1
57072 Siegen

Tip

On the 15 metre deep, 14 metre wide stage over which a 20 metre high fly tower rises, the most important ensembles of the German-speaking area often perform here as guests. Since 2009, the "Siegener Biennale" has been running very successfully.



Experience theatre 31

Do you want to experience heroes, pirates, monsters and children's favourites live and in the open air? Both young and old have been enchanted for more than 60 years, when the call goes out to clear the stage! Local plays, comedies, dramas and children's performances – in the summer months, Freudenberg Open Air Stage offers first class open air theatre. The stands with around 800 seats are fully covered.



Freudenberg Open Air Stage
Kuhlenbergstraße 26
57258 Freudenberg

Tip

Around 100 citizens of Freudenberg and the surrounding towns and villages aged between 5 and 80 actively volunteer for the stage! For its many years of children's cultural work, the Freilichtbühne has already been awarded the title "child-friendly".



Screen and theatre 32

Cinema or theatre? Or do you not want to decide? No problem, because in Hilchenbach the Viktoria Film Theatre and the Gebrüder Busch Theatre reside in one building. Opened in the 1950s, this establishment offers an award-winning cinema programme against a magnificent backdrop, or theatre with lots of charm. The cinema shows around 250 films a year in all.



Viktoria Film Theatre / Gebrüder Busch Theatre
Bernhard-Weiss-Platz 6
57271 Hilchenbach

Tip

The Busch family of artists from Siegerland gave the theatre its name. Director Fritz Busch and violinist and composer Adolf Busch gained international reputations. Actor Willi, pianist Heinrich and cellist Hermann Busch were also very well-known.



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European avant garde

At the museum that is famous far beyond the borders of Germany, you can marvel at the works of Europe's avant garde and the collection of winners of the Lambrecht-Schadeberg Rubens Prize of the City of Siegen. The Museum of Contemporary Art Siegen is dedicated to influential positions in contemporary art, from painting to photography and video to spatial and temporal installations.



Museum of Contemporary Art
Unteres Schloss 1
57072 Siegen

Tip

Little art fans can access modern art in a playful manner accompanied by the museum zebra Rubi. Creative offerings for exploring are available for children of all ages. Grown-up guests are accompanied through the museum by an audio guide.



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Baroque and mining

At the Oberes Schloss (Upper Palace) in Siegen, you can marvel at original works by the world famous baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens. According to research, he was born on 28 June 1577 in Siegen. Or you can enjoy the peace underground at the show mine, which is some 14 metres below the palace and shows how they used to work along a length of 100 metres.



Siegerlandmuseum
Oberes Schloss 2
57072 Siegen

Tip

The diverse planting at the Upper Palace Park is a real attraction for garden fans, especially in summer. In the park, there is also the "Rubens Fountain" by Siegen artist Hermann Kuhmichel.



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Mammoths and mining

At Museum Wiinsdorf, in addition to well-founded knowledge, a little hint of "adventure" also entices. In the folk history museum, there is an exhibition about the life and work of the villagers of the region at the beginning of the 20th century. A separate exhibition shows Siegerland mining. This place for encountering cultural history invites you on a "journey through time", from the Stone Age to the Modern Age.



Museum Wiinsdorf
Rathausstraße 9
57234 Wiinsdorf

Tip

Museum Wiinsdorf is a location to experience on the South Westphalian railway and a highlight of the "WasserEisenLand – Industriekultur in Südwestfalen" association (Land of water and iron - Industrial culture in South Westphalia). Changing special exhibitions at the museum deepen and broaden the spectrum.



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Full power ahead

Anyone who loves BMW motorcycles will really feel their pulses race at this historical vehicle show. More than 40 BMW motorcycles of various ages and much more are on display in this impressive private collection! It is one of the world's largest collections of historical and rideable BMW motorcycles. All of the vehicles are fully restored and fully functional!



Bald's Historical Vehicle Show
Grimbachstr. 34 / Ecke Sonnenweg
(in the direction of Hachenberg Kaserne)
57339 Erndtebrück

Tip

Here, around 40 BMW motorcycles dating from 1923 onwards, two Mercedes from 1928 and 1935, a motor vehicle from 1900, a Lanz-Bulldog tractor from 1938 and much more are on display here. The focus is on BMW boxer motorcycles dating from 1923 onward.



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An original

Visit the charming landmark, which has been renovated and modernised true to the original style. The theatre is a real gem and dates from the 1950s, offering you art of a very special kind in a great ambience. It is like travelling back in time when you enter the building. In April 2010, the theatre was reopened and regular performances have been put on here since then.



Heimhof Theatre
Heimhofstraße 7a
57299 Burbach

Info

The dedication of the “Heimhof-Theater e.V.” foundation is to thank for the theatre being rescued. They took the building on in 2006 and drove the restoration works and the resumption of regular theatre productions.



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Theatre/Workshop/Togetherness

The Bruchwerk Theater offers theatre, workshops and a network for anyone who is interested and would like to add to the existing theatre landscape in Siegen. The aim is to establish a professional, contemporary theatre with in-house productions.



Bruchwerk Theatre
Siegbergstraße 1
57072 Siegen

Tip

If you are interested in the Bruchwerk Theatre, you can visit the theatre’s website and register for the newsletter. This is a good idea for anyone who wants to participate in workshops as they are in high demand and are booked out fast.



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Rich in diversity

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Anyone who wants to go “on the trail of nature” and learn interesting facts about the indigenous fauna is in the right place at Nature Park Info Centre Bad Berleburg. At this interactive communication centre, everything worth knowing for a trip through the Sauerland Rothaargebirge Nature Park is on offer. In addition to this, there is info and ideas for a bespoke stay!



Nature Park Info Centre
Bad Berleburg
Am Marktplatz 1a
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

From the threshing barn to the fire station to the present day: The development of Bad Berleburg’s market square and the community centre is multi-faceted. At the Nature Park Centre, there is also the tourist information office and the bison exhibition.

The heart of Burbach

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Freshly renovated and yet beautifully aged, this is how “Alte Vogtei” in Burbach is presented. This visitor, encounters and experience centre is home to both the municipal tourist information office and the Nature Park Info Centre. The more than 300 year old half-timbered building and tithe barn also exhibits the “Together Burbach” permanent cultural history exhibition.



Alte Vogtei
Ginnerbach 2
57299 Burbach

Info

Take a mental leap into the past and imagine how the night watchman used to live here. He had to walk the night watchman’s route every hour between ten and four o’clock and was a gravedigger, too.



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On a journey through time

Exciting contrasts

Up to the heights and down into the depths – do you like to be surprised? Then you can discover a lot in our natural low mountain landscape! Head off on an adventurous search for clues: Our region offers exciting contrasts between past and present, living culture and old traditions. Numerous museums invite you to explore. Beautiful old towns enchant with their artful half-timbered houses and picturesque little alleyways.



Hilchenbach-Grund, Ginsburg © Klaus-Peter Kappert



Schieferschaubergwerk Raumländ Show Mine, Bad Beilburg © Klaus-Peter Kappert/Tourism Service Waldeck-Ederbergland

41 History up close

Already a tradition for centuries and registered in the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage since 2018 – in historic Hauberg Fellinghausen, “Siegerland Hauberg communal forest management” can be experienced today. In a small area of forest, this ancient and very sustainable form of management is continued and can be viewed like an outdoor museum.



Historic Hauberg Fellinghausen
Ecke Luisenstraße / Am Hauberg
57223 Kreuztal

Tip

You can explore the loop trail with lots of information boards on your own. Every year after Pentecost, a charcoal pile is stacked up and lit, demonstrating traditional charcoal making. Every two years, “Hauberg Day” takes place.



42 Postcard idyll

The view over Freudenberg’s old town is world famous with the black and white gems. In “Alter Flecken”, you can marvel at 80 of these beautiful half-timbered houses. Freudenberg is one of the old towns most worth seeing and a popular photo motif. Anyone who is interested can join a guided tour of this architectural monument of international importance.



Historical old town of Freudenberg
Kölner Straße 1
57258 Freudenberg

Tip

To see the famous photographic view of the entire ensemble of half-timbered houses, just go straight up to the nearby spa park. This offers the best panorama of “Alter Flecken”. The new café entices you to take a break.



43 Ginsburg View

The Orange Order have left their trace here, an exciting witness to the past and the history of Europe. From the tower of the castle ruins, wonderful far-reaching views over the sea of forest enthrall. The Ginsburg is an excursion destination for many hikers and cyclists, offering a fantastic viewing point that is also used as a wedding location, among other things. At the foot of the tower, the Ginsburgschänke restaurant invites you to stop and take a rest.



Ginsburg
Schlossberg 1
57271 Hilchenbach

Tip

Even the famous Rothaarsteig passes directly by the castle ruins. The 157 kilometre long-distance hiking trail, the “Weg der Sinne” (Way of the Senses), is very popular with hiking enthusiasts. It goes from Brilon in Sauerland to Dillenburg in Hesse.



44 Imposing palace

Do you love the high nobility? Berleburg Palace impresses with its fairytale ambience and has been the ancestral seat of the Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg family for over 750 years. Prince Gustav, nephew of the Danish queen, lives in the main part of the palace with his wife Carina. The palace park with its romantic water lily pond with fountains and the orangery are freely accessible.



Berleburg Palace
Goetheplatz
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

You can also get married here in the romantic ambience of Berleburg Palace. In the upper palace garden, just behind the riding arena, is the picturesque orangery, in front of it a dreamily positioned pond with water lilies and fountains.



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The one and only

If you like something special, Hainchen Moated Castle is right for you. The cultural history monument is the only moated castle in South Westphalia that has been saved from complete ruin. The 33,000 square metre parkland invites you to linger for a while. At the old coach house, you can stop for a bite to eat in comfort, and can even stay overnight and get married at the moated castle.



Hainchen Moated Castle
Schloßstraße 19
57250 Netphen

Info

The experience trail right nearby ensures fun and high spirits for young and old. Viewings of Hainchen Moated Castle with its historic cellar vaults can be arranged with the Siegerländer Burgenverein (Siegerland Castles Preservation Society).



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Memorials in concrete

Wow, what an unbelievable memorial! Visit the once secret NATO bunker – this stone witness provides an exciting look back at the Cold War period. Built as the Erndtebrück air defence bunker, Bunker Erich is in part still in use, among other things as a museum that allows you to embark on an exciting journey into the German past.



Bunker Erich
Dillstraße 1
57339 Erndtebrück

Tip

Today, the Bunker Erich site is leased for safety and disaster control. In addition to the museum, parts of the former military site are used as outdoor leisure facilities for laser, airsoft and paintball.



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Fascinating technology

Marvel at the enormous, hissing steam engine, quietly clattering motors and loads of wonderful old things. Little guests learn about technology in a playful and surprisingly easy manner! Germany's largest collection of 25 old tooling machines driven by a steam engine steeped in history can be seen. Touching and getting involved are expressly allowed!



**Technology Museum
Freudenberg**
Olper Straße 5
57258 Freudenberg

Info

Understanding mechanics made easy. At the technology museum, you can see up close what it was like at a Siegerland industrial plant 100 years ago. It whirred and groaned, the forge hammer crashed and it smelled of hot oil.



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View into the depths

Catch a fascinating glimpse of the past when the hard work underground was still part of everyday life. Experience an exciting monument to mining in the depths of the earth. Wodanstolln is one of about 50 known tunnel mines in Neunkirchen-Salchendorf. The dangerous work of the miners is depicted in the 600 metre long, accessible tunnels.



Wodanstolln Show Mine
Arbachstraße 28
57290 Neunkirchen

Tip

At Wodanstolln, a roughly eight kilometre long miner's trail begins at the old school (Kölner Straße) and passes Steimelskopf and the Pfannenberg viewing tower. The hiking and educational trail is marked by hammer and iron symbols.



49 A special museum

Cool temperatures, a gloomy cave and gigantic cliff formations in the slate mine will take you away to another world. Slate is a popular building material and defines the urban landscapes of our region! It provides practical protection against wind and weather and the patterns are often works of art, too. Slate mining was a prosperous industrial sector for around 450 years.



Raumland Slate Mine
Im Edertal (L 553)
57319 Bad Berleburg

Tip

Anyone who would like to breathe in some mine air can go down into the "Delle" pit. In the tunnel, the temperature remains constant at a cool seven degrees Celsius. Down in the darkness, there is lots of information about the formation, extraction and further processing of slate.



50 Fire and embers

Follow the traces of the charcoal maker's craft and dive deep into the story of this unusual work on the Köhlerpfad (Charcoal Maker's Trail). Information panels tell the history of the Wagner family of charcoal makers and how a charcoal pile is constructed and functions, what Hauberg communal forest management is and the history of charcoal. The tools of the charcoal maker and the terminology are also clearly explained.



Köhlerpfad (Charcoal Maker's Trail)
Köhlerplatz hiking car park right on the L719
Wittgensteiner Straße
57250 Netphen

Tip

The charcoal maker's quiz and a visit to the playhouse are well worth the effort! Especially if you are travelling with children. Anyone who would like to learn more about the exciting transformation of wood into charcoal can book a tour with the charcoal maker in person.



51 Into the depths

Along a length of 470 metres, dive into the world underground and view the tunnels in the visitors' mine, where once the miners were hard at work. Numerous beautiful minerals and geological peculiarities can be marvelled at. Along with ore wagons, operational drill hammers and depictions of explosives and drilling works, a splendid minerals exhibition is also on show.



Visitors' Mine
Reinhold-Forster-Erbstolln
Reinhold-Forster-Weg
57080 Siegen

Tip

An exhibition of pictures shows the tunnels and shafts that are no longer accessible and film screening at prominent locations are a highlight of any guided tour. The mine is accessible throughout. Group tours are available upon request.



52 Off into the Iron Age

The largest iron smelting furnaces in Central Europe burned in Siegerland over 2,000 years ago. These high-tech furnaces were operated by Celts and processed the region's iron ore. The EisenZeitReiseWeg (Iron Age Time Travel Trail) invites you on a journey into the past. Over about 800 metres and twelve stations, you travel back in time to the age of the Celts.



Car park
Am Rosengarten
57080 Siegen

Info

Every text board was designed by artist Marti Faber and is a unique corten steel artwork in nature. The EisenZeitReiseWeg (Iron Age Time Travel Trail) end at the centrepiece to the project, the protective structure for the Gerhardsseifen archaeological excavation.

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