

Wilderness in Development

To the right and left of the Wilderness Trail you can experience the exciting process of the developing wilderness in the "Development National Park", which was founded in 2004 and is still very young.

Protected areas in this category have 30 years to level at least three quarters of their area to its own devices. Then, they meet the international criteria of a national park.

Already, more than half of the area satisfies the national park motto "Let nature be nature". Nature is developing according to its very own laws there.

Wildernis Trail

1st section: from Höfen National Park Gate to Einruhr, approx. 24.7 km

1st Easy variant approx. 23.3 km

2nd section: from Einruhr to Gemünd, approx. 20.5 km

3rd section: from Gemünd to Heimbach, approx. 22.4 km

4th section: from Heimbach to Zerkall National Park Information Point, approx. 17.7 km

Z Eifel National Park Centre

Major multimedia exhibition Wilderness Dreams

N National Park Gate (free of charge)

Exhibition about Eifel National Park and tourist information

N National Park Information Point

with tourist information

G Eifel National Park hosts

For hosts, see online guide for the Eifel National Park adventure region, or www.nationalpark-gastgeber.eu.

Z Zerkall railway station

Train listed in the direction of Düren or Heimbach, www.railbahni.de

TE Trail-Express (dial-a-bus)

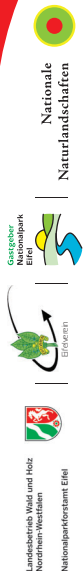
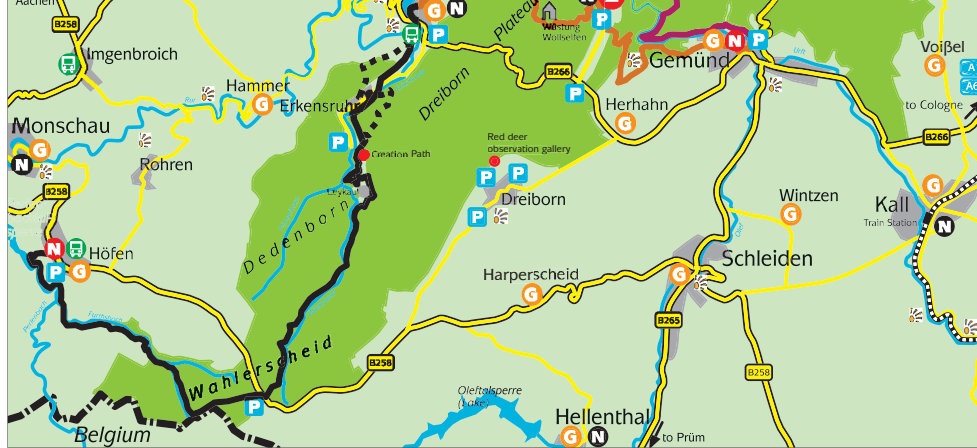
Reserve the bus one working day in advance, by calling the Wilderness Trail booking office, telephone: +49(0)2073-93770.

Departing at 4.45 p.m. from the Heimbach National Park Gate via Schmidt, Strauch, Weiserich, (including Einruhr if required), Simmerath, Imgenbroich and Monschau, arriving at the Höfen National Park Gate at approx. 3.45 p.m.

E Eifel views (www.eifel-blicke.de)

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Wilderness Trail

Across the Eifel National Park in four days



Wald Wasser Wildnis



Right across - Right in the middle



A wildcat pictogram is the Wilderness Trail marker and points the way for hikers along the whole trail.

A Walk Marked by the Wildcat

Impressive views of the forest-lake panorama are your reward for steep sections of the trail

THE TRAIL

The peace and space of the Eifel National Park await: sometimes on narrow paths, sometimes on well-developed hiking paths, the 84 kilometre Wilderness Trail winds its way from south to north through the Eifel National Park. Four daily stages of between 18 and 24

kilometres invite you to explore the wild beauty and diversity of the nature conservation area through thick woods, past fallen trees, rushing streams and meadows with extensive panoramic views. With a climb totalling 1,787 metres and a descent of more than 2,200 metres, this walk between 625 and 173 metres above sea level is certainly demanding!



Combine adventure with downtime: museums, swimming pools, friendly villages, as well as attractions such as the Eifel National Park Centre with the major "Space for Wilderness/Wilderness Dreams"

Exhibition make you want to explore the region in addition to the four-day hike.

Up-to-date information and event tips can be found along the trail in the National Park Gates. These information cabins provide a tourist service and small national park exhibitions. Entry is free.

THE PACKAGE

You can walk the four stages of the Wilderness Trail individually or combine them - however you want. Or you can book the Wilderness Trail as a service package from Monschauer Land Touristik e.V. The basic package from EUR 199 includes:

- Three nights' accommodation with breakfast
- Return from the destination of Zerkall to the starting point of Monschau-Höfen on the Rurtalbahn train and the "Trail Express" call-a-bus service (this can also be used if you plan your trip individually)
- Hiking Guide "The Wilderness Trail in the Eifel National Park"
- "Eifel National Park" hiking map
- "Wilderness Trail" badge, hiking pass and certificate when you have successfully crossed the national park
- Travel security note
- Car park ticket for the walkers' car park in Monschau-Höfen

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*Due to current developments, the prices of the arrangement may deviate.

All of the information on the Wilderness Trail and a booking form can be found at www.wildnis-trail.de

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