



VOGELSANG IP
INTERNATIONAL PLACE
IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK
AT A GLANCE

January 2017



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Please find an **orientation map** for Vogelsang IP at the **end of the booklet**.

Please find a **map showing the historic buildings** on **page 17**.

Please find a **hiking map for the Eifel National Park** with suggestions for walks around Vogelsang IP in the **middle of the booklet**.

Please find an **overview of the offers provided** by the Vogelsang IP International Place on the **internal flap**.



The impressions that people take away from Vogelsang IP are as diverse as the visitors themselves.



Contemplation, amazement, discoveries, enthusiasm or simply relaxation... everything has its place here.



A warm welcome to the Vogelsang International Place in the Eifel National Park!



AN OVERVIEW OF THE OFFERS

Ascent of the tower and panoramic view of Vogelsang IP

NS documentation | individual site tour

NS documentation | open guided site tours

NS documentation | Permanent exhibition “Destiny: Master Race. ...”

NS documentation | Guided exhibition tours “Destiny: Master Race. ...”

NS documentation | Group offers (basic tours, special tours)

Vogelsang IP Academy | Historico-cultural guided tour of Wollseifen

Vogelsang IP Academy | Guided site tour “Belgian period”

Vogelsang IP Academy | Political and cultural youth and adult education

Vogelsang IP Academy | Special events for political and cultural education

National Park Centre | Permanent exhibition “Wilderness Dreams”

National Park Centre | Guided exploration tour through the exhibition

National Park Centre | Group offers (guided tours, workshops ...)

Individual tours in the Eifel National Park

Eifel National Park | Ranger tour Vogelsang-Wollseifen

Eifel National Park | Wollseifen carriage ride

Eifel National Park | Guided forest tour for groups | “Zoom” power wheelchair

Observatory of the astronomy workshop “Stars without Borders” | diverse programs

Short holiday with star gazing and other events

Pastoral care at the Eifel National Park and Vogelsang | diverse group offers

“Break free – spiritual walk” in the Eifel National Park

Red Cross Vogelsang IP Academy

Red Cross museum (“Humanitarium 1859 | 2059”)

Stay at the Red Cross educational centre “Transit 59”

Red Cross Eifel Path of Peace | “Peace Experience Workshop” among others

Red Cross escape house

Vogelsang IP | Seminars, conferences and events

The cultural cinema event location at Vogelsang IP

Vogelsang IP | Panorama restaurant, events, catering

Swimming, volleyball, football, tennis etc. on site

Overnight stays on-site and in the region

Please find the respective information and booking contact details in the descriptions of the offers. Should you need additional information, the central visitor information centre will be glad to give further advice.

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	26	on request (groups)
	27	on request (groups)
	30	on request (groups)
	30	see event calendar
	35	daily 10 am - 5 pm
	36	daily 2 pm, Sat., Sun., public holidays 11 am
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FROM HISTORY INTO THE FUTURE



The 100 hectares of the former National Socialist "Ordensburg" Vogelsang. The memorial area is surrounded by the spreading wilderness of the Eifel National Park on the ridges above the Urft lake.



The former National Socialist “*Ordensburg*” is not only one of the largest constructions of National Socialism, but also an expression of its arrogance and contempt for humanity. Through its military use as “Camp Vogelsang” after World War II, the site also reflects the evolution from the “Cold War” to the Europe of today. A new site has been developing here since 2006: Vogelsang IP as an “International Place” for tolerance, diversity and peaceful coexistence.

“WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO WE WANT TO SHARE?”

... is one of the leading questions. In our dynamically globalising world, the site partners want to contribute their own inspiration towards developing the shape of our current world and the future. This relates both to society and to the treatment of nature. In the exposed location in the middle of the Eifel National Park, ideas such as “let nature be nature” and “give the wilderness free rein” can be experienced at first hand. Thus, the Eifel National Park on the one hand offers resources for biodiversity, and on the other space for experiences, retreats and study.

In addition to numerous impulses, Vogelsang IP and the Eifel National Park also offer space for relaxation and calm, for enjoyment and appreciation. A reminder of the warning of the past and an appreciative, positive basic attitude combine here to a powerful, forward-looking energy.

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VOGELSANG ACROSS THE YEARS

Only just over 80 years separate the laying of the foundations for the National Socialist “*Ordensburg*” Vogelsang and today’s International Place in the Eifel National Park.

1934

Start of construction of Vogelsang as one of three *Ordensburg*en to train the future leaders of the NSDAP



1936

Start of the educational courses

Suspension of the educational courses at the start of World War II



1939

1942

Use by “*Adolf-Hitler-Schulen*”



1945

Occupation by the US Army

Establishment of the British Army training site “*Camp Vogelsang*”, forced eviction of the village of Wolfseifen



1946





Training site “Camp Vogelsang”, used by the Belgian Army until 2005
1950

Establishment of the Eifel National Park
2004



2006
Opening of Vogelsang for visitors as an International Place

Founding of the Vogelsang IP charitable organisation
2008



2009
Opening of the Victor Neels Bridge



2012
Opening of the Vogelsang IP cultural cinema, start of the remodelling of the Forum Vogelsang IP

Opening of the new Forum Vogelsang IP with National Socialist documentation and the Eifel National Park Centre
2016



OVERVIEW



Astronomy workshop "Stars without Borders"

Red Cross Eifel Path of Peace

Refugee home Schelde

Red Cross Vogelsang IP Academy

Vogelsang IP cultural cinema

Education Centre

Vogelsang IP Academy

Red Cross Transit 59 | Training house

The Panorama restaurant

Seminar and meeting centre

Vogelsang National Socialist Documentation

Permanent exhibition "Destiny: Master Race..."

Visitor centre

Vogelsang IP Forum

Tower

The Eifel National Park Centre

Exhibition "Wilderness dreams"

Pastoral care in the
Eifel National Park and Vogelsang

Vogelsang 86

NABU conservation house Eifel Ardennes

Red Cross museum

K 13 The guest house

Sports ground

Gymnasium

Swimming pool

Take 172 steps up the spiral staircase in the historic tower and you get a great view across the compound: on the one hand the “Adlerhof” (eagle’s courtyard), the visitor centre and the “Kameradschaftshäuser” (comradeship houses)... on the other hand the striking scenery of the National Park with the Dreiborn Plateau, Kermeter and the impressive expanse of the Urft lake.



From the 48-metre-high tower, you can get a good view of the entire former National Socialist Ordensburg Vogelsang. The majority of the buildings have already been taken into new use, although some are still unused. The memorial site extends over 1.2 km in the north-south direction. Starting at the historic entrance gate, it extends first over a plateau and then merges into a steep slope at the former “Adlerhof” (eagle’s courtyard). It ends at the largely preserved sporting facilities.

The Forum Vogelsang IP is the heart of today’s “International Place”. The striking new steel and glass construction of the visitor centre is deliberately located in the centre of the “Adlerhof”, contrasting with the historical structures. Through the visitor centre, you arrive at the two central exhibitions of the site: in the west wing, the permanent National Socialist documentation “Destiny: Master Race. National Socialist Ordensburg between fascination and crime”; in the east wing, the adventure exhibition “Wilderness Dreams” of the Eifel National Park Centre.



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THE VISITOR CENTRE

You will find information, tickets and entry passes at the visitor information centre. You can browse for literature, Eifel products and souvenirs in the bookshop.

In the “Eifel Panorama”, through which both exhibitions can be accessed, you will be familiarised with the highlights of the region. You can leave your own thoughts, opinions and notes on a digital “wall of impressions”.



If you need a break, you are welcome to go to the exhibition foyer which has generous seating available or visit the separate “Room of Silence” immediately beyond the entrance to the visitor centre.

VISITOR CENTRE IN THE VOGELSANG IP FORUM

Opening hours	Daily 10 am - 5 pm
Service	Information and advice Tickets for exhibitions, guided tours and the tower Toilets, lockers Bookshop “Eifel Panorama” Room of Silence Restaurant
Contact	Tel: +49 (0)2444 91579-0 Fax: +49 (0)2444 91579-29 info@vogelsang-ip.de
Website	www.vogelsang-ip.de

PANORAMIC VIEW FROM THE VOGELSANG TOWER

From the viewing platform of the 48 m high tower, you get an impressive 360° view of the historical Vogelsang site as well as of the Eifel National Park.

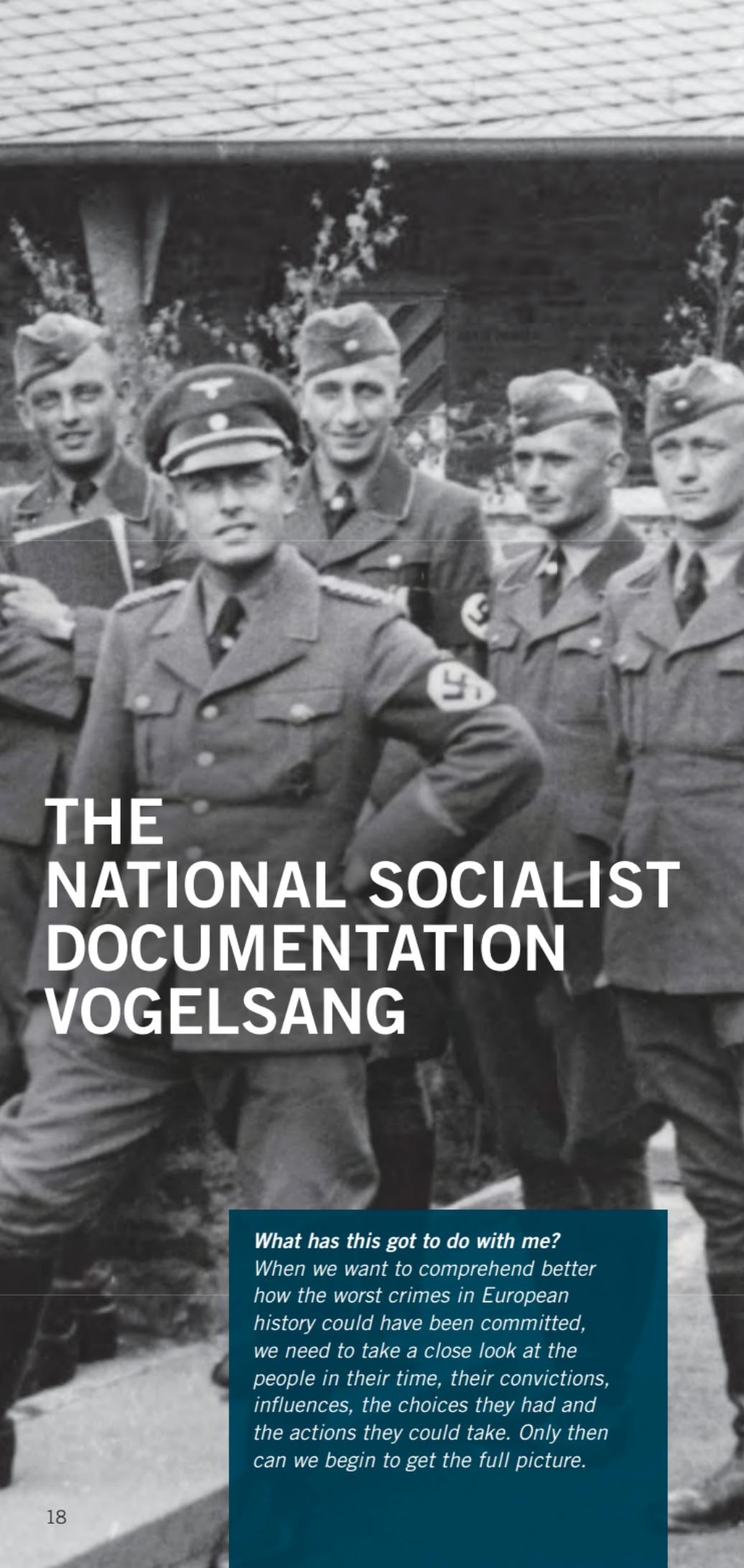
Once you have climbed the 172 steep steps, our tower guide will give you an overview of the conservation area and its current use and tell you everything you want to know about the National Park and the nearby Eifel locations. But be warned: even very fit people will be wheezing by the time they get to the top!



Planned as a water tower but soon superfluous, the tower nonetheless remained an essential symbol of power and sovereignty.

ASCENT OF THE TOWER AND PANORAMIC VIEW

Summer dates (April-October), varying in winter	Monday to Friday 1 pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 12 am - 4 pm, every hour on the hour
Duration	45 minutes
Price	€ 6
Number of people	Maximum of 15 people per tower ascent
Restrictions	Physical fitness required! We regret to say that the tower is not accessible for children under the age of six. Tower ascent is not possible in bad weather
Tickets	Visitor centre



THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST DOCUMENTATION VOGELSANG

*What has this got to do with me?
When we want to comprehend better
how the worst crimes in European
history could have been committed,
we need to take a close look at the
people in their time, their convictions,
influences, the choices they had and
the actions they could take. Only then
can we begin to get the full picture.*



With its approximately 100 hectares of land, the former “*Ordensburg*” Vogelsang is one of the largest constructions from the National Socialist era. Like most of the massive National Socialist constructions, it was never completed. However, even as it stands, the listed building shows that – like the “*Ordensburgen*” in Krössinsee and Sonthofen – it was not only a utilitarian building but a political construction: architecture of domination, serving the self-image of National Socialism and its claim to power over people and nature.

UP-AND-COMING TALENT FOR THE FÜHRER

The stated purpose of the National Socialist “*Ordensburgen*” was to train young men to become leading officials in the National Socialist German Workers’ Party. From 1936 to 1939, the “*Ordensjunker*” [“nobles of the order”] attended their first seminars. At the start of World War II, their education was terminated. Many of the participants were involved in the German crimes in eastern Europe.

Since the site was opened in 2006, the Vogelsang IP Academy has been offering a wide range of scientific and educational programmes. The staff conduct research, work on collecting and archiving as well as documentation and exhibition of the discoveries they make around the National Socialist “*Ordensburgen*”. The permanent exhibition “Destiny: Master Race: the National Socialist Ordensburg from Fascination to Crime” is the most important result of this work to date.

www.ns-dokumentation-vogelsang.de



**NS-DOKUMENTATION
VOGELSANG**

WALKS AND GUIDED TOURS AROUND THE SITE

The role of the former National Socialist “*Ordensburg*” can be understood both by visiting the exhibition and by going on a walk around the site or by joining a guided tour.

INDIVIDUAL SITE WALK

Walks around the plateau and hillside (→ see map on the right) are signposted and lead you to the key points of the site; you will find information panels on the architecture, usage and historical significance of the individual sights:

WALK AROUND THE PLATEAU (EASY ACCESS)

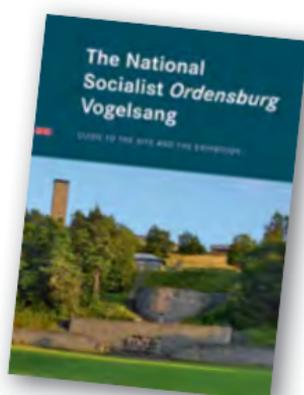
- 01 Entrance and security area | “*Malakoff*”
- 02 Wollseifen view
- 03 The forces’ cinema “*Krypte*” | cultural cinema
- 04 “*Haus des Wissens*” | Belgian “*Van Dooren*” barracks
- 05 “*Burgschänke*” (castle tavern)
- 06 Urft lake view
- 07 Former “*Adlerhof*” | Visitor centre
- 08 “*Haus für weibliche Angestellte*” | “*Redoute*”
- 09 Belgian petrol station

HILLSIDE TOUR (WITH STEEP ASCENTS AND STEPS)

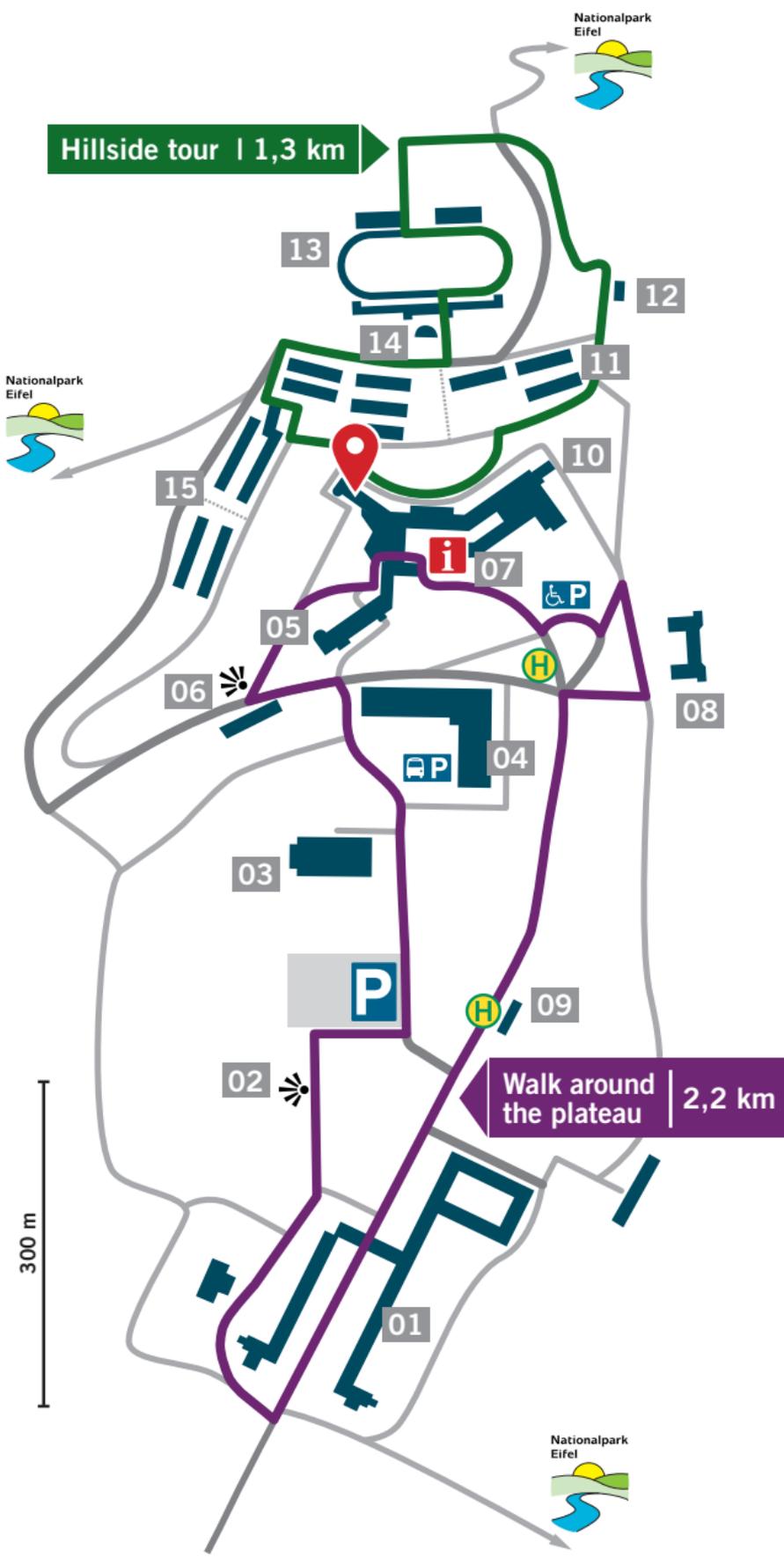
- 10 Tower with “*Ehrenhalle*” (hall of honour)
- 11 “*Kameradschaftshäuser*” (comradeship houses)
- 12 Relief “*Fackelträger*” and “*Sonnwendplatz*” (solstice square)
- 13 Sports facilities
- 14 Open-air theatre | “*Thingstätte*”
- 15 “*Hundertschaftshäuser*” (houses for groups of a hundred)

The **Companion Booklet on the site and exhibition** offers more detailed information and in-depth reading material in four languages (D, E, NL, F)

80 pages, **6,95 €**



Publisher:
Vogelsang IP Academy



-  Visitor centre
-  Permanent exhibition
"Destiny: Master Race. ..."

GUIDED TOURS

Certified guides and advisors from the Vogelsang IP Academy are available both for the public guided tours and for pre-booked site tours – all our guides are highly knowledgeable, and each have their own personal style.

The guided tours will give you an insight into a few areas that are otherwise closed to the public: depending on the tour, you may see the “*Burgschänke*” (tavern), a “*Kameradschaftshaus*” (comradeship house), a former lecture hall, the former “*Ehrenhalle*” (hall of honour) by the tower or the former Belgian troop cinema. The “*Burgschänke*” is one of the few National socialist constructions in Vogelsang which has been largely preserved and even remains unchanged in its interior design.



DAILY PUBLIC GUIDED SITE TOURS

It is not necessary to book in advance. You can take part even at short notice.

PUBLIC GUIDED SITE TOURS

Dates	Daily 2 pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 11 am and 2 pm
Duration	90 minutes
Tour content	Tour around the Vogelsang Forum, with the opportunity to see inside some of the historical buildings, easy access
Price	€ 8, concession € 6, Children under 12: free
Languages	German
Tickets	Visitor centre

THE PERMANENT EXHIBITION

DESTINY: MASTER RACE

NS-ORDENSBURGEN BETWEEN FASCINATION AND CRIME

You access the permanent exhibition of the Vogelsang National Socialist Documentation through the visitor centre. Spread across 11 chapters, it displays numerous exhibits as well as photographs, films, sound recordings and written documents. Different perspectives on the historical site are shown in the process: for example, the motivation and way of life of the young men taught here, everyday life in the Ordensburg and the question of how it happened that many of these men became perpetrators and accomplices in the Holocaust. The exhibition is multilingual (German, English, Dutch and French) and is easily accessible.

QUESTIONS AND IMPULSES

The exhibition does not aim to give easy answers, but rather to stimulate questions. What was the attraction of a place like Vogelsang during the National Socialist period? What promises did the people who ran the place make to young men coming here regarding their future? What were the hopes and longings that attracted them? Were the drills and the training designed to make them take part in war crimes, or could they also have said no? Did they see themselves as the master race and act as such?



INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION VISITS

Decide for yourself whether you want to get a short overview, study individual themes in detail or just browse.

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION VISITS	
Opening hours	Daily 10 am - 5 pm, 24 December and 31 December until 2 pm
Age recommendation	Visits to the exhibition are recommended for individuals aged 13 and older.
Basic price	€ 8, concession € 4, € 18 family ticket, 10% discount with Guest Card
Guided tour upgrade	Additional guided tour around the exhibition or the site: € 4 per person, concession € 2
Combined ticket	€ 12, concession € 6, Combined ticket with the National Park exhibition (→ p. 32), which can also be used on different days
Annual ticket	Personal annual ticket € 26, concession € 13, family € 58
Media guide	With English, Dutch and French texts as well as for the blind and visually-impaired, free
Please note	There is no toilet in the exhibition itself. No animals may be taken into the exhibition.
Tickets	Visitor centre

The **exhibition brochure** to the National Socialist documentation with permanent exhibition can be obtained at the visitor centre or at www.vogelsang-ip.de (only in german)



If you would like to read the exhibition texts, biographical sketches and more detailed essays, we recommend the richly-illustrated **Exhibition Guide** (only in german, 384 pages, Publisher: Vogelsang IP Academy) Soft cover with fold-in flaps: **€ 29.90** Hardcover edition: **€ 38**

PUBLIC EXHIBITION TOURS

On the daily public exhibition tours you will be guided through the exhibition on an informative walk by certified guides of the Vogelsang IP Academy. You will get a profound overview and will be presented chosen photos, objects and documents.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION TOURS	
Dates	Daily 2 pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 11 am and 2 pm
Duration	90 minutes
Price	€ 12, concession € 6, (including exhibition entry and headset)
Please note	Visits to the exhibition are recommended for individuals aged 13 and older. The number of participants is limited to 15.
Tickets	Visitor centre



BOOKABLE OFFERS

If you would like to visit Vogelsang IP with your own larger group, there is the option of booking your own personal guide. The time, programme, allowance for particular disabilities, thematic focus etc. can be individually agreed upon. You can currently choose between seven languages – without a surcharge: German, French, Dutch, English, Spanish, Swedish, Polish. Our friendly and knowledgeable booking team will be happy to advise you.

CONTACT, ADVICE AND BOOKING

Telephone	+49 (0)2444 91579-11
Email	buchung@vogelsang-ip.de

GUIDED SITE AND EXHIBITION TOURS

In the following, we would like to give you an overview of the basic modules you can book with us. Additional programmes are available on request.

EXHIBITION TOUR

(Accessible; with headsets)

Duration	90 minutes
Number of participants	No more than 15 people
Price (including admission)	€ 150 per group

GUIDED PLATEAU TOUR

(Tour around the site with view into buildings; accessible)

Duration	90 minutes
Number of participants	No more than 25 people
Price	€ 150 per group

GUIDED HILLSIDE TOUR

(Tour around the site with view into buildings; not easily accessible)

Duration	90 minutes
Number of participants	No more than 25 people
Preis	€ 150 per group



SPECIAL TOUR I THE EAST WING AND TOWER

(Former seminar room, "hall of honour", tower climb with numerous steps; not easily accessible)

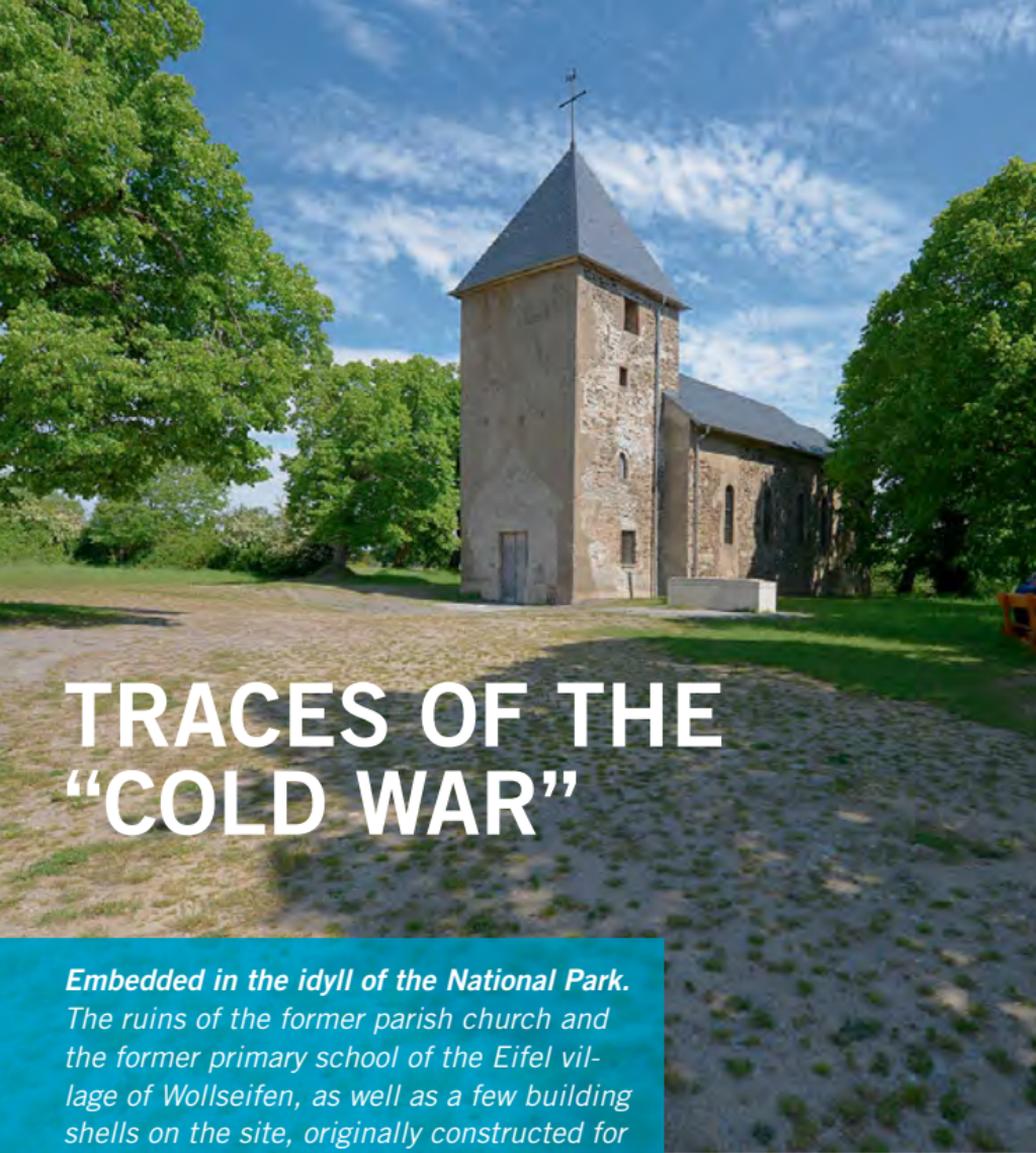
Duration	90 minutes
Number of participants	No more than 15 people
Price	€ 150 per group

SPECIAL TOUR I THE SITE

(Tour around the site with view into buildings; not easily accessible)

Duration	135 minutes
Number of participants	No more than 25 people
Price	€ 180 per group





TRACES OF THE “COLD WAR”

Embedded in the idyll of the National Park. The ruins of the former parish church and the former primary school of the Eifel village of Wollseifen, as well as a few building shells on the site, originally constructed for training in house-to-house fighting, provide a reminder of the time of the “Cold War” in direct proximity to Vogelsang IP.



In 1946, the Vogelsang site and its surroundings were declared a military training area by the British military authorities. From 1950, the training site was under Belgian military administration.

“CAMP VOGELSANG”

Through the foundation of NATO in 1949 and the Warsaw Pact in 1955, the division of the world into two blocks was complete, and the “Cold War” between East and West began. As “Camp Vogelsang”, the site was used for troop training exercises by the Belgian military administration and partly also as a NATO site for training exercises. Numerous traces of this period can still be seen in the National Park landscape and in the conservation area:

- the Van Dooren barracks,
- the training buildings in Wollseifen,
- the Belgian “*Malakoff*” chapel in the eastern entrance area,
- the tank-washing facility in the location of the current car park,
- the former Belgian military cinema.

The former military cinema is now known as the “Kulturkino Vogelsang IP” and is the event location and educational centre of the Vogelsang IP Academy.

www.akademie-vogelsang.de



**AKADEMIE
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WOLLSEIFEN

The village of Wollseifen was forced to bear a particularly hard fate: in 1946, its 550 inhabitants were evicted from the British occupation zone and given only three weeks to leave their homes and look for a new place to live.

BOOKABLE CULTURAL HISTORY GUIDED TOUR

The Vogelsang IP Academy cultural history tour starts at the former National Socialist “*Ordensburg*” and takes its participants through the Neffges brook valley in the Eifel National Park. You will see traces of the planned but never completed “Vogelsang settlement”, which was meant for families of the Ordensburg staff in the former village of Wollseifen.

In an exhibition in the former village school, you will learn about the history of the village, the everyday life of the residents and the fate of the site and its inhabitants from 1946 onwards. You can also inspect the former village church in Wollseifen – now a “Place of Silent Contemplation” – as well as remaining military exercise houses.

The cultural history tour is also suitable for children, although not suitable for prams.

WOLLSEIFEN CULTURAL HISTORY TOUR	
Dates	Possible at any time
Length/duration	Approx. 6.5 km, approx. 3 hours Easy walk, also suitable for children, although not suitable for prams
Restriction	Up to 25 people
Price	€ 200 per group
Languages	On request
Meeting point	Visitor centre
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 91579-11 buchung@vogelsang-ip.de

CAMP VOGELSANG AND THE “BELGIAN PERIOD”

With the capture of the National Socialist “*Ordensburg*” in 1945 by the US Army and the subsequent transfer to the British military administration, a period of military usage of Vogelsang lasting over 60 years began. In 1946, the British Army set up a military training camp around the site. “Camp Vogelsang” was managed by the Belgian Army from 1950 onwards and was also used by NATO troops for military exercises. From 1950, the Belgian military also constructed new purpose-built buildings, such as the large “Van Dooren” barracks, the military cinema, a chapel and residential barracks for troops stationed there. A shooting dome, firing ranges and other new constructions also date from this period.

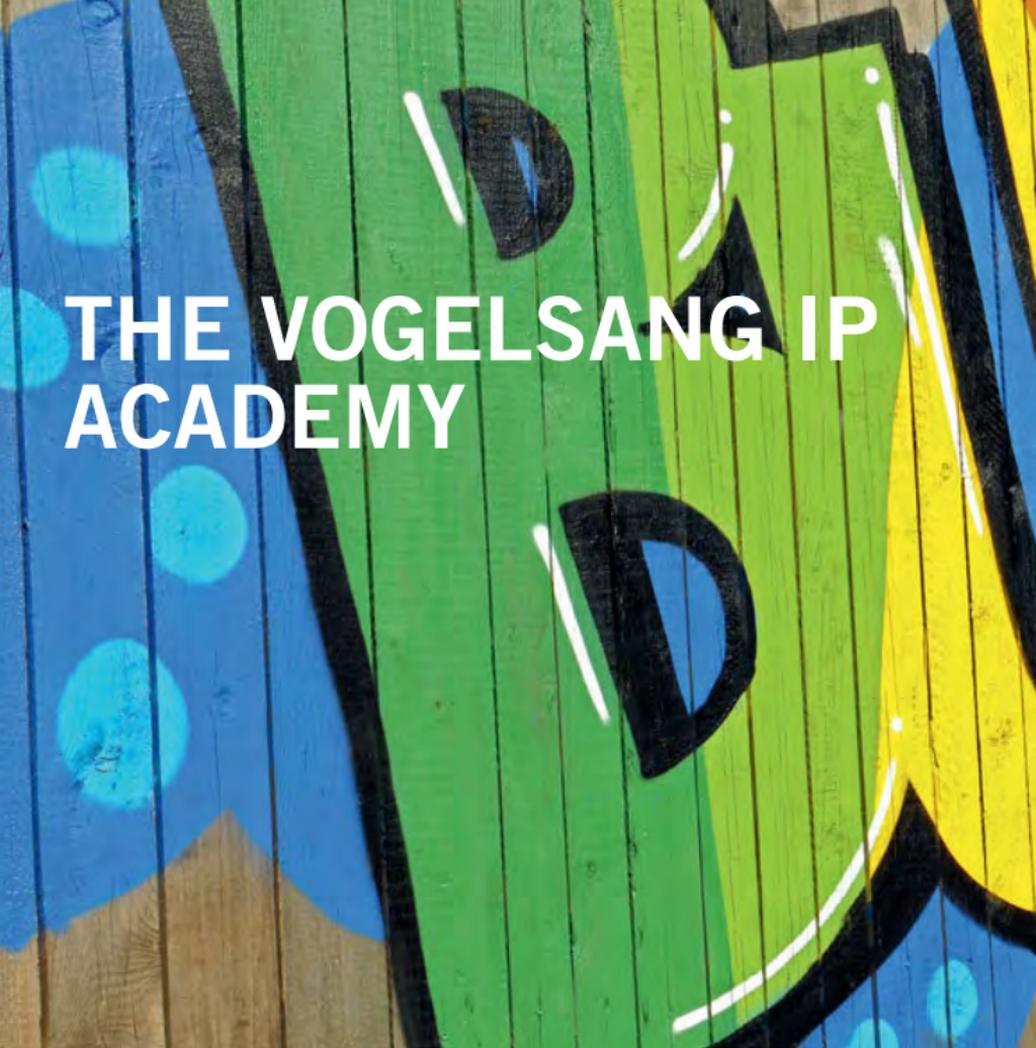


BOOKABLE GUIDED SITE TOUR “BELGIAN PERIOD”

During the site tour, you will inspect the “Kulturkino” and “Van Dooren” barracks, as well as the “*Malakoff*” gate structure and the former chapel, while learning more about the operation of the troop training camp and the effects it had.

GUIDED SITE TOUR “BELGIAN PERIOD”

Dates	Possible at any time
Duration	90 minutes
Group size	Up to 25 people
Price	€ 150 per group
Languages	On request
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 91579-11 buchung@vogelsang-ip.de



THE VOGELSANG IP ACADEMY

If the National Socialist “*Ordensburg*” Vogelsang was a site where contempt for humanity was practiced, the Vogelsang International Place today is intended as a site for appreciation, cultural remembrance and a forum for discussions on the present and the future of our rapidly evolving world.

As the central programme organiser, the Vogelsang IP Academy offers both guided site and exhibition tours as well as numerous workshops, seminars, further education, lectures, group-specific offers for young people and adults as well as cultural offers.

HISTORY, PRESENT DAY, FUTURE

The Vogelsang IP Academy would like to spark lively discussions on history, the present day and the future. It puts the focus on active individuals and examines the scope for action – both in the past and today. It facilitates participation in the culture of



What does this history mean to me?

How might I have thought and acted in those days? Are there comparable situations in the world today? What meaning do democracy and plurality have in our society today?

remembrance and cultural education. It strengthens social and individual abilities and examines the possibilities and perspectives of interaction in a pluralist, democratic society.

The Vogelsang IP Academy is managed by the Vogelsang IP gemeinnützige GmbH [non-profit organisation] with its local members, Landschaftsverband Rheinland, Kreis Euskirchen, StädteRegion Aachen, Kreis Düren, Kreis Heinsberg, Stadt Schleiden und Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft Belgiens. The Vogelsang IP Academy stands for science-based, discursive and participatory political education.

www.vogelsang-ip.de/akademie



**AKADEMIE
VOGELSANG IP**

POLITICAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION

In addition to the previously described basic offers of National Socialist documentation (→ p. 13-21) and information on the “Cold War” (→ p. 23-25)), the Vogelsang IP Academy offers numerous opportunities for in-depth political and cultural education. We would be happy to advise you.

CONTACT, ADVICE AND BOOKING

Telephone	+49 (0)2444 91579-11
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EVENTS

You will find various special events for cultural and political education in the event programme under **www.vogelsang-ip.de/veranstaltungen** – from “film days” to the “Kulturrucksack” programme “Respect for all” for children and adolescents.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Vogelsang IP Academy offers adults interested in history and politics in-depth formats such as impulse lectures, workshops and excursions to local sights of historic importance.





YOUTH EDUCATION OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Public youth work groups and school groups from all types of secondary schools will find a wide range of educational opportunities on different historical, political and cultural topics.

During study days on the site or at the permanent exhibition, during action-oriented project days or throughout intensive research days with different topics and questions, learning on-site and away from the classroom gives added value to your own teaching work. 11 schools are already working in a permanent education partnership with the Vogelsang IP Academy.

We recommend our **Brochure on youth education** (only in German). Available free at the visitor centre, through our booking hotline and on www.vogelsang-ip.de



CREATING MULTIPLIERS

For multipliers in school and non-school youth work as well as in other educational contexts, the Vogelsang IP Academy offers themed seminars and workshops on current didactical, historical and political questions. These offers go into greater detail and are designed in a modular fashion.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for an individual programme designed to your needs.

THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK CENTRE



Are you ready for a change of perspective and surprise effects? Discover the dynamics of nature and take time to pause and be astonished. Let yourself be inspired to interact with nature.

“Woods, water, wilderness” ... is the motto of the first North Rhine Westphalian National Park in the Eifel region. We aim to “give nature free rein” and allow it to return to its natural cycle of birth, life and death.

Here, you will discover the primeval forests of tomorrow, in which wildcats, black storks and over two thousand other endangered animal and plant species are living. Near-natural beech and oak woods, streams, rivers and open grassy plains offer spectacular insights into our green surroundings.

NATIONAL PARK CENTRE WITH THE ADVENTURE EXHIBITION “WILDERNESS DREAMS”

At the Vogelsang IP Forum, the Eifel National Park Centre offers its guests the easy-access adventure exhibition “Wilderness dreams”.

The location in the middle of the Eifel National Park and the impressive landscape panorama alone are spectacular. Every sense is tingled in this 2,000 m² exhibition. The presentation is easily accessible, multilingual and suitable for every age group. There is much to experience and learn here – on the special features of the Eifel National Park, the protection of biological diversity and the value of “wilderness”, both locally and worldwide.

www.nationalparkzentrum-eifel.de



**Nationalpark
Zentrum Eifel**

THE PERMANENT EXHIBITION WILDERNESS DREAMS

WILDNIS RÄUME



The large adventure exhibition “Wilderness Dreams” designed by the National Park Centre is accessed through the Visitor Centre at the Vogelsang IP Forum: and it is sure to fascinate young and old alike. The National Park philosophy “give nature free rein” is the core message and golden thread of the exhibition. Exciting changes in perspective and surprise effects are waiting for you. The interactive exhibition inspires wonder, understanding and (re)thinking. Track the dynamics of nature and take time to pause and be astonished. Let yourself be inspired to interact with nature again.

The adventure exhibition “Wilderness Dreams“ can be experienced with all senses and is fully accessible. All rooms, including the toilets, are accessible with wheelchairs and prams.



There are ample seating opportunities throughout the exhibition. You can use tactile and auditory guide systems.

Most information is provided in German, English, French and Dutch. Information in embossed fonts and Braille is currently only available in German. Via our media guides, you can receive information in several languages as well as in German sign language.

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION VISITS	
Opening hours	Daily from 10 am to 5 pm (Christmas Eve and New Year up to 2 pm)
Age recommendation	All ages
Price	€ 8, concession € 4, family ticket € 18 Free entry for children under the age of 7 and for birthday children (all ages). 10% discount with GuestCard
Combined ticket	€ 12, concession € 6 Combined ticket with the National Socialist documentation (→ S. 19), which can also be used on different days
Annual ticket	Personal annual ticket € 26, concession € 13, family € 58
Media guide	With texts in English, Dutch and French and in easy German, as well as in German for blind, hard of hearing and visually-impaired people, free
Ticket sales	Visitor centre
Please note	No animals may be taken into the exhibition; dog kennels are available



ADDITIONAL OFFERS IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK CENTRE

If you want to experience the “Wilderness Dreams” exhibition in the company of an expert, you are more than welcome to take part in our daily exploration tour (pre-booking not necessary).

Follow the “Wilderness Dreams” staff through the adventure exhibition and get an introduction to topics such as forests and water, sensory perceptions and natural life cycles, biological diversity and wilderness.

The 90-minute guided tour provides an exciting insight into the exhibition and offers space and time for individual discovery.

PUBLIC GUIDED EXPLORATION TOUR

Dates	Daily 2 pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 11 am and 2 pm
Duration	90 minutes
Price	€ 10, concession € 6 (including admission)





EXPLORATION TOUR FOR GROUPS

When pre-booking, you can also make group reservations for the exploration tour. This gives you a choice of

- different times
- English, French or Dutch
- German sign language
- easy-access
- for school classes (years 1-6)

BOOKED EXPLORATION TOUR

Dates	On demand
Duration	90 minutes
Group size	Up to 15 people (recommended)
Price	€ 90-150, depending on composition of the group
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 91579-11 buchung@vogelsang-ip.de

From 2017, we will also be offering workshops for school classes and birthday parties.

TIPS FOR WALKING AND CYCLING

Vogelsang IP and the Eifel National Park Centre makes for an ideal starting point, interim stop or endpoint to your walking or cycling tour (e-bike charging station).

Whether you are an experienced trail-conqueror or like to go hiking for pleasure, whether you prefer to follow a circular route or walk a stretch and then take the bus back, whether you favour a half-day tour or a hike over several days – there is something for everyone, and we even have a number of easy-access options.



Ideal for orientation:
Walking map no. 50
(only in german,
Publisher: Eifelverein)
available from the
visitor centre, € 10



We would be more than happy to advise you
on the hiking and cycling opportunities around Vogelsang IP.

Visitor centre at the Vogelsang IP Forum, 10 am - 5 pm
Tel: +49 (0)2444 91579-0
info@vogelsang-ip.de



INDIVIDUAL TOURS IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

1 Victor Neels bridge – Urft dam – Wollseifen

Length: 12-14 km | Duration: approx. 4 hours

The walk leads across the Victor Neels suspension bridge (named after the former Belgian local commander and built in 2009) and on to the Urft dam, where you can relax in the local inn. The route rises along the wilderness trail to the former Eifel village of Wollseifen and from there back to Vogelsang IP.

2 Wollseifen circular hiking trail

Length: 6.5 km | Duration: approx. 2.5 hours

This walk takes you across the broad Dreibern Plateau to the abandoned Wollseifen, a former Eifel village which was subject to forced eviction in 1946. You will find details of the history of the place in the former village school. From here, continue through Neffgesbach valley and return to Vogelsang IP via the wilderness trail.

3 Morsbach tour

Length: 5 km | Duration: approx. 2 hours

This walk takes you through the wild and romantic Morsbach valley to the Eifel village of Morsbach with its “Bauerncafé” [farmer’s café]. We recommend a tasty meal or snack here before taking a pleasant walk back to Vogelsang IP.

4 Malsbenden – Eifel view – Modenhübel

Länge: 15 km | Dauer: ca. 5 Std.

The walk crosses the Victor Neels bridge and proceeds along the ever-narrower Urft lake to Gemünd, where you can take a break in one of several restaurants and cafés. From here, you can venture on a challenging trail to the Eifel viewpoint “Modenhübel” and then through the Morsbach valley back to Vogelsang IP.



5 Vogelsang IP – Einruhr

Length: 13.5 km | Duration: approx. 4.5 hours
(with return by bus)

Take the Eifelsteig [hiking route] through Wollseifen towards Einruhr. Continue via the Dreiborn Plateau and down to the dreamy village on Lake Obersee. Return: National Park line SB 63 (→ p. 71).

6 Vogelsang IP – Gemünd

Length: 7 km | Duration: approx. 2.5 hours
(with return by bus)

An easy tour up the slope to the Victor Neels bridge and along the waterside to Gemünd. For a relaxed return trip, take the National Park shuttle SB 82 (→ p. 71).

7 Wilderness Trail

Length: 85 km | 4 stages

If you are planning on hiking around the entire National Park, we recommend taking the Wilderness Trail, which also passes through Vogelsang IP. From Monschau-Höfen in the south to the northern point at Hürtgenwald-Zerkall, you will master a number of demanding trails and experience all the landscapes and habitats the region has to offer.

If you want to plan your Wilderness Trail: We recommend you obtain the **“Wilderness Trail” brochure** issued by the Eifel National Park and available from the Visitor centre and from www.nationalpark-eifel.de



GUIDED TOURS IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

The Eifel National Park offers a total of 240 kilometres of hiking routes, all marked with wooden signposts and welcome boards with outline maps. You will find easy-access walking routes for people with and without disabilities in the “Wild Kermeter” easy-access nature experience area with the “wild path” nature exploration route. If you would prefer to get to know the area with an expert guide, you can choose between eight weekly ranger tours – participation is free of charge and no pre-booking necessary. But you can book an individual guided woodland tour. Guided National Park tours also start from Vogelsang IP and the National Park Centre.

WEEKLY PUBLIC RANGER TOUR WOLLSEIFEN

The guided free circular tour led by National Park rangers will take you through natural woods and open grassland, across the Dreibern Plateau and to the abandoned village of Wollseifen. Easy, with one steep climb. It is not necessary to book in advance.

RANGER TOUR VOGELSANG WOLLSEIFEN

Dates	Sundays, 1 pm, free
Duration Length	3 hours 6.5 km
Start	“Ranger meeting point” at the Vogelsang IP
Please note	Bookable hearing enhancers





CARRIAGE TRIPS VOGELSANG-WOLLSEIFEN

Enjoy fantastic views and experience the abandoned village of Wollseifen on a 45-minute trip with a horse-drawn carriage across the Dreiborn Plateau. This trip is fully accessible.

WOLLSEIFEN CARRIAGE TRIP

Start	April to October, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 11.30 am and 2.15 pm
Duration	45 minutes (one way)
Price	€ 5 one way € 9 return Children and adolescents up to 18 half price, family tariff available
Meeting point	Vogelsang IP carriage stop, you can also get on/off in Walberhof and Wollseifen

YOUR OWN GUIDED FOREST TOUR

Set off from Vogelsang IP and explore the Eifel National Park in the company of a qualified forest guide who will explain to you the particularities of the flora and fauna around you.

BOOKED GUIDED FOREST TOUR

Price	€ 15 per hour and group
Meeting	By arrangement
Booking	Please contact us for individual advice Tel: +49 (0)2444 9510-71 gruppen@nationalpark-eifel.de

NEW! "ZOOM" THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARK

Visitors with limited mobility can now also experience nature in the Eifel National Park with the "Zoom", an easy-to-use electric wheelchair. Guided tours on selected routes are possible.

Registration and details:

Tel: +49 (0)2444 503456 | info@zoomability.de

THE ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK STERNENPARK

*When did you last see a
shooting star?*

*Did you know that the Eifel
National Park region is one of
the few regions in Germany
where one can see the Milky Way
perfectly with the naked eye?*



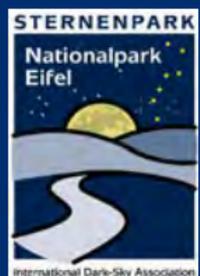
There is only very little light pollution in the Eifel. This makes it possible to see a sky rich in stars on clear nights. The Eifel National Park is aiming to protect this status. In 2014, the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) has therefore designated it the first “International Dark Sky Park” in Germany.

A North Eifel Nature Park project is aiming to further develop the Sternepark [star park] into a “Star Region”. This project is supported by the North Rhine Westphalian foundation Naturschutz, Heimat- und Kulturpflege [Nature Conservation, Local and Cultural Support], by the EU LEADER programme and by the Euskirchen district. All the municipalities in the North Rhine Westphalian Eifel district are to be involved. Cooperation with the Hohes Venn Eifel Nature Park and the neighbouring Belgian municipalities is also envisaged. Light pollution is to be prevented by all participants by increasing people’s awareness of the impact light has on our surroundings during the night. The Vogelsang IP site, for example, takes care to use low-impact lighting.

EXPERIENCE THE NIGHT SKY

In a number of daytime and night time events, the astronomy workshop “Stars Without Borders” makes the starry sky accessible to people of all ages – also in English.

www.sterne-ohne-grenzen.de



OBSERVATORY AT THE ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP

Are you curious about the sun, moon and stars, or interested in planets, distant galaxies, moon craters and sunspots? Would you like to see our Milky Way with your own eyes or learn more about the cosmic dimensions? Or about the cause and effect of light pollution and how to avoid it?

“STARS WITHOUT BORDERS” – PUBLIC PROGRAMME OFFERS

The programme of the astronomy workshop “Stars Without Borders” at the Vogelsang International Place is incredibly diverse. It is aimed at everyone who is interested in outer space and is also suitable for children from the age of 8.

The programme includes:

- Guided star observation with astronomical instruments, recognise constellations (star tours)
- Observation of the sun with special telescopes
- Advice on independent sky-watching and astro-photography
- Informative and entertaining lectures on different topics of astronomy, the value of natural night and the avoidance of light pollution.

STAR TOUR

Duration	2 hours
Price	€ 15 for adults, € 7.50 adolescents, accompanied children up to age 12 are free
Booking	www.sterne-ohne-grenzen.de Tel: +49 (0)221 44900586 info@sterne-ohne-grenzen.de





The current programme can be found in the brochure **Nature Experience Night Sky** (only in german)
 Download the brochure and book online at www.sterne-ohne-grenzen.de



BOOKABLE OFFERS

Groups can book exclusive star observation events at the observatory. A day programme and a variant for poor weather in the form of an entertaining and informative lecture with numerous exhibits are available.

GROUP OFFER “STARS WITHOUT BORDERS”

Duration	Topic and times can be arranged individually
Price	From € 356
Booking	www.sterne-ohne-grenzen.de Tel: +49 (0)221 44900586 info@sterne-ohne-grenzen.de

TOURIST OFFERS AND OVERNIGHT STAYS

We also offer overnight stays with star observation. Further options for night owls and star fans are available.

SHORT HOLIDAY

Duration	2 or 3 nights' stay, including programme
Price	“Sun, moon and stars”: from € 137 (2 nights), depending on group size “Milky Way”: from € 192 (3 nights), depending on group size
Booking	Nordeifel Tourismus GmbH Tel: +49 (0)2441 99457-0 info@nordeifel-tourismus.de



The brochure **Arrangements für Nachtschwärmer [Overnight stays for night owls]** provides a more detailed description of the holiday options (only in german). Download at www.nordeifel-tourismus.de or <http://t1p.de/net-sp-arrange>

PASTORAL CARE IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK AND AT VOGELSANG



Two of the greatest global challenges to humanity are combined in Vogelsang and the Eifel National Park: respecting and recognising the dignity of mankind and all living things and protecting it. Climate change, worries about refugees and the search for a common framework of values in Europe are just a few of the many current issues. The Diocese of Aachen addresses these socially relevant topics with the programme “Pastoral care in the Eifel National Park and at Vogelsang” and helps to organise corresponding events.

The National Socialist ideology taught at Vogelsang and its “religious” dimension challenges people today to take a stand: we need to ask ourselves what the dignity and value of mankind is based on and what consequences this has for our actions?



***Take a deliberate break
from everyday life.***

*Appreciate nature and yourself.
Let spiritual impulses stimulate you
to reflect and exchange thoughts
with others.*

To give you some orientation, the National Socialist view of God and mankind is contrasted with the current Christian understanding: every individual is valuable – without conditions. This includes people who are broken, inept and full of perceived failures.



EIFEL NATIONAL PARK AND VOGELSANG FROM A CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

The Eifel National Park impressively shows that the whole of creation reflects God's glory. Human reverence for nature is the consequence. This reverence has a sense for the secret of creation and is the key to discovering God in all things, in order to respect them and treat them carefully. Genuine spirituality is also shown by how carefully an individual treats nature.

OFFERS FOR GROUPS

The offers for pastoral care in the Eifel National Park and Vogelsang are directed in particular at confirmation groups, school classes (study days or days for religious orientation), church congregation groups, church associations and social institutions, but also at other interested groups.





TAKING A BREAK – SPIRITUAL EXCURSION IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

Our three-day spiritual excursions give you the chance to deliberately interrupt everyday life with various thematic approaches. Find peace and give your body and soul free rein in the open air. Realise that you have time for the things that matter, appreciate nature and yourself, let yourself be stimulated by spiritual impulses to reflect and exchange thoughts and experience the sense of community.

You will find an overview and detailed description of our varied offers on our homepage.

www.nationalparkseelsorge.de

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The **annual programme** (only in german) provides extensive information on all offers and dates of the Seelsorge in Nationalpark Eifel und Vogelsang association.





*Which values guide me?
Humanity, human rights,
involvement ... or egoism,
arrogance, passivity, turning
a blind eye and isolation?*

**HUMANITY,
HUMAN RIGHTS,
INVOLVEMENT**



The International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement goes back to 1859 and the businessman Henry Durant. Shocked by the cruel conditions on the battlefields of Solferino in North Italy with almost 40,000 wounded and dying, he organised civilian assistance together with the local residents.

The organisations brought together by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement follow a globally equally relevant mission: the protection of life, health and dignity and the reduction of the suffering of people in need... to be provided without consideration of nationality, origin or religious, ideological or political views of the victims and helpers. This also reflects what “Vogelsang International Place” is trying to do.

THE RED CROSS AT VOGELSSANG INTERNATIONAL PLACE

Here, at the site of the former National Socialist “*Ordensburg*”, whose “mission” in the National Socialist period consisted of the creation of an elite, exclusion, conquest and enforced conformity, the Red Cross presents and lives its diametrically opposed world of values: humanity, human rights and personal commitment to others. The Red Cross also sees this as a stimulus for visitors to actively help mould the present to this approach.

www.rkavip.de



**Deutsches
Rotes
Kreuz**

RED CROSS ACADEMY VOGELSANG IP

Rotkreuz
Akademie
vogelsang ip

Arousing interest, making connections tangible and asking questions ... this is what lies at the heart of what the Red Cross Academy Vogelsang IP has to offer. Experience the value of intercultural cooperation following the motto: "Use diversity for a better future. ...What you can do will benefit everyone!"

HUMANITY AND NATURE, INVOLVEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

Thematic focal points of the varied seminars and workshops of the Red Cross are peace and human rights, humanitarian international law, the history and organisation of the Red Cross, nature and the environment, involvement and responsibility and first aid and emergency services. The Red Cross Escape House, for instance, is one of the results of a 2016 workshop. The offers are aimed at children and adolescents, parents with children, groups of adults or associations, schools and individuals. The contents and duration can be adapted to your preferences. You are also welcome to book the fully-equipped Red Cross Academy seminar rooms for your own event.

HELP IN PLANNING AND EXECUTION

We would love to help you plan and realise your one-day or several-day programme, including accommodation, museum visits, National Park guided tours, excursions, catering and more.

YOUR CONTACT

Information and booking

Tel: +49 (0)2444 9149136
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
and Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm
akademie@drk-eu.de | www.rkavip.de



RED CROSS MUSEUM HUMANITARIUM 1859 2059



The museum, located in a former “Kameradschaftshaus”, is one of the largest Red Cross museums in Europe.

The exhibitions are dedicated to human rights, humanitarian international law and the history of international social work of the Red Cross movement.

MUSEUM VISIT | INDIVIDUAL OR PRE-BOOKED

INDIVIDUAL MUSEUM VISITS

Opening hours	1 May to 31 October, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 10 am - 5 pm
Admission	€ 3, concession € 2 Children up to the age of 12 go in free Families € 6 Groups: € 2 per person
Guided group tours and special events	Possible 365 days a year, programme and prices on request

“DISCOVERY TOUR ... ON THE TRACKS OF HUMANITY”

Experience the adventure of humanity on a discovery tour of the Humanitarium. Starting from the idea that led to the foundation of the Red Cross in 1859, you will get a short introduction to the social work of the largest global humanitarian movement, the Prague Statement of 1989 and the role of child soldiers in war. Finally, you will get the chance to explore your own motivation to become involved with helping our world.

DISCOVERY TOUR: ON THE TRACKS OF HUMANITY

Duration	150 minutes, appointment by arrangement
Price	€ 100 per group
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 9149136 akademie@drk-eu.de



RED CROSS EDUCATION HOUSE TRANSIT 59



“Transit 59” is an ideal location for those who love recreation close to nature and for those who like to unwind by an a camp fire or a fireplace at the end of the day. This former Belgian military building was renovated in 2009 by Red Cross volunteers and developed to become the education house.

YOUTH, NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION HOUSE

“Transit 59” has got sleeping places in 2- and 4-bed rooms. It also has a seminar room and a dining room, a kitchen and a wooden hut on the large field for tents and games.

5,000 m² of pure nature and a breathtaking view of the unique landscape of the Eifel National Park will amaze the viewer and encourage involvement. The fabulous adventure tours in the Eifel National Park start on the “Transit 59” doorstep (see pp. 38/39) – and range in length between 4 km and 18 km with varying levels of difficulty.

STAYING IN THE SELF-CATERING HOUSE

Daily rate	€ 150
Final cleaning	€ 70
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 9149136 akademie@drk-eu.de



RED CROSS EIFEL PATH OF PEACE

Rotkreuz
FriedensPfad
EIFEL
vogelsang ip

PEACE – A WORD AND ITS GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE

Follow the freely-accessible 200-metre path parallel to the Eifel trail and let yourself be inspired by different impulses on the theme of “Peace”.

The Path of Peace can also be experienced as part of a special group offer and is sure to give impulses for further ideas.

EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP “PEACE”

Duration	60 minutes
Price	€ 45 per group
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 9149136 akademie@drk-eu.de

RED CROSS ESCAPE HOUSE

Rotkreuz
Fluchthaus
vogelsang ip

FLIGHT FROM DYSTOPIA

You are a family and live in Dystopia. However, this country is not safe. Rebels have taken control, the country is divided and now the neighbouring countries are also threatening with war. You start off in your living room, watching the news. And then, all of a sudden, everything has to go quickly. Together, you need to try and find solutions and reach the safe haven. In the background, the countdown is ticking remorselessly towards zero.

FLIGHT FROM DYSTOPIA – THE FIRST RED CROSS ESCAPE EXPERIENCE

Duration	90 minutes
Price	€ 75 per group (no more than 10 people)
Booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 9149136 akademie@drk-eu.de



SERVICE AND MORE



Basic information, tickets, service or special requests. Nearly everything is possible. We would be happy to advise you.



Our objective is not only to offer you high-quality exhibitions, programmes and events, but also to create the perfect framework conditions – these include: ensuring you can travel to the site in comfort, offering delicious food and drink, providing seminar and conference rooms, offering beds for overnight stays and coming up with a fantastic leisure programme. In short, we want to offer a fully rounded service.

In order to please all our guests equally, we are trying to make the site as accessible as possible – to this end, we are offering a multilingual programme, provide easy language information, have sign language explanations, tactile control systems and audio-tours, contrast-rich signage, sufficient seating opportunities, special offers for people with mental disabilities and even bespoke personal support on request. Catering to every need is not always easy, in particular because of the older buildings and the various slopes on the site.

ACCESSIBILITY AT VOGELSANG IP FORUM

In addition to our tactile control system and tactile information, multimedia guides are available for both our permanent exhibitions. They enable a problem-free visit in four languages (D, NL, GB, F). They also ensure a great experience for blind and visually impaired people and include sign language for the deaf or hard of hearing. Special arrangements can be made for inclusion groups such as blind groups, groups needing sign language guides and others.

Please get in touch so that we can discuss the details!



VOGELSANG IP
INTERNATIONALER PLATZ

ROOMS FOR SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Over a thousand meetings, seminars, conferences and events take place at Vogelsang IP each year. The experience we have gained over the years are sure to guarantee the success of your event, too. Whether it is an club meeting, workshop or full-scale conference ... we can provide the appropriate location and framework for almost every format.

EVERYTHING – EXCEPT ROUTINE!

The special location and diverse possibilities make a seminar or conference at Vogelsang IP anything but routine. Lasting impressions for your participants or customers are guaranteed. We would be glad to develop your event together with you as well as arrange for a special framework programme – this could be history- or nature-related, focus on sports or adventure, be stimulating or offer time and space for contemplation. We would be happy to help, also with regard to catering. Unusual programmes are possible, too: e.g. a rehearsal weekend for a theatre or music group, a sports workshop, nature experience days, creative days, family celebrations, birthdays etc. If you are staying in the area (→ p. 68), we will organise a shuttle service if needed.

VOGELSANG IP EVENT MANAGEMENT

**Contact and
advice**

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veranstaltungsmanagement@vogelsang-ip.de



OUR ROOMS FOR HIRE

We have a whole range of rooms varying in size and atmosphere and with or without communication and media technology. Just tell us what you need – a room for 10 or a hall for up to 1,100 people.

AT THE VOGELSANG IP FORUM

- **Large seminar room:**

Up to 240 people, full service, WiFi, divisible into two seminar rooms for 100 people each, lobby + separate panorama terrace, additional conference rooms for up to 12 people, separate conference foyer with reception

- **Large dining hall:**

Up to 200 people, full service, can be hired exclusively from 5 pm, lake view and panorama terrace

AT THE CULTURE CINEMA AT VOGELSANG IP

- **Cinema:** from 100 to 1,100 people (→ S. 62)

- **Atrium:** up to 200 people

- **7 seminar rooms:** from 10 to 120 people, combinable in different ways, full service, WiFi

WITH OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS

various seminar rooms, from 10 to 130 people, full service on request

- **Seelsorge in Nationalpark Eifel und Vogelsang**

[Pastoral care in the Eifel National Park and Vogelsang] (→ S. 48)

- **Red Cross Academy Transit 59** (→ S. 54)

- **K 13 The guest house** (→ S. 68)

- **Vogelsang 86, Maria Pfeiffer** (→ www.vogelsang86.de)





EVENT LOCATION CULTURE CINEMA VOGELSANG IP

When the Belgian military started to use the “*Ordensburg*”, there was a concrete foundation in place which, according to the National Socialist plans, was to be the basis of a gigantic lecture hall. Instead, a multi-functional cinema was built in 1954, including a stage and orchestra pit. The cinema ceased to operate at the end of the 1980s. The unique flair of the 1950s remained and in 2005 it was given listed status.





Today, we are once again hosting regular cultural events at the cinema, from sing-along concerts to poetry slams. Seating up to 1,100 guests, the hall with its unmistakable flair of the golden age of cinema and its superb acoustics makes for an unusual and unforgettable location for your event, meeting or conference – bookable for events with between 100 and 1,100 people.

The event and conference team would be glad to advise you on the capacities, possibilities and prices.

CONTACT

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THE PANORAMA RESTAURANT

The dining room is bathed in light and combines historical and modern elements to create a special atmosphere. Relish the unforgettable view over the Eifel National Park – including Kermeter, Urft lake and Wollseifen – and a great deal of open sky. On some days in spring and autumn, you can see a huge sea of white clouds floating just a few metres below you; in summer, flocks of swallows swoop around the windows; in winter, you will enjoy the snow-white hilly landscape.

And then there are the regional specialities, all prepared from natural Eifel products. The restaurant offers a variety of dishes including breakfast, coffee and cakes.

At the end of every bright day, the large panorama terrace at sunset with a view of the Urft lake dam is a truly breathtaking highlight.



The self-service restaurant is open for you from 10 am to 5 pm every day and offers room for up to 200 people. Both individual guests and groups are warmly welcomed.

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<https://www.facebook.com/kaspar.gastronomie>



SWIMMING POOL, GYMNASIUM AND SPORTS GROUND

The swimming pool, built in 1936/1937, is one of the few rooms at Vogelsang that has remained almost completely in its original state. At one end of the swimming pool and stretching all the way to the roof, you can see a mosaic depicting three naked men striding through the surf – symbolic of the body cult nurtured by the National Socialists.

SPORTS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE

The swimming pool was renovated by the Schwimm- und Sportverein Vogelsang e.V. [swimming and sports club]. After considerable effort and much voluntary work, it could be reopened in 2009 together with the other sports facilities. It can now also be used by non-members at certain opening times.

In addition to the 25-metre swimming pool with diving board, there are also tennis courts, a sports field and a gymnasium with courts and pitches for handball, basketball, badminton, volleyball and football. They can be hired by groups as a part of a one-day or multi-day programme. Regular courses are also on offer.





USE OF THE SWIMMING POOL

Prices of day tickets

Adults: € 3.50
 Children up to the age of 15: € 2.50
 Children up to the age of 5: free

Membership fees (per month)

Active membership: € 13
 Individual membership: € 8
 Abeyant membership: € 12

Opening hours

Monday to Friday, early swim from 7 to 8 am,
 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 4 pm to 9 pm
 Wednesdays: 4 pm to 6 pm
 Fridays: 4 pm to 9 pm (September to April: 7 pm)
 Saturdays and public holidays 11 am to 5 pm
 Sundays: 9 am to 5 pm

CONTACT

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info@schwimmbad-vogelsang.de
www.schwimmbad-vogelsang.de



STAYING ON-SITE AND IN THE REGION

Overnight stays are possible both on-site and in the region.

K 13 | THE GUEST HOUSE

In one of the former “comradeship houses” on the slope – now Vogelsang 92 – you will find Guest House K13. Renovated in 2016 and newly reopened, it boasts a spectacular view and is conveniently located directly on the Eifelsteig hiking route and Wilderness Trail. It is superbly suited for hiking groups and clubs, but also for individual guests.

K 13
DAS GÄSTEHAUS

The house is modern and functionally equipped and offers space for up to 35 people in total. All rooms have washing facilities; modern sanitary facilities are available centrally on each floor. All guests may look forward to a rich and plentiful breakfast buffet; hikers, too, can expect a hearty choice of food. Two cosily-furnished open areas are available to relax and unwind in. There are numerous seats and BBQ facilities around K 13. In addition, K 13 has an approx. 90 m² large, fully-equipped seminar room.

Room price per person	Double or multi-bed rooms € 25 Single room occupation € 35
Catering per person	Breakfast buffet € 8 Half board: adults € 20, children € 15 Full board: Prices on request
Contact and booking	Tel: +49 (0)2444 9148746 info@gaestehaus-k13.de



RED CROSS TRANSIT 59

For details on overnight stays and room hire at the Red Cross youth, nature and environment education house Transit 59, please see page 56.

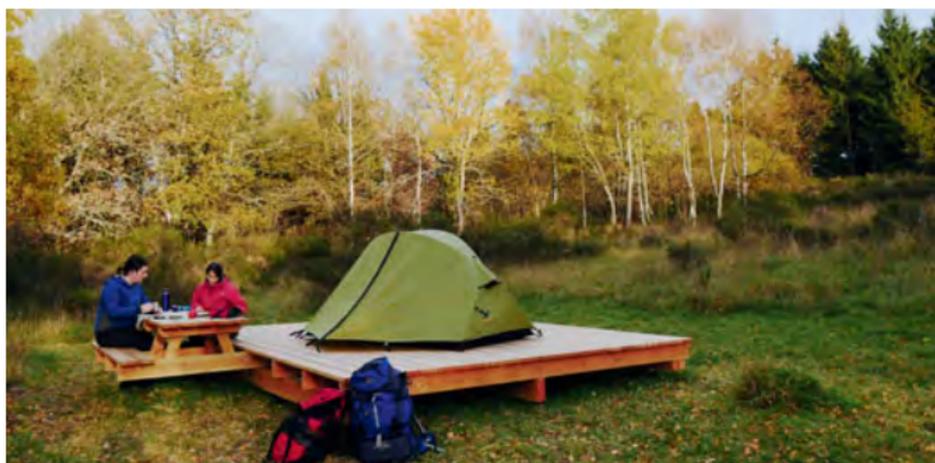
VOGELSANG 86

Are you on a study or hiking trip? Then why not rent one of our three-day offices with overnight facilities available at Vogelsang 86? Contact and booking: www.vogelsang86.de

OUTDOOR CAMPING SITE | EIFEL TREKKING

Experience nature face to face – book a spot on our natural camping site, only accessible via hiking trails. A wooden platform offers a base for up to two tents, a composting toilet is in the vicinity. In combination with other natural camping sites, this is a unique hiking experience.

Booking through: www.trekking-eifel.de



STAYING IN THE REGION

At the visitor information centre at Forum Vogelsang IP, we will gladly give you all the information you need about overnight accommodation in the area. To explore yourself, please contact:

Eifel-Tourismus GmbH | Tel: +49 (0)6551 96560

www.eifel.info

Nordeifel Tourismus GmbH | Tel: +49 (0)2441 994570

www.nordeifel-tourismus.de

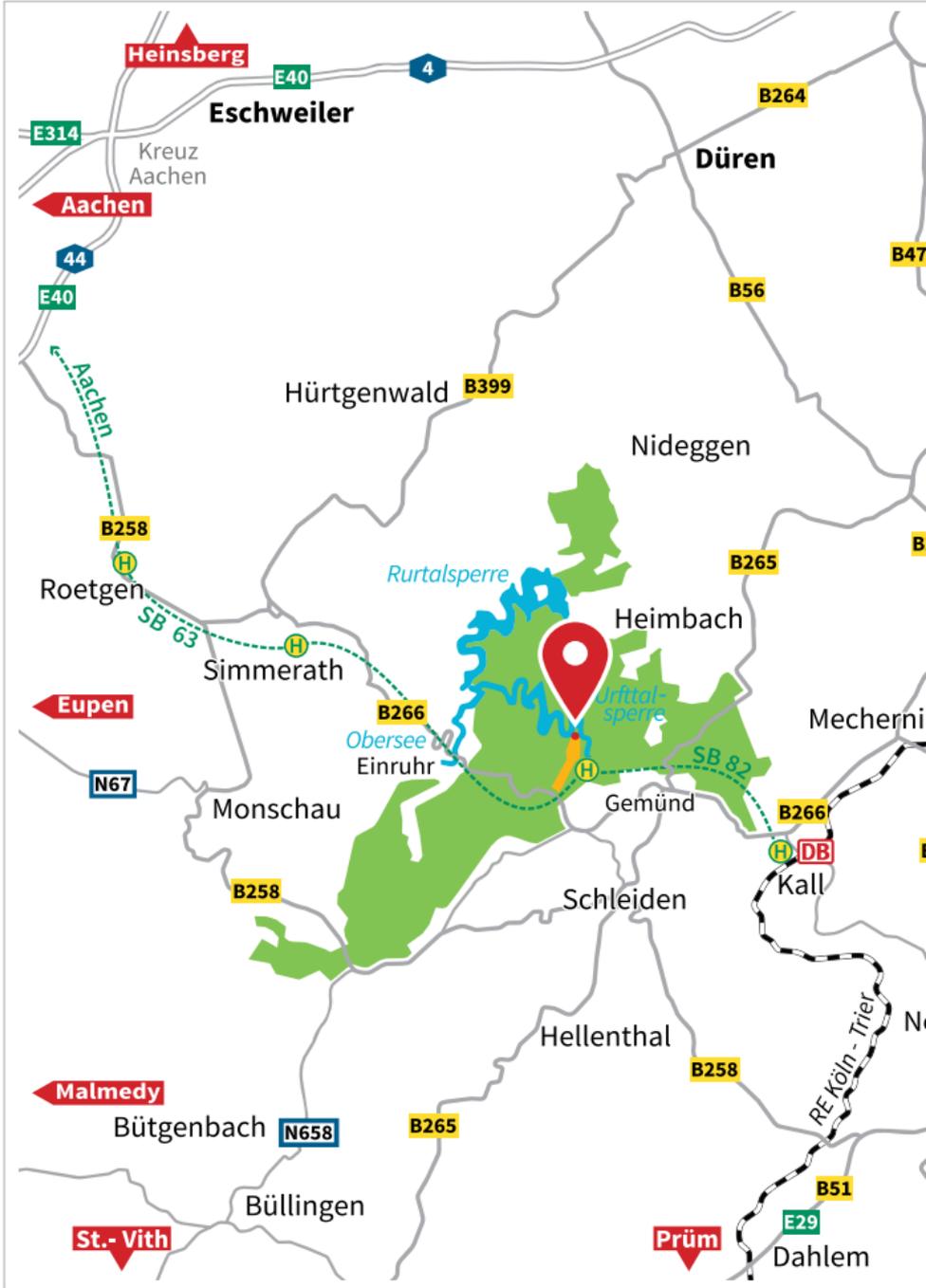
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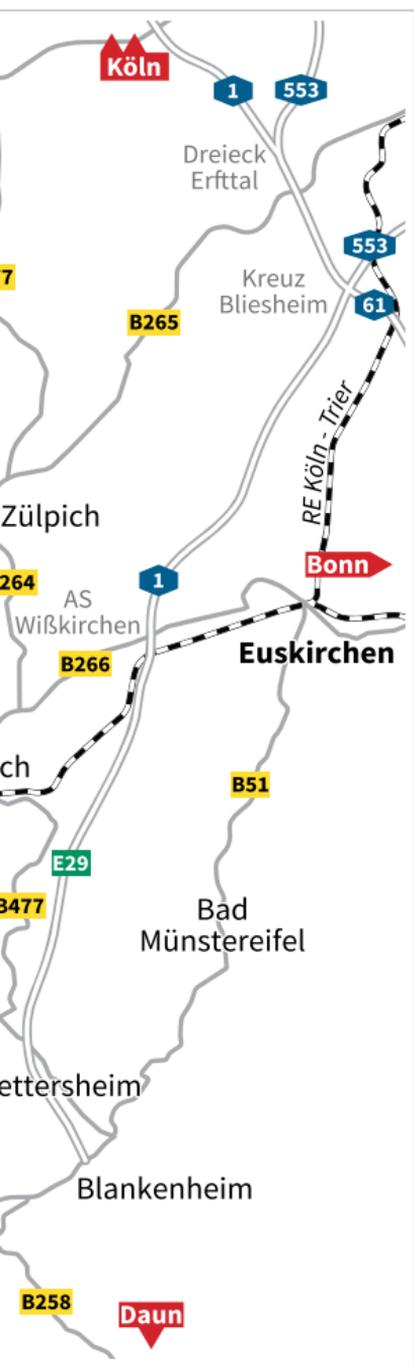
www.monschauerland.de

Rureifel-Tourismus e.V. | Tel: +49 (0)2446 805790

www.rureifel-tourismus.de

TRAVELLING TO VOGELSANG IP





BY CAR AND BY BUS

B 266 from Einruhr or Gemünd.

SatNav entry:

Vogelsang IP, 53937 Schleiden

Note for older SatNav devices:
If the device has trouble finding the address, please enter the address

**Einruhrer Straße,
53937 Schleiden-Morsbach**

and from there follow the local signs to Vogelsang IP.



There is a day charge of € 4 per vehicle for parking in the central visitors' car park. Coaches park free of charge.

USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Regional bus connection to "Vogelsang IP Forum":

- Daily from Kall station with the National Park Shuttle SB 82
- Daily from Aachen bus station and main station taking the SB 63
- At weekends and on holidays from Simmerath and on Sundays and holidays from Gemünd taking the Wildnisline 63

More information: www.avv.de, www.vrsinfo.de, www.rheinlandbus.de



SUPPORT, SPONSORING, INVOLVEMENT

*Would you like to contribute to the success of the International Place?
How can I support the educational work at Vogelsang IP International Place?
How can I get involved?*

Many projects at the International Place would not succeed without external involvement. This ranges from a placements, Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ) [voluntary one-year social work] or voluntary work to financial support. Either ask directly at the respective charities or get advice from:

Tel: +49 (0)2444 91579-289
sekretariat@vogelsang-ip.de

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your support will go directly to the individual site partners or to the Stiftung Nationalpark Eifel und Vogelsang. This non-profit charitable foundation works on particular development measures and projects for wilderness education at the Eifel National Park. In addition, it supports projects for cultural and political education at the Vogelsang International Place. Over 10 projects have already been implemented since it was founded back in 2010, most recently the exhibition showing the history of Wollseifen village. Please help us to realise further projects!

www.stiftung-nev.de



INVEST | OWN PROJECTS

If you are interested in establishing a project of your own, please contact the site development association Standortentwicklungsgesellschaft Vogelsang GmbH.

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<http://investieren.vogelsang-ip.de>

REFUGEES WELCOME. THE SCHELDE REFUGEE HOME

Desperate people are seeking refuge with us in Europe, driven out of their home countries by war, persecution, violence or economic suffering. Here at Vogelsang International Place in the Eifel National Park, the “Schelde” refugee home will shortly be offering protection, security and (we hope) moments of true peace. For a number of asylum seekers, Vogelsang IP will become a temporary home.

Regardless of the necessary social and political discussion on how to handle the causes and consequences of flight and asylum applications, we know that:

ASYLUM IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

and its provision is a legal obligation for us all.

ASYLUM IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

to which we feel committed.

DIVERSITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY

which we should all take.

We therefore warmly welcome all people from near and far.

Your site partners
at Vogelsang International Place
in the Eifel National Park

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Astronomie-Werkstatt „Sterne ohne Grenzen“
Kaspar Gastronomie
K 13 - Das Gästehaus
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Nationalpark Eifel
Rotkreuz Akademie vogelsang ip
Schwimm- und Sportverein Vogelsang e.V.
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PLEASE REMEMBER

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It is not permitted to leave the marked routes.

Dogs must always be kept on a leash.

Entering the site and the buildings is at the visitor's own risk and winter road maintenance is limited.

Photography and filming on the site and in the buildings is only permitted for private purposes.

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