

WELCOME TO THE
**NATIONAL
PARK CENTRE
RUHESTEIN**

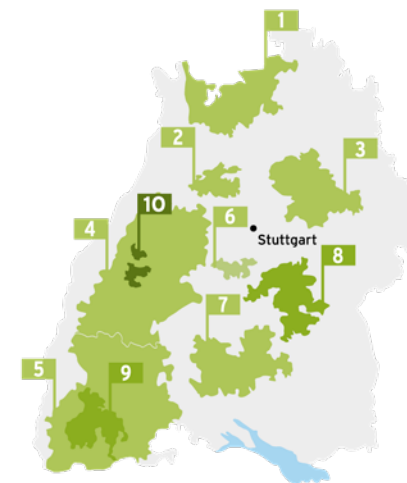


RUHESTEIN OVERVIEW

- Footpath
- ▼ Entrance
- ||| Crossing
- 🎫 Pay station
- 🚌 Bus stop
- A** National Park offices
- B** National Park offices – Villa Klumpp
- C** Private car park
- D** Bicycle stands
- E** Coach stop (30 minutes)
- F** 5 parking bays for disabled people
- G** 4 electric car charging bays
- H** Delivery entrance



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.



HOW TO FIND US

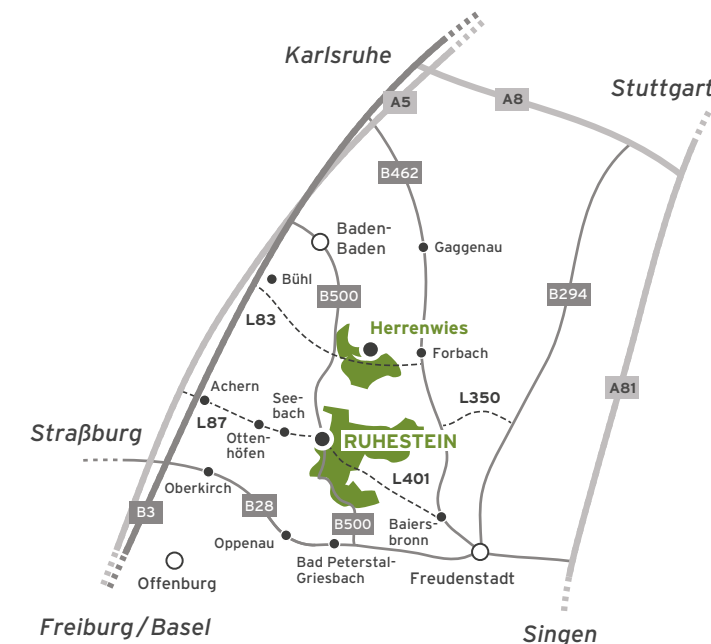


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Travelling by public transport



Many attractions in the national park and the national park centre in Ruhestein 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





THE CENTRE

The National Park Centre at Ruhestein invites you to discover and experience in many ways and on many levels a forest that is becoming wilder by the day.

Besides an exciting exhibition, you will also find a café and a shop in the Centre, as well as answers to your questions and tips for further exploring the National Park and the region. At 900 metres above sea level, Ruhestein is the perfect starting point for all kinds of opportunities to explore the local area.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday (closed on Mondays)

November to April: 10 am to 5 pm

May to October: 10 am to 6 pm

Please note that we are closed on some public holidays and for three weeks in November. Check our website for the latest information about our opening hours.



Ticket bookings and prices at:
www.nationalpark-schwarzwald.de



National Park Info Point & Cash Desk

Here you can ask questions about the conservation area, find out what's new, pick up information material and receive tips for excursions in the National Park.



Cinema & Room of Silence

Exciting films await you in the freely accessible cinema. In the Room of Silence you can let your experiences soak in while gazing out over the forest.



Wilderness Bridge & Viewing Tower

The step-free bridge carves its way into the forest like an airborne jetty. From here it's possible to ascend the viewing tower and gaze towards Baiersbronn and the Murg Valley.



Accessibility

In the new National Park Centre, everything has been designed to be as accessible as possible, taking into account visual, hearing and mobility impairments and language barriers. Please contact a member of staff at the info point if you need assistance.



National Park Café

The café in the inviting foyer flooded with natural light is the perfect place to have a break. Certain refreshments can be purchased to take away, allowing you to boost your energy while out on the hiking paths.
www.nationalpark-cafe.com



Service Point for the National Park Region & Shop

Here, local communities in the National Park area are able to inform visitors of excursion destinations, leisure activities and accommodation and catering options across the region. A selection of souvenirs, books, cards and so much more can be found in the shop.
www.nationalparkregion-schwarzwald.de

PERMANENT EXHIBITION

The subject of the exhibition is already clear to see from the building's exterior, with the structure's elongated wooden blocks resembling a pile of dead tree trunks that have been felled by a storm. And it's no different on the inside, where the permanent exhibition with its multimedia and interactive features also revolves around the forest becoming wilder and wilder and the National Park's motto:

LEAVE NATURE TO NATURE.

In the exhibition the forest acts as your guide. You will be introduced to many of its complexities offering plenty of food for thought. And at the same time you will be called upon to discover and understand things for yourself.

The development and installation of the exhibition was sponsored by the DBU (German Federal Environmental Foundation).



1 Experience the wilderness firsthand

Wild animals are so shy that you'll rarely encounter them in the National Park. So make sure you take your time to view them in the exhibition.

2 Surprising moments

It's not all about just viewing – the exhibition has many interactive elements for you to try out too.

3 Underground forest realms

Here you will shrink to the size of a grain of sand and see things from new perspectives.

35 METRES

is the height of the viewing tower, which is angled at 15 degrees

630,000 SPRUCE SHINGLES

cover the facade

99%

of the timber used came from local forests

4 MILLION

nails hold the National Park Centre together

160 COMPETITORS

took part in the architectural competition to design the building

