

Nuthe-Nieplitz Nature Park

Untamed Wilderness on the Outskirts of Berlin







Relaxing at Blankensee

Embrace Nature and Unwind close to the German Capital

Escape to rural tranquility in the heart of the nature park, just a stone's throw away from the hustle and bustle of Berlin.

The park derives its name from the winding Nuthe and Nieplitz rivers, which envelop this vast lowland like a picturesque frame. In spring, the meadows and pastures come alive with the graceful dance of cranes, while storks scour the land for mice, earthworms, and frogs.

Flooded grasslands and shallow lakes beckon wading and aquatic birds, serving as an ideal resting spot for thousands of geese, whooper swans, and cranes during their migratory journeys. Numerous observation towers welcome visitors for uninterrupted birdwatching experiences.

Winding biking and hiking trails traverse fields and meadows, leading guests to serene and thrilling locations, local treasures and delicacies.

Nature Park Center within the Glauer Tal Game Reserve

Armed with binoculars, trolleys, and explorer backpacks, visitors can discover the distinctive habitats of the nature park and their inhabitants within the Glauer Felder open-air exhibition.



Exploring Glauer Felder



Observing Aquatic Habitats

In the adjacent game preserve, you stand excellent chances of encountering elusive red, fallow, and mouflon deer. These graceful creatures, with their appetite for grass and young trees, play a pivotal role in preserving an open landscape that provides a haven for rare species, including sand lizards, ant lions, and red-winged grasshoppers.



The Elusive Sand Lizard

Red Deer in the Game Preserve



Services

- · Guided tours
- Lectures and conferences
- Workshops
- Farm shop
- Carriage rides
- Children's birthday parties
- · Romantic campfires
- Bicycle rental

The Crane: Figurehead of the Nature Park

Back in the 1960s, a single pair of cranes remained as the sole breeders in the Nuthe-Nieplitz lowland. However, following the deactivation of unused pumping stations after 1992, the groundwater level began to rise. As a result, fens, swamp forests, and wet meadows became inundated, facilitating their recovery and transformation into breeding and roosting grounds.

Today, the nature park plays host to more than 40 pairs of cranes that choose this area for breeding. Thousands of birds find respite here during their migratory journeys or make it their winter home.

Graceful Cranes Amidst Harvested Fields



Botanical Marvels

Wet meadows are adorned wih broad-leaved marsh orchids, ragged-robins, and cuckoo flowers. Meanwhile, on the dry slopes, nature treats us to brightly colored gems like the Carthusian pink, fragrant scabiosa, and spiked speedwell.



Wet Meadow with Broadleaved Marsh Orchids



Rough Pasture with Spiked Speedwells

Regional Culinary Delights

Diverse talents unite within the "Offene Höfe" association, encompassing the realms of agriculture, craftsmanship, art, and gastronomy. Together, these individuals farm, cultivate bees, engage in smoking, culinary expertise, milling, and the art of processing the abundant regional offerings.

Spot the Distinctive "Offene Höfe" Sign





A Glimpse Inside the Bardenitz Farm Shop

The "Offene Höfe" members collaborate in marketing their products collectively, going a step further by offering not only their own creations but also those of their fellow members to patrons.

Vibrant and Welcoming Local Communities

The warm hospitality of the residents in the towns and villages nestled within the nature park extends far beyond just the asparagus season.



Explore the Farmer's Museum in Blankensee



Visit Fliederhof in Stücken



Stroll through the Castle Garden in Blankensee

The medieval city centers of Beelitz, Jüterbog, and Treuenbrietzen serve as the cultural epicenters of the region. In the villages, you'll discover local history museums, ancient forges, grand churches, and charming examples of regional architecture, each offering compelling tales of the land, its people, and the timeless traditions of Mark Brandenburg.

Clear the Path for Wildlife

The former military training grounds of Jüterbog, spanning around 7,000 hectares, now provide a space for nature to flourish. Where once the rumble of tanks scarred the landscape, today, we find a mosaic of steppe-like sandscapes, expansive dunes, and heathlands interspersed with wetlands, pioneering forests, and ancient woodlands. This transformation has offered the wolf and other territorial species a new habitat.

Inland Dunes in the Jüterbog Wilderness Reserve





Information for visitors

NaturParkZentrum at the Glauer Tal game reserve

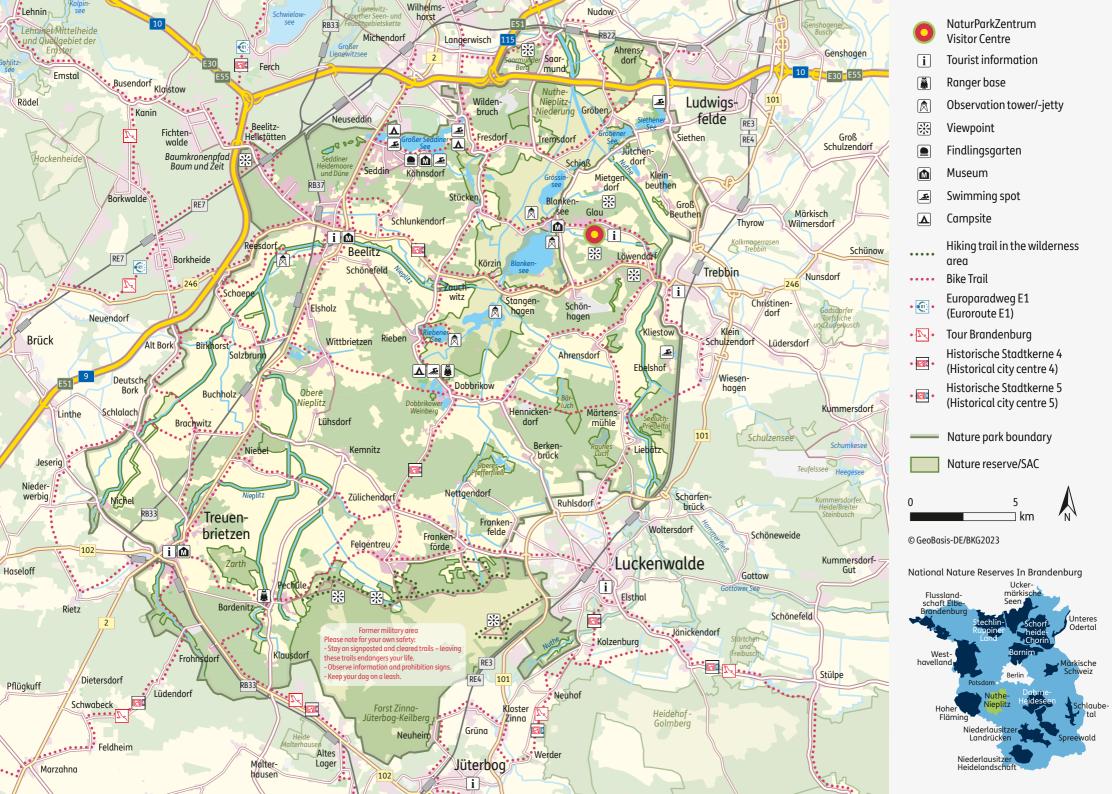
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