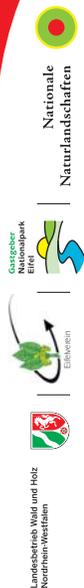


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- Wildernis Trail**
- 1<sup>st</sup> section: from Höfen National Park Gate to Einruhr, approx. 24,7 km
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Easy variant approx. 23,3 km
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> section: from Einruhr to Gemünd, approx. 20,5 km
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> section: from Gemünd to Heimbach, approx. 22,4 km
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 leisure guide for the Eifel National Park adventure region, or [www.nationalpark-gastgeber.de](http://www.nationalpark-gastgeber.de)
- Zerkall railway station**  
Train travel in the direction of Düren or Heimbach, [www.nurtabahn.de](http://www.nurtabahn.de)
- TE** Trail-Express (dial-a-bus)  
Request the bus one working day in advance, by calling the Wilderness Trail booking office, telephone: +49(0)2473-93770. Departing at 4:45 p.m. from the Heimbach National Park Gate via Schmidt, Srauch, Kersternich, (including Einruhr if required), Simmerath, Imgenbroich and Monschau, arriving at the Höfen National Park Gate at approx. 5:45 p.m.
- E** Eifel views ([www.eifel-blicke.de](http://www.eifel-blicke.de))

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Wald  
Wasser  
Wildnis

# Wilderness Trail

Four days on the trail through  
the Eifel National Park



Through the heart of nature



The first section of this challenging hike leads through valley meadows, where millions of wild daffodils bloom in the spring and wild herbs grow in summer.

### A hike combining adventure with a perfect time out

Look forward to challenging stretches and impressive nature experiences! Exchange your everyday life for rushing brooks, fragrant flowering meadows, deep woods and vast panoramic views of tomorrow's wilderness. In four days, the 85-kilometre Wilderness Trail will lead you through the wild beauty of Eifel National Park. From Monschau-Höfen in the south to the northern tip at Hürtgenwald-Zerkall, the trail will cover the entire range of diverse landscapes in the 10,800-hectare National Park.

Founded in 2004, the extensive Eifel National Park is still a 'developing National Park'. In protected regions in this category, within 30 years, at least three-quarters of the area must be left to develop naturally – only then will international criteria for a National Park be fulfilled. Already, more than half of the area adheres to the National Park motto 'Let nature be nature', as human beings again allow nature to follow its own laws. On the Wilderness Trail, you will experience the fascinating process of the developing wilderness at first hand!



### Explore the region

As an alternative or in addition to a continuous four-day hike through the park, you can 'take a day off' to explore the region: Interesting places to visit include museums, friendly towns, and attractions such as the new Eifel National Park Centre with the fully accessible multimedia exhibition 'Wilderness Dreams', covering 2,000 m².

Information and event tips are available at the National Park Gates, which have tourist service areas and small exhibitions about the National Park. Admission to the National Park Gates is free.



The second section, from Einruhr to Gemünd, offers wonderful views of the forest-lake landscape.

### Hiking package

The four sections of the Wilderness Trail can be hiked individually or combined with one another. This allows you to custom design your short Wilderness Trail vacation, or book it as a service package.

The basic package, starting at €199, includes:

- Accommodation for 3 nights, with breakfast
- Return trip from the destination at Zerkall to the starting point at Höfen, via the Rurtal railway and the on-demand Trail Express bus (which can also be requested for individually planned trips)
- Hiking book *Der Wildnis-Trail im Nationalpark Eifel* (The Wilderness Trail in Eifel National Park)
- Hiking map
- Wilderness Trail badge
- Hiking pass to be stamped, and a certificate for successful completion of the hike through the National Park
- Parking ticket for the hiking parking area in Monschau-Höfen
- Travel insurance document

You will stay with certified Eifel National Park hosts. These operations support the goals of the protected area and fulfil established quality and environmental criteria for ecological, economic and social sustainability. The hosts provide their guests with comprehensive information about offerings in the Eifel National Park area, and will be pleased to give you insider tips for your visit to the adventure region.

**Extra services that can be booked:** Luggage transport, central accommodation with transportation to and from the starting and finishing points of the different sections of the hike, or additional 'days off'. The Wilderness Trail is an outstanding experience if you arrange to be accompanied by a National Park forest guide on one or more of the sections.



Eifel National Park is a refuge for many animals, including rare species such as the wildcat. The signposts along the trail are marked with the wildcat symbol.

Whether you book the package or custom design your trip, on the webpage [www.nationalpark-eifel.de/trail](http://www.nationalpark-eifel.de/trail) you will find useful information to prepare for your Wilderness Trail hike. Video and audio files will give you a foretaste of the hiking experience. In addition, GPS data for the trail sections are available for free download. Elevation profiles indicate the level of difficulty of the various sections.

### Contact

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Moreover, the Wilderness Trail can also be booked as a recognised educational holiday (Rureifel-Tourismus e.V., telephone: +49(0)2446-80579-11, fax: +49(0)2446-80579-30, email: [kirch@rureifel-tourismus.de](mailto:kirch@rureifel-tourismus.de)).

### Literature

Available in bookshops and at the National Park Gates:

- Hiking map for Eifel National Park (Publisher: Eifelverein e.V., hiking map no. 50, ISBN 978-3-944620-02-2)
- Hiking book *Der Wildnis-Trail im Nationalpark Eifel* (The Wilderness Trail in Eifel National Park) by Maria A. Pfeifer, Gabriele Harzheim and Hans-Georg Brunemann (ISBN 978-3-7616-2465-4)

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## Booking request

We will be pleased to prepare a personal offer for your hike along the Wilderness Trail from Monschau-Höfen to Hürtgenwald-Zerkall. To ensure a smooth booking procedure, we must receive your request at least ten working days before the start of your trip.

The basis is the basic package, with accommodation for three nights in a double room with shower/WC, including breakfast, starting at €199 per person.

Adults  Children  (Age)

### Additional options at an extra charge

- Single room(s)
- Additional night before first section of the hike
- Additional night after last section of the hike
- Additional night after day  of the hike
- Luggage transport
- Central accommodation including transportation to/from starting & finishing points
- Accompanied by National Park forest guide on  section(s)
- Dog(s) accompanying hiker(s)  (number)
- Arrival with your own car

Date of arrival

Name

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