




WILDERNESS ON YOUR DOORSTEP
EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

THE LYNX TRAIL



TIPS FOR VISITING

FOOTPATH RULES


 In the national park, always keep to the marked paths. Nature has priority. And wild animals have a right to privacy.

CHECK AHEAD



Before you visit the national park check the national park website or the national park Centre in Ruhstein to find out about any path closures due, for instance, to snow-related hazards or the designation of wildlife quiet zones.

DOGS ON LEADS

 In the national park, dogs need to keep to the paths too. They should therefore never be taken off their leads.

LEAVE NOTHING, REMOVE NOTHING



In the national park, you can watch, smell and listen – but you mustn't pick, displace or collect anything. Just remember to take your own waste with you – even the decomposable stuff.

AT HOME IN THE FOREST



Roll out the mattress and dream away next to the campfire? No! Not even bivouacking is allowed in the national park because we want to make sure that the wild animals have as much peace as possible. The only way to spend the night in the park is by booking a pitch in one of the camps run by Trekking Schwarzwald.

HAVING THE EYES AND EARS OF A LYNX



SEEING AND HEARING

Lynxes can pick up the faintest of noises and can spot things far away.



AWARE

They are also very alert and keep out of people's way. Catching sight of one is very unlikely. Although the lynx is a wild cat, it poses no danger to humans.

PROWLING

Perfectly camouflaged with its red-brown coat, its tufted ears and its short, stumpy tail, the lynx prowls through the forest on its velvety paws.

BE AS QUIET AS YOU CAN WHEN FOLLOWING THE LYNX'S TRACKS

EARS

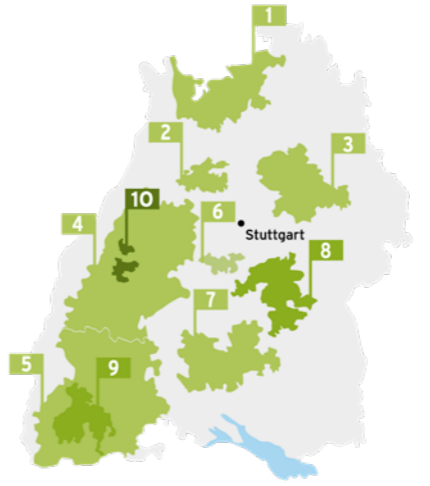


EYES

Can you also stalk through the forest very, very carefully? How can this be done? How is it possible to remain so silent when prowling? If you like, send us a picture of you doing this to: wildnisbildung@nlp.bwl.de

We will publish the best pictures on our wilderness blog at www.nationalpark-schwarzwald.de/wibidigi.

THE MAJOR CONSERVATION AREAS IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG (PART OF THE NATURAL NATIONAL LANDSCAPES)



Nature Parks

- 1 Neckartal-Odenwald
- 2 Stromberg-Heuchelberg
- 3 Swabian-Franconian Forest
- 4 Central/North Black Forest
- 5 Southern Black Forest
- 6 Schönbuch
- 7 Upper Danube

The aim of nature parks is to bring human behaviour and economic activity in line with nature, to develop the region and to establish sustainable tourism.

Biosphere Reserves

- 8 Swabian Alb
- 9 Southern Black Forest

Biosphere reserves are cultural landscapes of national importance that should act as models for sustainable development and for the coexistence of humans and nature.

National Parks

- 10 Black Forest

In national parks, one golden rule applies: leave nature to nature. They are refuges for wild animals and plants and therefore essential for biodiversity.



National Natural Landscapes is a governing body for all German national parks, biosphere reserves and certified wildlife habitats, as well as a number of nature parks. Further information can be found at: www.nationale-naturlandschaften.de

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Travelling by public transport



Many attractions in the national park and the national park centre in Ruhstein can be reached on public transport. Up-to-date information can be found at: www.nationalpark-schwarzwald.de/de/anreise-kontakt or www.efa-bw.de



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FOLLOWING THE PAW PRINTS

Every now and again, a lynx is sighted roaming through the Northern Black Forest. Get to know this fleet-footed, feline predator a little better and follow their tracks on the Lynx Trail (Luchspfad). The walk starts at the Lynx Hut with plenty of information and the chance to hear the wild cat's call. It's the perfect way to put you in the mood for the four-kilometre trail with its numerous interactive stations. Children can experience how lynxes prowl, pounce, peer and listen. A rest area surrounded by tall beech trees is located at the halfway point. Lynx tracks can be found along the entire path.

A shy big cat

More than 200 years after being eradicated from the German landscape, the lynx is slowly making a comeback in a number of its former habitats. A few of these beautiful cats can once again be found in the Black Forest. But the chance of encountering a lynx in the Black Forest is very unlikely - especially as these wild cats avoid any contact with humans. The national park, however, would be a very suitable habitat. A lynx may even be watching you when you're walking the trail!



ONE
STEP
WILDER

What do lynxes look like?

The lynx is the largest cat species in Europe: roughly the size of a German shepherd dog. Lynxes can not only prowl extremely quietly, they are also very well camouflaged thanks to their yellow-brown coat with dark spots. Unlike domestic or wild cats, they have a very short tail. They can be easily distinguished by their tufted ears. Lynxes prey in particular on young deer but also hunt hares, mice and other small animals. Thanks to their extremely light-sensitive eyes, this solitary predator can also hunt at night.

Image 1: Lynx with kittens

Image 2: Coral tooth fungus

Image 3: Sure-footedness is required on the Lynx Trail

Image 4: Discover the other occupants of the lynx's habitat

Walking the Lynx Trail

Robust clothing and sturdy footwear are recommended when walking the Lynx Trail. So too is good physical fitness levels. The path and the wooden platforms at the various stations may be slippery in places. Please also be aware of the dangers of being in a natural forest, as you are undertaking the walk at your own risk. The national park team wish you a pleasant walk following the paw prints of the lynx.



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↔ 4.5 km ↗ 75 m ↘ 75 m

🅑 Böhlerhöhe/Plättig

🅗 Bühlertal Böhlerhöhe/Plättig



- 🅑 Car park
- 🅗 Information
- 🏰 Church
- 🌳 Picnic spot
- 🅗 Bus stop
- ★ Highlight

- 🅒 National park boundary
- 🟢 Core zone (no forestry management)
- 🟦 Stream
- 🟡 Main road
- ⚪ Road
- 🅒 Hiking trail



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