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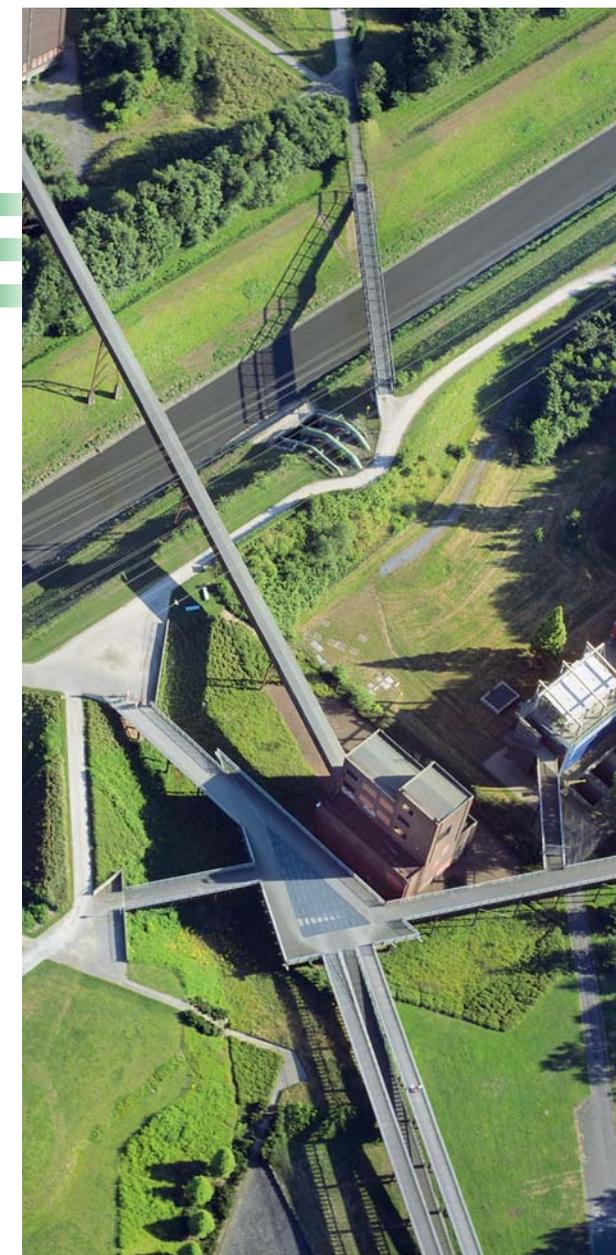
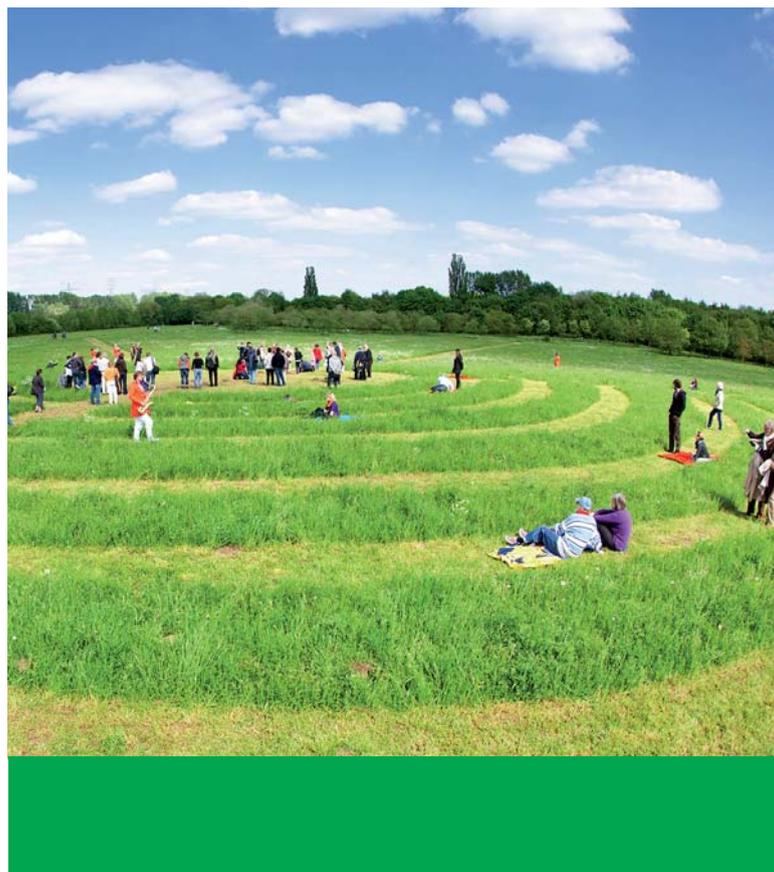
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# Emscher Landscape Park Visitor's Guide

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# Emscher Landscape Park



## The central park of the Ruhr Metropolitan Area

Have you ever been scuba diving in a gasometer, climbed up a steep wall in an ore bunker or enjoyed a picnic with your family on the lawn of a disused steelworks? Years ago this would have seemed impossible but today it is a reality. In the space of just under two decades the heavily populated, dissected and polluted landscape of the Emscher zone dominated by coal mining and industry has been transformed into the Emscher Landscape Park. The regional park covers an area of 450 square kilometres stretching from the Rhine near Duisburg for a length of more than 85 kilometres and ending in Bönen. After the end of coal and steel uncongenial areas of industrial wasteland, spoil tips and waste tips, often situated directly next to residential areas, have developed into a unique area of industrial heritage: an area which more and more people are rediscovering every day and using in a variety of ways.

Today former industrial buildings are an attractive address for living, working, leisure and cultural activities. New gardens and parks have grown up on old factory sites which were once no-go areas for the general public. The fascinating link with industrial relics, untamed industrial nature and garden art make them attractive venues for open-air recreation and leisure. Nonetheless the region is still proud of its past as the former



“steel forge of the nation”. Unusual art installations along spoil tips, disused pithead towers, blast furnaces and gasometers keep alive the memory of the age of a “thousand fires”, and the many magnificent panorama points have proved a magnet not only for art lovers. These landmarks can be seen far and wide and have given the region an inimitable identity, as have cathedrals, castles and fortresses elsewhere.

Since the end of the Emscher Park International Building Exhibition (1989–1999) a huge range of over 450 projects have been jointly implemented and planned by 20 local authorities, two districts, three regional governments, the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Regionalverband Ruhr (Ruhr Regional Association, or RVR), the Emschergenossenschaft and the Lippeverband (water companies). Alongside the large-scale redevelopment of the landscape the networking of the different projects into a single park system has been internationally recognized as an outstanding achievement. The Emscher Landscape Park links the towns and cities in the core of the built-up area. The Park has gradually grown into the towns by means of new paths and tracks and networked itself with town centres and municipal parks. Seen from the other way around, it links congested urban areas with rich woodlands and agricultural areas in regional green corridors beyond. Indeed it is already possible to cycle to the Lower Rhine or the broad plain around the river Seseke without any appreciable



difficulties. The major development themes in the coming years are the continuation of the ecological improvement of the river Emscher and its tributaries, a watercourse which was degraded to the level of a waste water canal during the industrial age, and the redesigning of the landscape in the New Emscher Valley. A new, urban water landscape complete with attractive parks is growing up all the way from Duisburg to Dortmund along the banks of the Emscher, the Rhine-Herne canal and the Dortmund-Ems canal. The Emscher Landscape Park is a work in progress. New projects are being constantly turned into reality. The most recent projects include the Heinrich Hildebrand Heights in the Duisburg district of Angerhausen, which has been enriched by an exciting landmark reminiscent of a switchback called “Tiger & Turtle – Magic Mountain”, the Rhine Park in the Duisburg district of Hochfeld and the PHOENIX Lake in the Dortmund district of Hörde.

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# On the Trail



## The Emscher Park Cycle Trail

Well over 400 kilometres of new paths and trails have been laid down in the Emscher Landscape Park. At the heart of the system is the Emscher Park Cycle Trail. The circular trail covers 230 kilometres and embraces the post-industrial, man-made landscape between Duisburg and Hamm. Large sections of the network of trails run over former railway tracks, peaceful river banks, woodland paths and quiet streets. Boldly designed footbridges – more like sculptures than merely functional objects – surmount motorways, railway lines, rivers and canals, thereby creating new links within the Park. Guests encounter a continually recurring interplay of imposing relics from the industrial age, natural landscape and new landscape architecture that is gradually replacing areas polluted by industry. Many of the projects in the Emscher Landscape Park are directly situated along the Emscher Park Cycle Trail. It is an integral part of the Industrial Heritage Trail by Bike.

## The Industrial Heritage Trail

The Industrial Heritage Trail stretches beyond the borders of the Emscher Landscape Park and links outstanding industrial heritage venues along a 400 kilometre, signposted circular route. The backbone of the trail are the 25 so-called anchor points, from which guests can set out along the many theme

routes dealing with the historic transformation of the region. 17 panorama points and 13 architecturally important housing settlements complete the network of routes. Several visitor centres offer information on the complete system. The RUHR.VISITORCENTER Essen in the former coal washing plant of the Zollverein pit is a particular attraction. It is worth a visit simply for the ride on Europe's largest outdoor escalator up to the top floor of the brand-new Ruhr Museum. The 700 kilometres Industrial Heritage Trail by Bike enables visitors to experience the area in all its different facets. If you don't possess a bike or come here by car it is possible to hire a bike at more than 20 "RevierRad" stations. Bikes can be booked at the headquarters in Mülheim an the Ruhr and no matter where you start your journey they can be handed back at any station of your choice.

### **RUHR.VISITORCENTER Essen**

#### **The Portal of the Industrial Heritage**

Zollverein World Heritage Site/  
coal washery [A 14]

Gelsenkirchener Str. 181, 45309 Essen

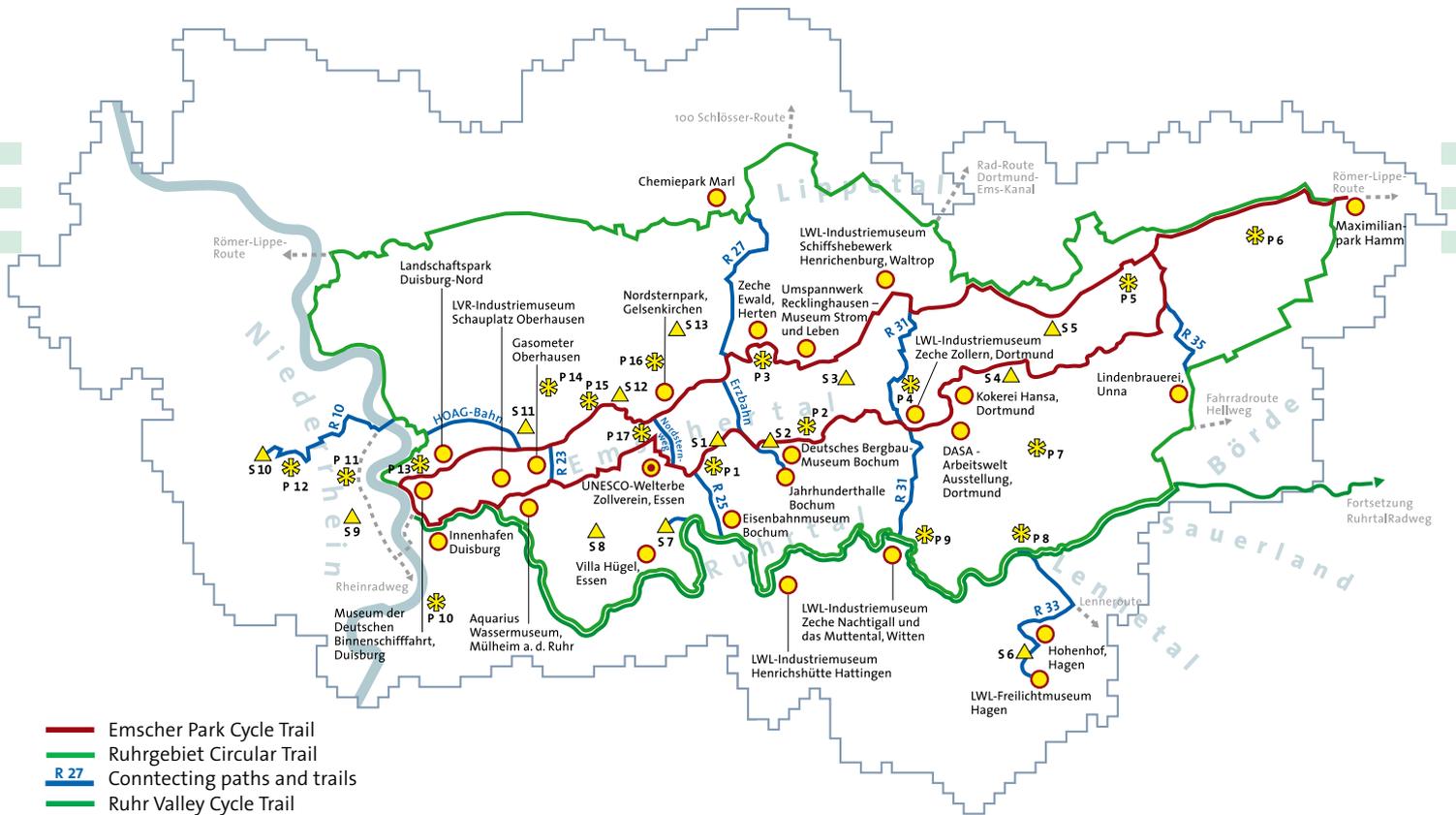
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# Industrial Heritage Trail by Bike



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Portal of the Industrial Heritage
- ☀ **ERIH Anchor Points**  
European Route of Industrial Heritage  
\* North Duisburg Landscape Park  
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- ✳ **Industrial landscape panorama points**  
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## The Industrial Nature Trail

The decline of the coal and steel industries meant that larger areas of the Ruhrgebiet were abandoned as wasteland. But it was not long before nature began to reconquer the barren terrain. Plants and animals which had no problem adapting to the difficult conditions of stony areas low in nutrients, began to make a new home between rusting pithead towers and steel furnaces, on dusty spoil tips and within the crushed stones along abandoned railway lines. Many of them originally came from warmer parts of the globe and were brought here with imports of raw materials along international transport networks. These include butterfly bushes from Asia, small-leaved groundsel from South Africa and the sickle-bea-

ring bush cricket, a form of locust originally from Southern Europe. Even the hare, whose original home was the steppe, has found a new home in the peaceful and flourishing green oases in the midst of the cities. 19 of the finest disused industrial areas have now been linked into an Industrial Nature Trail. Information boards at different venues explain the special qualities of the flora and fauna. The Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre, situated in Haus Ripshorst in Oberhausen, offers guided tours for people of all ages given by academics and educationalists. The Industrial Nature Trail can be easily reached via the Emscher Park Cycle Trail.



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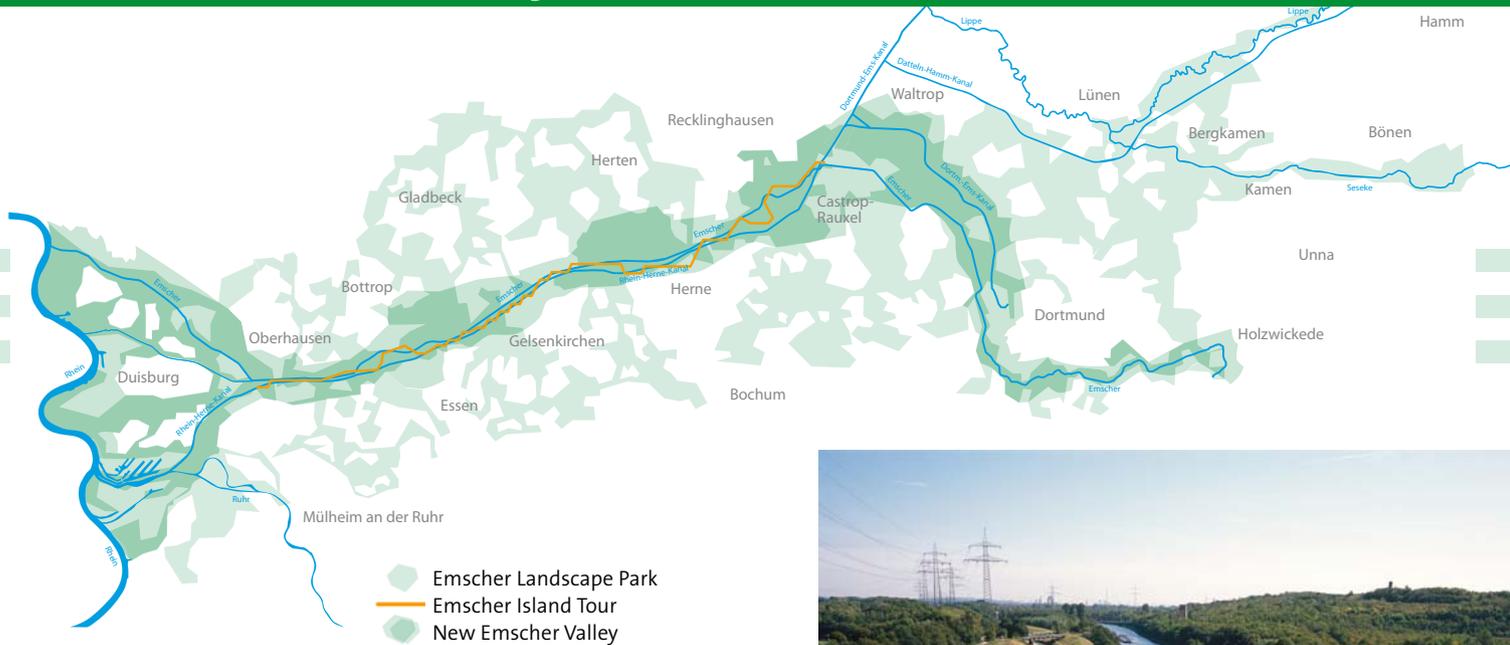
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# The New Emscher Valley



## Off to new shores

For a century the river Emscher was an open sewer which stank to high heaven. In the coming decade it is turning into an interesting and diversified waterside natural leisure area. At the moment the largest building project in the Emscher Landscape Park is the reconstruction of the Emscher and its tributaries by the EmscherGenossenschaft. The river will be embedded in a new attractively designed parkland stretching from the source of the Emscher in Holzwickede all the way to Dinslaken where the river flows into the Rhine. A special working committee “Neues Emschertal” (New Emscher Valley) – a joint project between the EmscherGenossenschaft and the Regionalverband Ruhr – has been set up to design the parkland. In the New Emscher Valley the redevelopment of the waterways and the park are taking place hand-in-hand. Entrances to the water which had been barred to people for years are now being made accessible once more. Promenades and paths along quasi-natural redesigned waterways, lined with typical bankside vegetation and dotted with benches and terraces overlooking the water, will make this an attractive area for hikers and cyclists in the future. Tourist facilities along the canals will also be developed.

The first sections of the river have already been re-naturalised. Starting in 1992 the EmscherGenossenschaft began to con-



struct underground canals along the tributaries of the Emscher to draw off the waste water. In the long term the river system will consist solely of spring water, rainwater and purified waste water. The planned extension of the leaching areas will strengthen the natural water balance in the region and create new room for extended meadowland and biotopes. An area which used to be the backyard of the Ruhrgebiet will soon be its front garden. The New Emscher Valley will make up the green backbone of the Ruhr Metropolitan Area, along with the Rhine-Herne canal and the river Emscher, and provide valuable impulses for rural and urban transformation projects over the next few years.



## Ready for the island

Ever heard of the Emscher Island? It's a narrow strip of land running between the Emscher and the Rhine-Herne canal for a length of 34 kilometres between Castrop-Rauxel and Oberhausen. At its broadest the island measures up to 2 kilometres, and at its narrowest only a few metres. Locks, trading areas, parks, disused industrial areas, allotments and housing estates line the landscape in quick succession. Since 2010 a project entitled the "Emscher Island Tour" initiated by the New Emscher Valley working committee has been making the whole island and its unique charms accessible to the general public. The terrain is linked by a path for cyclists and walkers, the majority of which runs along the waterside, and is a part of the Emscher Park Cycle Trail. So-called "stepping stones" have been carefully placed in the landscape for visitors to stop for a while and enjoy the unfamiliar views of the strange and beautiful aspects of the island. The colourfully designed picnic areas are real eye-openers. They are the brainchild of the Herne artist Beate Matkey based on discussions with committed citizens, children and young people. Scattered all over the island they make attractive places for people to meet and chat.

The Emscher Island played host to the art exhibition EMSCHERKUNST for the first time over a period of one hundred days in 2010. 40 internationally renowned artists were invited to use

their talents to reflect on Europe's largest renaturation project (the reconstruction of the river Emscher and the transformation of the New Emscher Valley), and give it a visible profile. The results were exhibited at around 20 selected locations. After the exhibition came to an end over half the works remained in place on a permanent basis. These include the "singing" rock by Olaf Nicolai, Douglas Gordon and MOGWAI on the Wild Island in Gelsenkirchen, and the "Theatre of Plants" by Piet Oudolf and GROSS.MAX in the abandoned clarification plant in the Berne Park in Bottrop. The bridge for pedestrians and cyclists leading over the Rhine-Herne canal in the Kaisergarten in Oberhausen has now become a real tourist magnet and a new landmark in the Emscher Landscape Park. This breathtaking work in the shape of a gigantic spiral was designed by the German artist Tobias Rehberger. EMSCHERKUNST will be reflecting the transformation of the Emscher in the form of a Triennale until 2020. In 2013 it will feature 26 new and existing projects covering an exhibition site of 47 square kilometres between Gelsenkirchen and the Emscher delta near Dinslaken and Duisburg.



# Exploring the Emscher Landscape Park



We have selected 24 of the finest and most unusual gardens, parks, spoil tips and locations along the Industrial Nature Trail in the Emscher Landscape Park and put them together to make an exciting and adventurous tour. You can find a general map showing all the locations on the front flap. Your journey begins in Oberhausen in the Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre at Haus Ripshorst ❶. After a stroll through the Ripshorst Wooded Garden ❷ and a detour to the Frintrop Rail-park ❸ proceed east along the northern part of the Emscher Park Cycle Trail towards the Lake Bever nature protection area ❹. From there make your way back along the southern side of the Emscher Park Cycle Trail. The final venue on your circular tour, which features a few detours off the cycle trail to other attractions along the way, is the North Duisburg Landscape Park ❺. It goes without saying that all the venues can be reached by public transport.

The short guide gives a compact overview of the individual venues and provides information on the most important leisure facilities and services. You can find further information by dialling the given phone numbers, on the Internet and on our service pages, 66 and 67. The Emscher Landscape Park can be explored and enjoyed in many different ways: by bike or on foot; by climbing, diving, bathing, picnicking in the open-air, enjoying art or by taking a boat trip along the canals. There's something to suit everyone.

## Legends

-  How to get there by car
-  How to get there by public transport
-  How to get there by bike
-  Tram or bus stop
-  Underground station
-  (Central) railway station
-  Boat pier
-  Parking lot
-  Information
-  Restaurant
-  Café/bistro
-  WC
-  Bike hire
-  Emscher Park Cycle Trail
-  • • • Connecting paths and trails
-  ✨ Landmark Art/Art on spoil tips
-  ★ Special features



## Haus Ripshorst

### 1 From a farmhouse to an adventure land

The Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre – Haus Ripshorst in Oberhausen is a highly attractive modern building. The new permanent exhibition in the redesigned barn has multimedia and interactive features to inform visitors about the creation and development of the regional park. Audiovisual terminals invite guests to stay a while and embark on a journey between the past and the future. Large-format photographs of industrial nature highlight the particular features of the park. The highlight is a walk-around map of the Emscher Landscape Park. Sensors at twelve points, each marked by a pair of feet, set a screen in motion showing a short film on each of the venues. Visitors can learn more about the huge diversity of the park in a playful manner: a real pleasure for young and old alike. The programme also offers excursions, talks and special exhibitions for children and adults. These range from joint exhibitions with the Ruhr Museum, to plant and photo exhibitions, all the way to guided tours through the wooded garden. Furthermore there are environmental themes for school groups. Day-trippers will find Haus Ripshorst well worth a visit. Anyone wanting to explore the Emscher Landscape Park by bike can hire a cycle here. Groups are recommended to book in advance. And the corner café is ideal

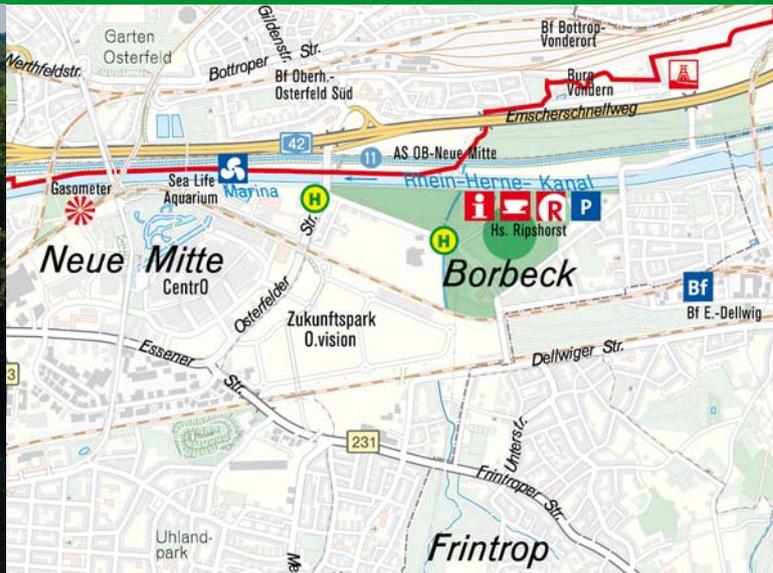


for a short break. An ecologically constructed wooden house has replaced the old stalls. It is the headquarters of a number of different nature protection agencies, including the NRW League of Nature Protection Societies, the NRW regional association of German Forestry Protection Organisations (SDW), the West Ruhrgebiet Biological Station, the Environment and Nature Station (STAUN), and the League for Nature Protection (NABU), Oberhausen. In Haus Ripshorst you can get information on the Industrial Nature Trail. It is also the starting point for excursions into neighbouring areas like the Vondern Wasteland, and Frintrop Railpark.

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# Ripshorst Wooded Garden

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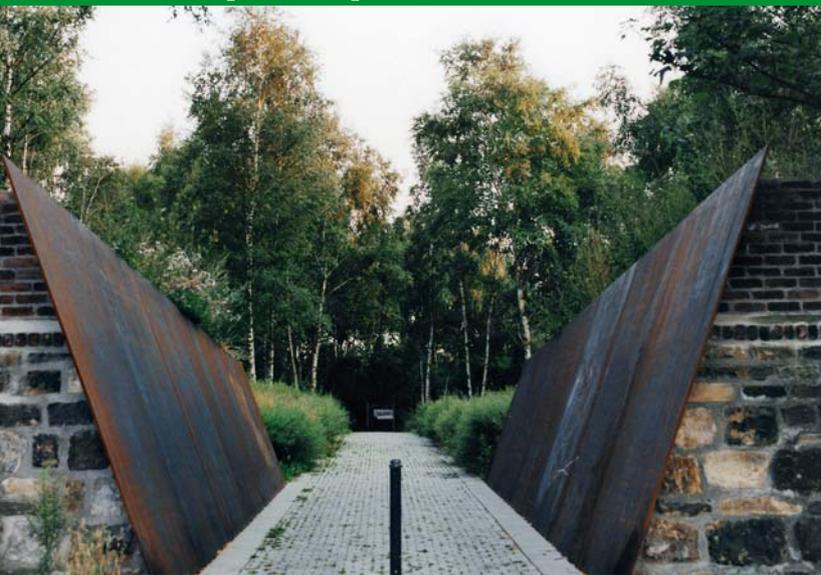


## 2 From a jungle to a culture wood: take a time journey!

Have you ever seen a paulownia? In the Ripshorst Wooded Garden around the Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre – Haus Ripshorst, you can gaze in wonder at this and other foreign trees. A two kilometre long, 60 metre wide line of trees encloses the 40 hectare park south of the Rhine-Herne canal. Visitors can not only admire the variety and the beauty of the trees, but also put their proliferation in a chronological context. The garden contains around 6,000 trees. Anyone going on a tour of trees is taking a journey through time which began 60 million years ago. The tour of discovery begins in the forests of pre-ice age and leads through a variety of seemingly exotic trees, including the paulownia with its unusual blossoms and the giant redwood, one of the oldest species of trees in the world. Your journey then takes you to pioneer trees like the birch trees, Scots pines, poplars and willows, the first trees to take root on the bare fields after the ice age, around 12,000 years ago. Proceeding even further into the present visitors can find out how today's mixed woods of beech trees, oak trees, linden trees and hornbeams came into being. The journey through time ends with so-called cultivated trees, those species which have been specially cultivated by regular selection and crossbreeding, some of which date back to Ro-

man times. These include well-known nut and fruit trees like the walnut and the chestnut, mulberries, medlars, and quince trees. No matter which section you happen to be in, one thing is certain: the Ripshorst Wooded Garden is an oasis of peace and natural sensory perception. The garden is linked to the Emscher Park Cycle Trail by an extraordinary new bridge on the north side of the Rhine-Herne canal. Thus the park, an anchor garden in the European Garden Heritage Network (EGHN) since 2006, is networked with the adjacent countryside to the north along the Emscher and the canal.

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**Internet:** [www.emscherlandschaftspark.de](http://www.emscherlandschaftspark.de) **Opening hours:** freely accessible **Offers:** guided tours of industrial nature; café, WC, bike hire **Responsible body:** RVR, Essen **How to get there:** A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (11) Oberhausen/Neue Mitte, and follow the signs to “Gehölzgarten Ripshorst” from Oberhausen Hbf, bus 957 to “Aquapark” (west entrance to the park) or to “Haus Ripshorst” Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** Park suitable for wheeled vehicles, WC for the handicapped ★ “Scorcerer’s Apprentice” by Inges Idee



### 3 From a shunting station to a garden of discovery

This site used to suffer from the clatter of goods trains. Now things are much quieter. The Frintrop Railpark in Essen, directly adjacent to the border of Oberhausen, offers ideal conditions for a unique range of flora and fauna. In 1885 Frintrop opened as the first shunting station in the region. Goods trains gathered here to transport coal and iron to faraway places. It was closed down in the 1960s. A few remaining railway lines still remain from the industrial past. Coal and lime falling from the goods wagons for decades, and the stones laid along the railway lines have completely transformed the original soil on the site and created optimal pre-conditions for sturdy forms of life. Now no less than 240 different plants and a huge number of animal species inhabit the park. These include protected species and exotic migrants. Thus, a load of iron ore from Africa brought stowaways in the form of seeds on board. Biologists say that you can find plants from all four corners of the world on a single square metre of soil. Plants accustomed to warmth and dry conditions, like butterfly bushes, evening primroses, mulleins, blue thistles and St. Johns wort flourish on the track ballast. Insects too, like the black and yellow striped wasp spider and the sickle-bearing bush-cricket have settled here. Even hares have found asylum in the park, following

the decline in adequate food supplies in fields and meadows. The abundantly laid table attracts other animals to the former railway site. Birds like the green woodpecker, common buzzard and common whitethroat, butterflies and wild bees flutter and buzz here and there in an area formerly subject to the heavy clatter of goods trains. The park not only provides visitors with an extraordinary experience of industrial nature. It is also an attractive recreational area in the midst of an urban built-up area.

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**Internet:** www.emscherlandschaftspark.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** guided tours of industrial nature  
**Entrances:** see above **Responsible body:** RVR, Essen **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (11) Oberhausen/Neue Mitte and exit (12) Bottrop/Essen-Borbeck 🚊 from Essen Hbf, U11, U17 or U18 to **U** “Berliner Platz”, then with tram 103 to **H** “Wertstr.”, from Oberhausen Hbf, bus 957 to **H** “Eisenbahnbrücke” (steps) or **H** “Ripshorster Str.” 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** the park is accessible to wheeled vehicles via Ripshorster Str./Schienenspur ★ Industrial Nature Trail site



## and the Tetrahedron

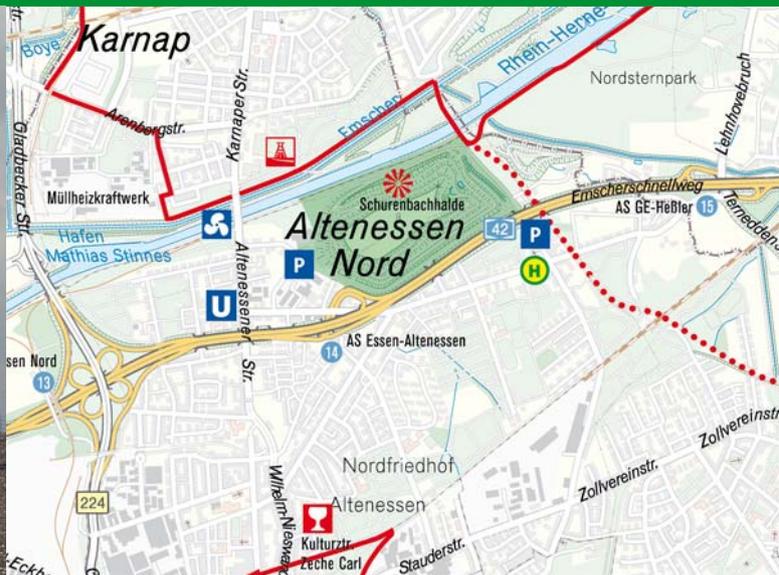
### 4 Nigh on 400 steps lead to the top. Then the adventure begins

It's not only one of the largest spoil tips in the Ruhrgebiet, for many people it enjoys a cult status. "Mount Slagheap" as it's known to the locals can't be missed. Anyone driving along the A 42 motorway can confirm that. The first thing that catches your eye is the imposing almost 60 metre high Tetrahedron. That's exactly what the architects intended when they designed this spectacular sculpture near Beckstraße in Bottrop. The Tetrahedron is perched on four pillars above the ground so that, from afar, it seems to be hovering in the air: and at night the steel pyramid is transformed into a glowing illumination. But the spoil tip is not just there to be looked at. This is a place which calls for a good pair of legs. You can either climb to the top in an easy manner via green paths, or take the sporting route up a steep steel staircase with 387 steps. If you prefer to take the easy way out, at weekends you can ride to the top on the hydrogen fuel bus. When you look up to the sky through the gigantic construction you can feel the hairs on the back of your head prickle. Then it's time to go: An open-air staircase leads to the first platform at a height of 18 metres and already offers a fantastic view. Then it's time to move on via a steep stairway to a height of 38 metres. From here a winding staircase leads to the top platform, leaning



slightly at an angle and held in place by steel cables. You may decide on site just how far you want to go because now you need to take your courage in your hands. You can be sure of one thing, when you get to the top your blood will be pumping with adrenalin and you'll be rewarded with a sensational view over the Ruhrgebiet. If there's a clear view you can see all the way to the steelworks in Duisburg, not forgetting the Schalke football stadium and other regional landmarks. Now at the latest it will be clear to everyone that they are standing in the midst of one of the largest and greenest urban built-up areas in Europe.

**Address:** Beckstr., 46238 Bottrop **Info:** Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre – Haus Ripshorst **Tel.:** 0208/8833483  
**E-Mail:** infozentrum-elp@rvr-online.de **Internet:** www.emscherlandschaftspark.de **Opening hours:** open day and night  
**Entrances:** see above **Responsible body:** RVR, Essen **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (13) Essen-Nord, dir Gladbeck/Dorsten (B224) 🚌 from Bottrop Station, bus 262 to 🟡 "Arnsmannstr.", from Bottrop central bus station "Berliner Platz", bus 266 to 🟡 "Tetraeder", Sat+Sun to 🟡 "Tetraeder Plattform" 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** only partially open to wheeled vehicles ★ "Tetrahedron" by Wolfgang Christ and the light installation "Fractal" by Jürgen LIT Fischer; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 5 The Lure of the Slab - where bare greyness blends with luxurious greenery

The Schurenbach tip was one of the newest spoil tips in the region when the Ruhrkohle company (as it was then known) decided it was no longer needed after the closure of the Zollverein pit in 1986. It was then landscaped and turned into the Schurenbach Woodland Park. 250,000 trees and bushes were planted here, and meadows and paths laid down, all with benches along the way. In 1996 the American sculptor Richard Serra was commissioned to turn the man-made hill into a work of art. He decided to place a gigantic sculpture in the midst of the plateau at the top. At Serra's request the plateau was reshaped into a convex surface covered in black crushed stones and entirely free of vegetation. Since 1998 a 15 metre high, 4 metre wide and 13 cm thick slab made of rolled weathering steel has been pointing upwards into the sky: the "Slab for the Ruhrgebiet". Not just a monument, but also a palpable symbol of the region's industrial past. A widely ramified system of paths snakes gently upwards to the top. If necessary you can always pause for a while and take a breather on one of the many benches to enjoy the luxurious greenery and the magnificent view. And, at twilight, you can listen to the concert of natterjack toads in the nearby ponds. On the eastern side there are steps leading directly to

the top. It's always a special moment when, shortly before the summit, the vegetation abruptly gives way to reveal a bare lunar landscape with an indefinable apparition in the distance. The rusty brown object works like a magnet. It seems to grow with every step until finally you are standing right in front of a mighty Slab and can feel the immense power of steel, a material whose manufacture shaped the region for decades.

**Address:** Emscherstr., 45329 Essen **Info:** Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre - Haus Ripshorst **Tel.:** 0208/8833483  
**E-Mail:** infozentrum-elp@rvv-online.de **Internet:** www.emscherlandschaftspark.de **Opening hours:** open day and night  
**Offers:** guided tours of industrial nature **Entrances:** Emscher- and Fritzstr. **Responsible body:** RVR, Essen **How to get there:**  
🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (14) Essen/Altenessen 🚏 from Essen Hbf, U11 to U "Heßlerstr.", then a 15 min. walk to the Fritzstr. access point; or U18 to U "Karlsplatz", then bus 173 to 🚏 "Kirche Heßlerstr.", and by foot to the Emscherstr. access point 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail, via the Nordstern Trail link to the Zollverein World Heritage site **Barrier-free information:** not accessible to wheeled vehicles ★ "Slab for the Ruhrgebiet" by Richard Serra; a site along the Industrial Heritage and Industrial Nature Trails

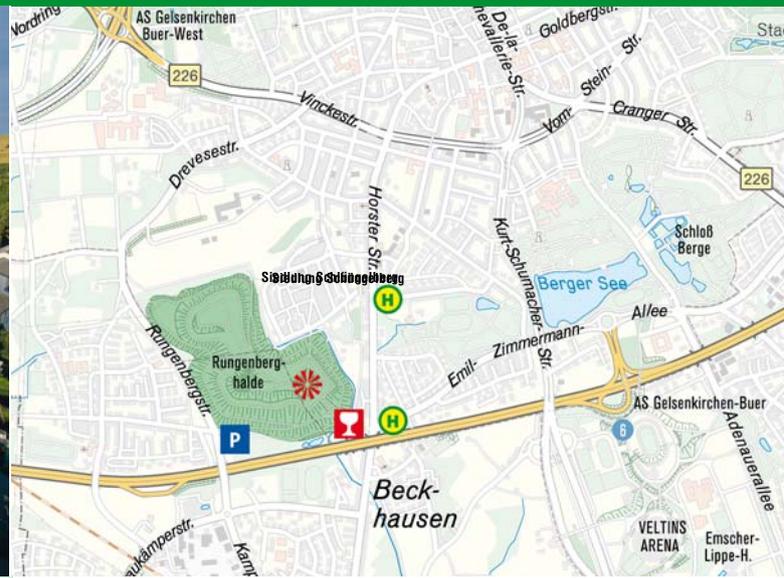


## 6 From a forbidden city to a connecting park

For over a century the Gelsenkirchen districts of Horst and Heßler were separated from one another. As was often the case in the Ruhrgebiet, the reason was a colliery. In this case the Nordstern I/II mine, itself as large as a district, but only open to a chosen few. In short, a forbidden city. In 1993 the pit was closed down and in 1997, on the occasion of the National Garden show, the disused industrial site was turned into the Nordstern Park, a public recreation area with a variety of leisure facilities for young and old. The 160 ha. site is covered with a generous network of paths and viewing axes, lined with elaborately designed gardens, open areas of meadow and a large amount of playgrounds and quiet zones. New high-quality bridges over the river Emscher and the Rhine-Heine canal link the North and the South sides of the site and create their own particular optical accent. Directly adjacent to the water is an amphitheatre for audiences of up to 6,000 in the summer. An imaginatively designed water landscape, a jungle gym and a mining gallery all offer playing and learning opportunities. One of the largest Märklin model railway layouts in the world is a further attraction. It can be found in the old colliery storehouse. Many of the listed buildings, designed by the industrial architects Fritz Schupp and Martin Kremmer, have

been carefully restored and redeveloped. Today the old screening plant houses the real estate company VIVAWEST, the pithead tower above shaft 2 (surrounded by glass and extended to four floors) a video-art centre and a visitor terrace.

**Address:** Nordsternstr., 45899 Gelsenkirchen **Info:** City and tourist information **Tel.:** 0209/951970 **E-Mail:** info@stadtmarketing.de **Internet:** www.nordsternpark.de **Opening hours:** Park open day and night **Offers:** a programme of events throughout the year, gastronomy, WC, bike hire **Entrances:** include Kranefeldstr. (to the north), An der Rennbahn (parking garage), Grothusstr. (parking lots), Lehrhovenbruch (to the south) **Responsible body:** Town of Gelsenkirchen **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (15) GE-Heßler, follow the signs to “Nordsternpark” 🚌 from Gelsenkirchen Hbf, bus 383 to 🟡 “Landschaftspark Heßler” (south entrance), 🟡 “Krokuswinkel” (Emscher island) or 🟡 “Nordsternpark” (north entrance) 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail, via the Nordstern Trail link to the Zollverein World Heritage site **Barrier-free information:** Park, Nordstern tower, Deutschland-Express and mining gallery accessible to wheeled vehicles; handicapped toilets and parking lots ★ “Hercules” by Markus Lüpertz on the Nordstern tower; an anchor point along the Industrial Heritage Trail



## 7 Black is the perfect match

The Rungenberg tip is the local hill in the Gelsenkirchen districts of Buer, more particularly it's a part of the Schüngelberg colliery housing estate directly to the east, which once catered for the miners working at the Hugo/Ewald colliery. The spoil tip can be reached from Horster Straße or the housing estate via a number of different paths leading upwards in broad loops. If you're in a hurry you can take the bridge from the housing estate over the Lanfer stream and climb to the top via a stairway consisting of around 300 steps. The south-east part of the top of the spoil tip has been piled up with black rock in the shape of a twin pyramid. Two triangular pyramids tower over the rectangular ground plan, crowned by two large spotlights made of steel. These are part of an illuminated work of art entitled "Nachtzeichen" (Night Signal), and directed upwards at an angle prolonging the contours of the pyramids. At night they shoot criss-cross beams of light out into the sky to create a new illuminated summit above the twin peaks, before disappearing into the distant heavens. The so-called "Schienenplateau" (Rail Plateau), a ground relief consisting of 5,000 old colliery railway sleepers arranged in an oval shape adjacent to and over one another, is also worth a look. The shape and the blackness of the top of the spoil tip

give its own particular profile. Here and there a small plant dares to protrude from the ground. From the top visitors have a fine view of the immediate surroundings. The listed Schüngelberg housing estate was built in 1897 and modernised and extended in the 1990s. It is fascinating to see how the new and the old architecture harmonise with one another. The housing estate is part of a model rainwater infiltration project.

**Address:** Holthauer Str., 45897 Gelsenkirchen **Info:** Town of Gelsenkirchen, culture dept. **Tel.:** 0209/1699106 **E-Mail:** referat.kultur@gelsenkirchen.de **Internet:** www.kultur.gelsenkirchen.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Entrances:** Holthauer (steps), Horster, Schaffrather Str. **Owner:** RAG, Essen **How to get there:** 🚗 A 2 Hannover/Oberhausen exit (6) Gelsenkirchen-Buer 🚊 from Gelsenkirchen Hbf or GE/Buer town hall, tram 301 to 🚏 "Emil-Zimmermann-Allee" or 🚏 "Hugostr." 🚲 via the city cycle network with connections to the Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** only partially suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ light installation "Night Signal" and "Rail Plateau" by Hermann EsRichter and Klaus Noculak; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 8 A hill with a view

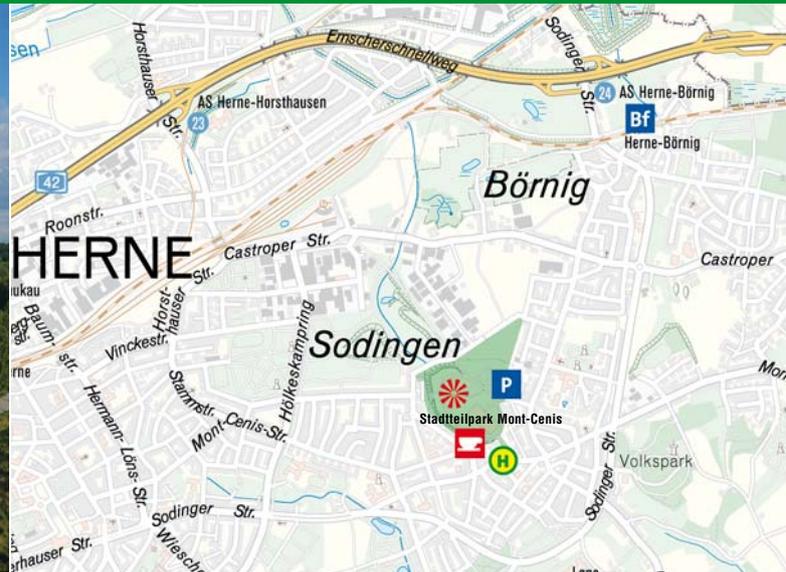
Spoil tips not only transformed the landscape. These man-made hills also changed people's view of the landscape. Often enough in the Ruhrgebiet this new reality occurred immediately behind the back door. The idea behind redesigning one of the largest areas of spoil tips in Europe – the Hoheward spoil tip on the border between Herten and Recklinghausen – was to make people conscious of this change. The 160 ha. site is subdivided into three horizontal levels. The lowest is an 8 km long circular promenade with undemanding paths for joggers, cyclists and walkers. A number of different trails lead to the top from the built-up urban area. One of the most popular access points is the shining red bridge in the shape of a dragon leading over the Cranger Straße in Recklinghausen. Sporting types prefer to take a staircase with 500 steps to the top. A promenade complete with balcony and lined by a recently planted wood runs around the middle level, at a height of around 30 metres. Platforms dotted along the way offer ever-changing views of the urban surroundings beneath. The breathtaking climax is the pinnacle area with its horizon observatory and sundial, where heaven meets earth at a height of 100 metres. The two 45 metre high steel arches at the top of the tip attract an increasing amount of people to the summit.

Whether you're here for a walk, to exercise or simply to observe the heavens, the Hoheward spoil tip is a magnificent site with unforgettable moments.

**Address:** (Visitor Centre-HQ) Werner-Heisenberg-Str. 14, 45699 Herten **Info:** Hoheward Visitor Centre **Tel.:** 02366/181160  
**E-Mail:** info@landschaftspark-hoheward.de **Internet:** www.landschaftspark-hoheward.de; further information point at weekends: Cranger Str. 11, 45661 Recklinghausen; site open day and night **Entrances:** incl. Doncaster Platz and Am Handweiser, Herten (steps), Cranger Str., Recklinghausen (Dragon bridge) **Offers:** cycle, wandering, segway, nature, culture, horizon observatory, gastronomy, WC (s. Hoheward Visitor Centre)  
**Responsible body:** RVR, Essen **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (13) Herne-Wanne/Herten, follow the signs to "Zeche Ewald" 🚆 from Wanne-Eickel Hbf/Marl-Mitte station, bus SB27 to 🚏 "Bergwerk Ewald 1/2"; from Recklinghausen-Süd station/Gelsenkirchen Buer-Nord station, bus 210 to 🚏 "Neue Horizonte" 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail  
**Barrier-free information:** only partially suitable for wheelchairs (s. offers Hoheward Visitor Centre) ★ horizon observatory with its heavenly arches and giant sundial; an Industrial Heritage Trail and Industrial Nature Trail site

# Mont-Cenis District Park

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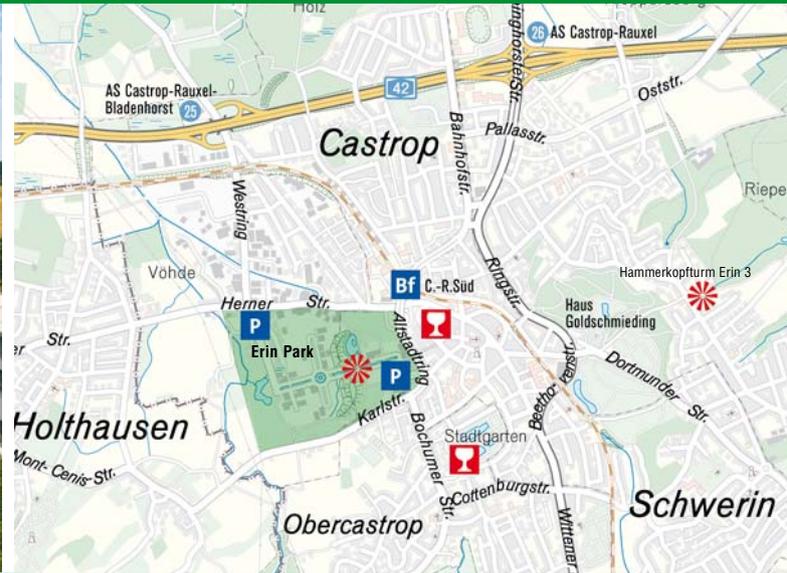


## 9 An urban quarter full of energy

In 1871 a group of Frenchmen bought up the mine fields in the Herne district of Sodingen and gave an economic boost to mining there. In the mid-1990s French planning offices transformed the disused industrial site into an attractive district park, in the midst of which stands a prize-winning further education academy. Around 16 ha. of the 25 ha. site were redeveloped into a public park in the shape of a gigantic ellipse. A further three ha. of land were given over to the academy garden and the new academy. This consists of nine individual units, all of which are enclosed within a transparent shell of steel, glass and spruce wood. The building houses the North Rhine-Westphalia Further Training Academy, the municipal library, municipal administration offices and a café. The remaining 5 ha., containing almost 300 new living units and a kindergarten, have given a new life to the district. Incoming residents – many of them families with children – and long-standing citizens of Sodingen have benefited alike from the new district park. Small retail outlets, service centres and a marketplace fill the gaps left by the demolished colliery buildings. One of the especially interesting features on the site is the innovative energy concept. Electricity for the whole site is produced with the help of methane gas and a solar plant on

the roof of the Academy. Inside the building ponds lined with palm trees, combined with a pleasant all year-round temperature give the environment a Mediterranean flair. The atmosphere is truly charming during evening hours when Mischa Kuball's "Oval Light" installation along the rows of poplar trees lining the oval path bathes the site in an azure glow.

**Adress:** Mont-Cenis-Platz 1, 44627 Herne **Info:** Facility Management Herne **Tel.:** 02323/162301 **E-Mail:** info@akademie-mont-cenis.de **Internet:** www.akademie-mont-cenis.de **Opening hours:** Mon-Fri 8-18, Sat-Sun 10-17, park open day and night **Offers:** see: www.akademie-mont-cenis.de, café, WC **Entrances:** Mont-Cenis-Platz, Kant- and Henin-Beaumont-Str. **Responsible body:** Town of Herne **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (24) Herne-Börnig, A 43 Münster/Wuppertal exit (15) Herne-Eickel 🚶 from Herne station, bus 311 to 🚶 "Akademie Mont-Cenis", from Bochum Hbf, U35 to 🚶 "Kreuzkirche", then bus 311 to 🚶 "Akademie Mont-Cenis" 🚲 via the inner-city cycle network linked to the Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** academy and park suitable for wheeled vehicles, handicapped toilet und parking lots ★ light installation "Oval Light" by Mischa Kuball and "Large Stone Field" by Herman Prigann; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 10 Ireland in the Ruhrgebiet

In 1866 an Irishman set up a coal mine in Castrop-Rauxel and named it "Erin", the Celtic word for Ireland. To ensure that the local citizens learnt something more about the Emerald Isle he also presented them with a steeplechase track which was in operation until 1970. It goes without saying that the landscape architects responsible for turning the disused colliery site into a park and trading estate decided to embellish it with Irish landscape features as a contrast to the razed industrial features. Here elements of Mediterranean warmth; there bare Northern hillocks, almost treeless and lined with drystone walls. Today the 40 ha. trading estate, service centre and landscaped park adjacent to the old town centre is equally rich in contrasts. The strict geometrical shape of the buildings contrasts strongly with the green landscape, crossed by two roads. The main east-west thoroughfare is the Erin Boulevard, parallel to which runs a 500 metre long strip of water which begins along a bed of stones and gradually becomes a quasi-natural meandering stream ending up in a rainwater reservoir. The strip of water is fed with water from the upper Castrop stream, which was reverted into its original natural watercourse during the ecological redevelopment of the Emscher water system. Water birds make their nests in the thick reeds

and dragonflies flutter over the clear pools of water rich in fish. The park is dominated by replicas of Irish hills, greened over with ruderal vegetation and dotted with drystone walls. The symbol of Erin Park is the 70 metre high pithead tower above shaft 7 that was saved from demolition at the last minute and whose "Nacht-Tag-Panorama" (Night and Day Panorama) now lights up the night in an atmospheric green glow.

**Address:** Erinstr., 44575 Castrop-Rauxel **Info:** Town of Castrop-Rauxel, dept. of urban development **Tel.:** 02305/1062891  
**E-Mail:** stadtentwicklung@castrop-rauxel.de **Internet:** www.castrop-rauxel.de **Opening hours:** Park open day and night  
**Responsible body:** Town of Castrop-Rauxel **Offers:** s. www.castrop-rauxel.de **Entrances:** incl. Erin- and Karlstr. (Parking lots) **How to get there:**  A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (25) Castrop-Rauxel/Bladenhorst, and follow the signs to "Erin-Park"  from Dortmund Hbf/Herne Bf, RB 43 train to Castrop-Rauxel Bf-Süd; from there ca. ten-minute walk  via the town network of bike trails and the regional cycle trail R31 linked to the Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ "Night and Day Panorama": illumination by Georg Kiefer and Manfred Walz; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## Henrichenburg Shiplift

### 11 The Kaiser, the Archimedes secret and a technical miracle

On 11th August 1899 Kaiser Wilhelm II opened a miracle of technical construction: the Henrichenburg shiplift. Here, between Datteln and Castrop-Rauxel, where the Rhine-Herne canal meets the Dortmund-Ems canal, a 14 metre height difference stood in the way of an exponential economic growth in waterway trade. From now on there was a 68 x 8.6 metre large trough (including water it weighed no less than 3,100 tonnes) on five floats in a 30 metre deep area of water. Following Archimedes the motto was “water in” to go down and “water out” to go back up again. Four gigantic spindles driven by an electric motor stabilise the shiplift.

From 1914 the neo-baroque technical miracle of stone and steel was extended with the addition of a lock, until both constructions were put out of service in 1969 in favour of a newly built ship lift. Nowadays, in the old listed buildings, the LWL Industrial Museum provide visitors with fascinating information about the history of inland waterways and canals in the region. Between 1994 and 1999 two landscape architects by the name of Irene Lohaus and Martin Diekmann were commissioned by the Regionalverband Ruhr to design the 85 ha. Waltrop Lock Park around the technical ensemble. New cycle trails and foot paths, lined with attractive green areas



and play areas have proved highly popular resorts for rest and recreation. Along the banks of the canal there are signs with dates telling tourists when things were built. Signposts and information boards line the many different paths. Add to this the guided tours organised by the Museum and the many different pleasure boat trips, and it soon becomes clear that you will need a whole day to enjoy them all.

**Address:** Am Hebewerk 2, 45731 Waltrop **Info:** The Henrichenburg Shiplift, LWL Industrial Museum **Tel.:** 02363/9707-0  
**E-Mail:** schiffshebewerk@lwl.org **Internet:** www.lwl.org **Opening hours:** museum: Tue-Sun 10-18, park partially open day and night **Offers:** see website; boat excursions: www.fgs-henrichenburg.de and www.santamonika.de; gastronomy, WC **Responsible body:** park: Town of Waltrop, museum: LWL, Münster **Entrances:** Am Hebewerk 2, Zum neuen Hebewerk 9  
**How to get there:** 🚗 A2 Oberhausen/Hannover exit (11) Henrichenburg, and follow the signs 🚌 from Recklinghausen station, bus 231 to 🟡 “Kanalstr.” or 🟡 “Hebewerk” 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** handicapped toilet and parking lots, wheelchair hire; site only partially suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ an anchor point along the Industrial Heritage Trail



## 12 Small but powerful!

People called the Waltrop colliery the “colliery in green”. Situated in the southeast of the town in the district of Brockenscheidt, it is surrounded by meadows, fields and old beech and oak woods. Right in the middle are the Jugendstil buildings of the Prussian State colliery opened in 1905. The listed mining complex is surely one of the finest in the Ruhrgebiet. Coal was once mined here for the Kaiser’s navy. Now you can find “new technology in old halls”. More than 40 businesses moved into the attractive trading estate after it had been secured and redeveloped by the state development company, the “Landesentwicklungsgesellschaft NRW”. The historic building shells were retained and literally provided with a new interior life. A hall containing a historic steam engine now serves as a museum. The spoil tip south of the trading estate measures just 14 metres high. Since dead rock ceased to be piled up here the “table mountain” has become a test area for ecological spoil tips. Selected plants (herbs and bushes) have been planted in different types of soil. These provide scientists from the University of Duisburg-Essen and the Ruhr University Bochum with information on the development of flora and fauna in extreme conditions. The walkabout “Spurwerktturm“ (Guide Rail Tower), a platform construction created by the artist Jan Bormann is

a favourite spot and a landmark for day trippers to the site. The tower has a height of 9 metres and consists of 1,000 pieces of timber which were used to guide the miners’ cages as they went up and down the shaft. One particular detail of the work is its symmetrical quality. Depending on your point of view it changes its shape, therefore offering you a formal spatial orientation. On the southern side of the spoil tip a stairway made of disused pieces of rail track leads to the top. At night old colliery lights on the platform banisters illuminate the tower.

**Address:** Landabsatz, 45731 Waltrop **Info:** Town of Waltrop, dept. of urban development **Tel.:** 02309/930238 **Internet:** www.waltrop.de **Opening hours:** tip open day and night **Offers:** guided tours VHS Waltrop, Tel.: 02309/96260, gastronomy, WC in the trading estate **Entrances:** Landabsatz (trading estate) and Tinkhofstr. **Responsible body:** Town of Waltrop **How to get there:** 🚗 A 2 Hannover/Oberhausen exit (11) Henrichenburg, and head for Datteln (B235), then take the L511 in the direction of Waltrop and follow the signs 🚗 from Dortmund Hbf, U41 to U “Brambauer Verkehrshof”, then bus 284 to 🚏 “Sydowstr.” 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** tip only partially suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ “Guide Rail Tower” by Jan Bormann; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 13 Attractions on three levels

Since 1996 the Lünen Lakeside Park has attracted visitors from near and far to the east of the Ruhrgebiet with its chic boulevards and promenades along the lake, an impressive landscape with a conspicuous blend of industry and nature. The 60 ha. area in the district of Horstmar was once heavily damaged by deep mining, but this has resulted in an attractive landscape park with a lakeside swimming bath. Extreme land sinkage and a raised section of the canal between Datteln and Hamm still bear witness to the consequences of industrial exploitation. But this is what makes the lakeside park so attractive and gives it its unique atmosphere. Where else could you find a similarly bizarre topography? The heart of the park can be found on the “ground floor”: Lake Horstmar. The northern and eastern banks of the 10 ha. large lake have been redesigned for leisure activities on the water. 5,000 square metres of sand and meadows with deck-chairs provide ideal conditions for bathing, diving, lazing around and sunbathing. If you prefer a little more peace you can head for one of the quiet zones, lined with luxuriantly flourishing beds of plants and covered in sweet smelling roses. Or you can seek recuperation under the protection of a closely-knit row of trees. A wet biotope between the south bank and Preußen spoil tip provides animals

and plants with a refuge. No entry for people! The deepest point of the so-called “Horstmar hole” lies 12 metres below the level of the site. Stage shows and concerts take place on a round stage made of rock surrounded by a terraced row of grassy steps. Anyone looking upwards from the “lower floor” can see boats travelling along the canal two storeys higher, and above this the railway. An unusual perspective.

**Address:** Baukelweg, 44532 Lünen **Info:** Town of Lünen, parks dept. **Tel.:** 02306/1041671 **E-Mail:** thomas.herkert.47@luenen.de **Internet:** www.luenen.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** see: www.luenen.de; lakeside kiosk, WC **Entrances:** incl. Schwansbeller Weg, Baukelweg, Scharnhorststr. (parking lots) **Responsible body:** Town of Lünen **How to get there:** A 2 Hannover/Oberhausen exit (14) Dortmund-Lanstop, and head for Lünen-Horstmar, follow the signs to “Seepark” from Lünen station, by local train to Preußen station, or from Lünen central bus station, Regiobus R11 to “Scharnhorststr.” or “Ebertstr.” Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** suitable for wheeled vehicles, parking facilities for the handicapped (Baukelweg), WC ★ “Space Sculpture” by Erich Reusch, “Anchor Square” by Jens J. Meyer; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 14 What colour is water?

**Correct. Blue!**

In Bergkamen blue is a colour with particular symbolic power. In what was once one of the largest mining towns in Europe planners are creating a landscaped area which, it is hoped, will give a decisive boost to economic development, thanks to its proximity to the water. The Rünthe Marina on the Datteln-Hamm canal is already the largest leisure harbour in North Rhine-Westphalia. Plans are now in motion for the “town by the water”, Aden, and for the transformation of the bankside zone into a diversified leisure area. Part of this concept is the redevelopment of the Großes Holz (Large Wood) spoil tip south of the canal. The oldest part of the mining tip, which is still being piled up in some areas, reaches an impressive height of 90 metres. The main idea is to create an exciting area with different thematic sections on different levels: all with concrete reference to the unique qualities of the site. Around half of the 140 ha. area has already been re-cultivated, including the complex “garden corridor park”. A blue band of park has been created using exclusively blue plants and bushes like blue thistles, lavender, meadow sage and butterfly bushes. In the future the band will function as a central East-West link for all the different thematic areas. These include a “nature arena” for events in the centre, a “tree plateau” in the east

and a “wind level” in the west, full of different grasses waving in the wind. Winding paths snake gently up towards the top. Anyone who wishes can take a shorter, steeper route. Eight metre high lamps with blue shades made of glass, inspired by the pithead gear at the Monopol colliery, illuminate the main path and at night emanate a blue glow. Since the end of 2010 an illuminated work of art entitled “Impuls” (Impulse) by Dirk and Maik Löbbert beams down from the highest point, the Aden Heights. A prominent flashing sign of the new landmark in the Emscher Landscape Park.

**Address:** Erich-Ollenhauer-Str., 59192 Bergkamen **Info:** Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre – Haus Ripshorst  
**Tel.:** 0208/8833483 **E-Mail:** infozentrum-elp@rvr-online.de  
**Internet:** www.emscherlandschaftspark.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst **Entrances:** Erich-Ollenhauer-Str. (car park), Waldstr. **Responsible body:** RVR, Essen  
**How to get there:** 🚗 A 2 Hannover/Oberhausen exit (15) Kamen/Bergkamen and head for Bergkamen (B61) 🚌 from Kamen station/Lünen central bus station, take Regiobus R12 to 📍 “Erich-Ollenhauer-Str.” 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail, Roman Trail **Barrier-free information:** only partially suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ “Impulse” an illuminated artwork by Maik and Dirk Löbbert; an Industrial Nature Trail site

# Schulze-Heil Ecology Station

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N 51° 38' 26,8"



## 15 A lively location for nature protection and environmental education

The Schulze-Heil Ecology Station in Bergkamen shows how lively and playful nature and environment protection can be. Situated on the southern edge of the Lippe meadow in one of the most valuable ecological landscapes in the region, the listed estate was transformed into the first ecology station in the Emscher Landscape Park in the 1990s. Organisations like the Westphalian Environment Centre, the Society for the Promotion of Nature, the Biological Station, and the German League for Nature Protection all have their offices on the 1.2 ha. site. The comprehensive programme of events and further education comprises lectures, workshops and exhibitions as well as excursions and cycle tours round the immediate neighbourhood. An organic farmer has set up a model stable for ethical animal husbandry in the renovated pigsty. It also contains a large outdoor enclosure. The Neuland GmbH, a meat processing firm dealing solely in ethical and environment-friendly livestock husbandry has set up operations in the former cattle shed and horse stable. In the attic there is a Park Care Station run by the Regionalverband Ruhr Grün. Injured birds of prey are cared for here until they are healthy enough to be returned once more to their wild state. The outside area also offers a range of fascinating features. A teaching path

provides visitors with information about the habits of wild bees. Directly adjacent you can admire busy honey bees at work. A farm garden, designed along traditional Westphalian lines and containing useful plants and decorative flowers, is well worth a visit. Down at the pond young researchers can use fishing nets to explore in more detail living creatures like tadpoles and dragonfly larvae; and go in search of beetles and other crawl creatures in the nearby poplar wood. The 20 metre high viewing tower offers a fantastic view over the Lippe meadow.

**Address:** Westenhellweg 110, 59192 Bergkamen **Info:** Westphalian Environment Centre **Tel.:** 02389/98090 **E-Mail:** umweltzentrum\_westfalen@t-online.de **Internet:** www.uwz-westfalen.de **Opening hours:** Mon-Thu 8-16, Fri 8-14; estate open day and night, the husbandry areas can be visited by arrangement **Offers:** an all-the-year-round programme on nature study and environmental education, WC **Responsible body:** district of Unna/RVR, Essen **How to get there:** A 1 Bremen/Köln exit (81) Hamm/Bergkamen, and head for Lünen (L736) from Bergkamen bus station, Regio-bus R81 to "Lippebrücke", then ca. 20 min. on foot Emscher Park Cycle Trail, via a bridge (steps) linked to the Roman Trail **Barrier-free information:** handicapped toilet, main paths suitable for wheeled vehicles



## Nature Protection Area

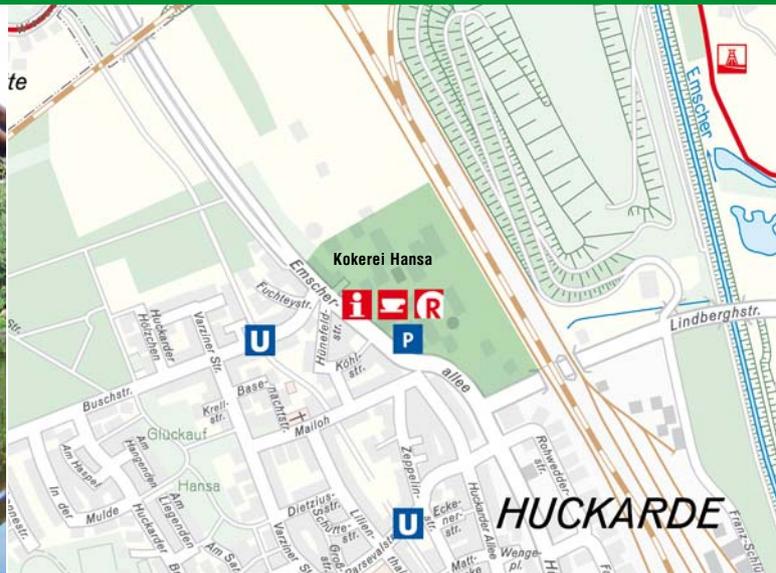
### 16 How a stream above a mining field was transformed into a nature protection area ...

The influence of coal mining on waterways in the Ruhrgebiet is strikingly demonstrated in the Lake Bever nature protection area in the district of Unna. The Bever stream used to wind its way gently through one of the largest areas of forest in the district. Nowadays this area consists of a ca. 9 ha. lake. The origins of the nature protection area go back to the building of the Datteln-Hamm canal, which was completed in 1914. In order to ensure that the Bever stream could still flow into the Lippe it was led beneath the canal through a sewer pipe. But then underground mining caused subsidence and the stream dammed up. The upshot was an almost 800 metre long and 180 metre wide lake with a depth of up to 7 metres. Even now pumps are put into action to prevent the lake from expanding further. Over the following decades the Lake Bever area has developed into a refuge for rare plants and animal species. Plants like the yellow pond lily cover the surface of the water which is humming with dragonflies and water insects. In 1979 the 100 ha. area comprising the lake and adjacent wide areas of woodland and meadows was put under a nature protection order. In 1981 a large part of the area was bought up by the Regionalverband Ruhr. Since then it has been responsible for protecting the natural environment from further human inter-



vention. A wide series of trails offers visitors the chance of experiencing this unusual landscape. A viewing platform on the south bank provides an ideal opportunity to observe cormorants, grey herons and a number of different species of ducks. Biologists have now established that there are more than 50 species of birds living in the nature protection area. These include a colourfully feathered kingfisher, a woodcock and a black woodpecker whose cry can be heard from far and wide. Migratory birds also love the lake because they can stop here before flying on to warmer regions.

**Address:** Werner Str. (next to house no. 293), 59192 Bergkamen  
**Info:** Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre - Haus Ripshorst  
**Tel.:** 0208/8833483 **E-Mail:** infozentrum-elp@rvr-online.de  
**Internet:** www.emscherlandschaftspark.de  
**Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; further offers at: www.uwz-westfalen.de  
**Entrances:** Werner Str., Hafenweg  
**Responsible body:** RVR, Essen  
**How to get there:** 🚗 A 1 Bremen/Köln exit (81) Hamm/ Bergkamen, and head for Lünen (L736) 🚌 from Bergkamen bus station, Regiobus R81 to 🚶 "Wichernstr." 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail, via a bridge (steps) linked to the Roman Trail  
**Barrier-free information:** main paths suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ an Industrial Nature Trail site



## 17 “Heavy Metal” and tranquil greenery

Somehow you get the feel that you can still hear the hammering deafening noise of the machines, smell the sulphur, see clouds of smoke rising into the air and hear the loud hiss of the coke being quenched. But in reality you can hear nothing other than birds twittering, frogs croaking and the buzzing of bees and wasps. If you take a walk, with a bit of luck you will also catch sight of kestrels and wrens flying between exotic plants from all over the world. The Hansa coking plant is matchless in the Emscher Landscape Park in that it embodies the unique beauty of industrial nature. In the past it was dominated by the sound of “heavy metal”. Nowadays it is covered in greenery: birch trees, ferns, butterfly bushes, hops and even orchids flourish between the rusty railway lines, blast furnaces and cooling ponds. Today the old machines are slumbering peacefully, but this was not always the case. Hansa went into production in 1928 as one of 17 major coking plants in the region. In 1941 it was the largest in the Ruhrgebiet. After being temporarily closed because of war damage it was revived in the 1950s to become one of Europe's most productive coking plants. At peak periods up to 5,000 tons of coke were produced here every day. Until its closure in 1992 it was an important part of Dortmund's integrated industrial eco-

nomy. In 1991 the workshop buildings, built in 1903, were listed. Now the “old forge” is an established community and event centre. In 1997 the Foundation for the Preservation of Industrial Monuments and Historical Culture of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia set up its headquarters in the former administrative building. Guided tours lead visitors through the impressive compressor house, along a path through the green wilderness and up to the coal tower with a fantastic view over the city of Dortmund.

**Address:** Emscherallee 11, 44369 Dortmund **Info:** Foundation for the Preservation of Industrial Monuments and Historical Culture **Tel.:** 0231/93112233 **E-Mail:** info@industriedenkmal-stiftung.de **Internet:** www.industriedenkmal-stiftung.de  
**Opening hours:** April to Oct. Tue-Sun 10-18, Nov. to March Tue-Sun 10-16, some areas only on guided tours **Offers:** s. website; guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; Kiosk, WC, bike hire **Responsible body:** see above **How to get there:** A 45 Hagen/Dortmund exit (4) Dortmund Hafen, and head for Do-Huckarde (K16), then take the L609 in the direction of Do-Mengede from DO Hbf, U47 to “Parseval-” or “Buschstr.” Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** site only partially suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ an anchor point on the Industrial Heritage and Industrial Nature Trails

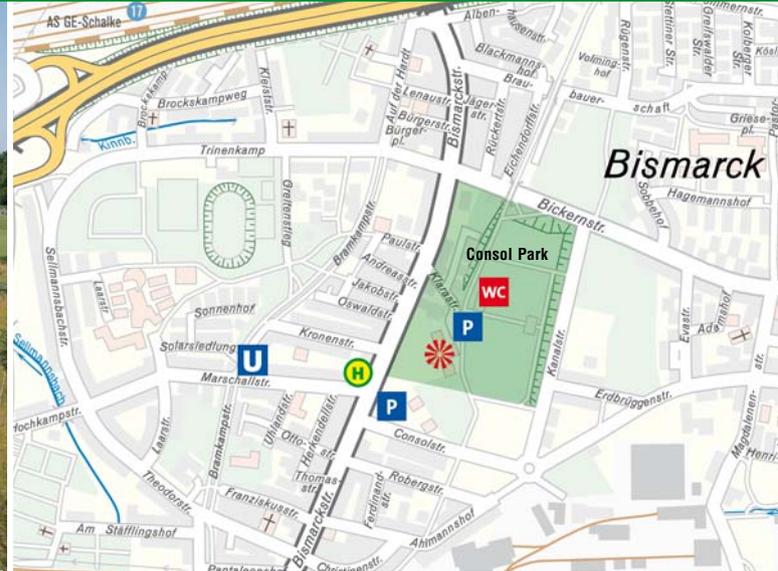


## 18 Living Ruhr culture, something for everyone!

In 1988 the Krupp empire inherited an empty industrial site directly adjacent to the inner-city area in Bochum. This is now the site of the West Park, a recreation area where people can sunbathe, exercise, stroll along the areas of water, listen to concerts and visit exhibitions. The highlight of this green oasis in the midst of the city is surely the Hall of the Century: a Cathedral of Industry in the literal sense of the word. It was designed in 1902 as an exhibition building for the “Bochum Mining and Cast Steel company” to show their products at the Dusseldorf Industry and Trade Fair. One of the conditions was that it was possible to construct and dismantle it on site. The hall was constructed as a three-aisled basilica. It consisted of an interior steel construction clothed in neo-Gothic exterior with a bell tower made of plaster. At the end of the trade fair the steel construction was dismantled and rebuilt without any adornments on the company's site in Bochum. In the following years it was used for various purposes. Nowadays the Hall of the Century is the main venue of the RuhrTriennale, an international festival of contemporary theatre and music productions. The Hall is surrounded by the West Park. The three levels of the terraced park are linked by new bridges, steps and paths. One of the most impressive elements is the bridge

curving over Gahlensche Straße, the starting point for a panorama journey along the old ore railway track – now a cycle trail – to the Grimberg harbour in Gelsenkirchen. In the evening the paths, trees, bridges, pipelines and buildings are bathed in an atmospheric glow.

**Address:** An der Jahrhunderthalle, 44793 Bochum **Info:** RUHR. INFOLOUNGE Bochum **Tel.:** 0234/3693111 **E-Mail:** info@jahrhunderthalle-bochum.de **Internet:** www.jahrhunderthalle-bochum.de **Opening hours:** April to Sept. Tue-Sun 11-18, Oct. to March Tue-Fri 12-17, Sat-Sun 11-18; park open day and night **Offers:** guided tours of the Hall: Bochum Marketing GmbH, Tel.: 0234/3693-215 or -226, guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; further offers see: www.jahrhunderthalle-bochum.de; café, WC, bike hire **Entrances:** Allee-/Gahlensche Str. **Responsible body:** Town of Bochum **How to get there:** 🚗 A 40 Dortmund/Essex exit (32) Bochum-Stahlhausen, and follow the signs 🚗 from Bochum Hbf, tram 302 or 310 to U “Bochumer Verein/Jahrhunderthalle” 🚲 via the Ore Railway Trail link to the Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** park and hall suitable for wheeled vehicles, handicapped toilet and parking lots ★ Hall of the Century and illuminated Industrial Waterworld; an Industrial Heritage and Industrial Nature Trail site



## 19 Where miners encounter young artists

In 2003 the people in the Gelsenkirchen district of Bismarck reclaimed an important local site previously reserved for mining activities and heavy labour. The Consolidation colliery 3/4/9 was in operation right into the 1990s before the pithead wheels ground to a halt. Nowadays the site is dominated by sport and games and contains areas of grass, rollerblade areas, and courts for beach volleyball, basketball and rollerblade hockey, not forgetting - of course - football pitches. Dense rows of trees shield the park from the surrounding housing estates, giving it the impression of a green island. The old pit railway has been turned into a footpath and cycle trail. The park is linked with the Emscher Park Cycle Trail via the Ore Railway Trail. The pithead gear of shaft 9 rises into the heavens to a height of 53 metres - a symbol of the district and a landmark on the southwest of the site. Along with its two engine houses the colliery is one of the sites belonging to the Foundation for the Preservation of Industrial Monuments and Historical Culture. Europe's largest working steam-pressure hoisting gear in the South House is a must-see. Ex miners from the Consolidation Colliery Initiative Group have joined forces on an honorary basis to ensure that the machinery is conserved and protected, and to offer guided tours. The North House

contains an artistic installation consisting of relics from the everyday world of mining. At night the pithead gear is illuminated by an installation entitled "Consol Gelb" (Consol Yellow) by Günter Dohr. It refers to the "thousand fires" which once lit up the sky above the Ruhr. Nowadays the Consol Park is a major address for young people's culture in the Ruhrgebiet. It not only contains a prize-winning theatre but also rehearsal rooms for bands in the buildings attached to shaft 4.

**Address:** Bismarckstr., 45889 Gelsenkirchen **Info:** Town of Gelsenkirchen, culture dept. **Tel.:** 0209/1699106 **E-Mail:** referat.kultur@gelsenkirchen.de **Internet:** www.kulturgebiet-consol.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** guided tours, events see: www.kulturgebiet-consol.de; **WC Entrances:** Bismarck-, Consol-, Bickern- and Kanalstr. **Responsible body:** Town of Gelsenkirchen **How to get there:** A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (18) GE-Bismarck and head in the direction of the old colliery site from Gelsenkirchen Hbf, tram 301 to **U** "Bergwerk Consolidation"; from Wanne-Eickel Hbf by bus 384 to **H** "Marschallstr." on the former goods railway track and the Ore Railway Trail link to the Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** Park accessible to wheeled vehicles via Klarastr. car park light installation "Consol Yellow" by Günter Dohr; an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 20 Like being in a Sci-Fi Film

The site of the former Rheinelbe colliery in the Gelsenkirchen district of Ückendorf is a wild area full of power, and dominated by nature and art. The artistic features on the site, which fell into disuse at the end of the 1920s, are the work of the Recklinghausen environment artist, Herman Prigann. Using material quarried from local heavy industry and the natural environment he has created a bizarre series of sculptures and scattered them amidst the wilderness of an industrial woodland that has been left to proliferate at will over the past few decades. Heavy tree trunks, timber from railway sleepers, gravel and slag, lumps of iron and concrete are just some of the objects he has refashioned into doorways, stone circles, containers and towers reminiscent of archaic cult sites. The place, the material and the forms are all palpable symbols of the end of the industrial age: and simultaneously, of the forceful return of nature. The spoil tip in the south of the area contains a particularly extraordinary feature. On the climb to the top of the 35 metre tip, the wood ends abruptly half way up and the view opens out onto a completely different landscape: a grey cone-shaped hill utterly devoid of vegetation whose peak is throned by a gigantic sculpture. Three paths wind up to the top in a spiral. The final few metres of the journey consist of

a so-called "Himmelstreppe" (Sky Stairs). Somehow you feel as if you have landed in the midst of an apocalyptic sci-fi film. But the place is not only worth a visit for people with colourful imaginations. Nature lovers also get their money's worth. Thanks to the constantly shifting earth, hazardous gullies and brims of soil have been created. A forestry officer conducts guided tours of the site, which is part of a Ruhrgebiet project on industrial woodlands, now consisting of 17 sites. The forester's lodge, a former electricity transformer station, is not only a further education centre, it is also used for events.

**Address:** Leitestr., 45886 Gelsenkirchen **Info:** forestry station Rheinelbe **Tel.:** 0209/1474844 **Internet:** www.wald-und-holz.nrw.de **Opening hours:** tip/sculpture wood open day and night; forester's lodge by arrangement **Offers:** guided tours, theme walks, exhibitions; guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; WC **Entrances:** Leithe- and Virchowstr. **Responsible body:** spoil tip: RVR, Essen **How to get there:** A 40 Essen/Dortmund exit (28) Gelsenkirchen, take the B227 and head towards the town centre to Rhein- elbestr. from Gelsenkirchen Hbf, bus 389 to "Virchow- str." or "Halfmannsweg" Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier- free information:** handicapped toilet in the forester's lodge ★ "Spiral Hill with Sky Stairs", "Sculpture Wood" by Herman Prigann; an Industrial Heritage and Industrial Nature Trail site



## 21 Two hills - one man-made landscape

Genuine hills are a rarity in the Ruhrgebiet. The 80 metre high Mechtenberg on the borders of Gelsenkirchen, Essen and Bochum is one of the few. It is made up of ice age rock and since 1900 its peak has been crowned by the Bismarck tower, which was originally surrounded by a small grove of trees. Here – and this is typical of the Emscher region – you can find farmland and areas of land shaped by industry side-by-side at close quarters. At the start of the 1990s a new project was set up to preserve the agricultural areas and at the same time to develop a recreational area near to the housing estates. Today the park offers an all the year round spectacle of agricultural areas, orchards, green boulevards and woodland in an ever-changing mixture of shapes and colours. Something new appears at all times of the year: rape seed blossoms in April, fruit blossoms in May, ears of corn in June ... it is particularly beautiful in late summer when the goldenrods are blossoming. If you feel like a cup of coffee and a slice of home-made cake all you have to do is return to the farmhouse on the Mechtenberg. The old stables now house a shop where you can buy farm produce or simply relax in a cosy atmosphere over a genuine homemade cake whilst the children play outside in the petting zoo. The landscape park offers smooth paths for wal-

kers and cyclists. The Emscher Park Cycle Trail runs right through the middle, forming a link to the Rheinelbe Sculpture Wood and the spiral paths on the hill to the “Sky Stairs”. The architectural highlight is a filigree steel bridge over the B227 road designed by Frei Otto. The site was further developed for the European Capital of Culture programme under the title “Two Hills – One Man-Made Landscape”. The aim is to unite agricultural areas and disused industrial sites, nature and art, the beautiful with the useful.

**Address:** Am Mechtenberg, 45309 Essen **Info:** Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre – Haus Ripshorst **Tel.:** 0208/8833483 **E-Mail:** infozentrum-el@rvr-online.de **Internet:** www.emscherlandschaftspark.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; for further offers see www.bauerbuddle.de, café, WC **Entrances:** incl. Am Mechtenberg, Essen; Hattinger Str. and Nattmannsweg, Gelsenkirchen **Responsible bodies:** Bo, Essen, GE, RVR **How to get there:**  A 40 Essen/Dortmund exit (28) Gelsenkirchen, take the Hattinger Str. (B227) and head for the town centre  from Gelsenkirchen Hbf, bus 389 to  “Nattmannsweg”  Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** park paths suitable for wheeled vehicles ★ an Industrial Nature Trail site



## 22 An exciting framework for the Eiffel Tower of the Ruhrgebiet

The 55 metre high twin pithead gear in the Zollverein mining complex in Essen is already a cult. Some even call it the “most beautiful colliery in the world”. After the pit went into production in 1932 up to 13,000 tons of coal were mined here every day and the workforce numbered over 5,000. The cubic colliery buildings, designed by Fritz Schupp and Martin Kremmer, have severely geometrical facades made up of strips of steel, red brick and glass. The adjacent coking plant was built 30 years later in a similar style. The colliery closed in 1986, and the coking plant in 1993. In 2002 the site was inscribed into the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites. Nowadays it is buzzing with life once more; full of art, culture and creative activities. The permanent exhibition in the brand new Ruhr Museum in the former coal washing plant, is impressive for its unique blend of natural and cultural history. The red dot design museum in the boiler house contains the world’s largest collection of contemporary design. Avant-garde dance artists meet up in PACT Zollverein, the former miners’ baths. But what would such a busy area be without a framework? New paths for walkers, joggers and cyclists surround the site, which includes play areas and is dotted with contrasting laid out green areas and jungle-like industrial woodland. Visitors

are constantly confronted with important artistic works, both inside and out. At night a large-scale illumination on the outside wall of the coking plant entitled “Monochromatic Red and Blue” is particularly worth a look.

**Address:** Gelsenkirchener Str. 181, 45309 Essen **Info:** RUHR. VISITORCENTER Essen **Tel.:** 0201/246810 **E-Mail:** info@zollverein.de **Internet:** www.zollverein.de **Offers:** all the year round programme of events; guided tours of industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; gastronomy, WC, bike hire **Opening hours:** visitor centre: daily 10-18; park open day and night **Entrances:** incl. Fritz-Schupp-Allee (South), Bullmannaue (North), Ahrendahls Wiese (Middle) **Responsible body:** Zollverein Foundation **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (15) Gelsenkirchen-Heßler, head for Essen-Katernberg or A 40 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (26) Essen-Frillendorf, head for Essen-Stoppenberg, and follow the signs 🚗 from Essen Hbf/Gelsenkirchen Hbf, tram 107 to 🚏 “Zollverein”; bus 183 to 🚏 “Kohlenwäsche” or “Kokerei”; 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** visitor centre and park accessible to wheeled vehicles; the coal mixing plant can only be visited on a guided tour, handicapped toilet and parking lots ★ a large number of artworks; an anchor point on the Industrial Heritage and Industrial Nature Trails

# The Garden of Memories

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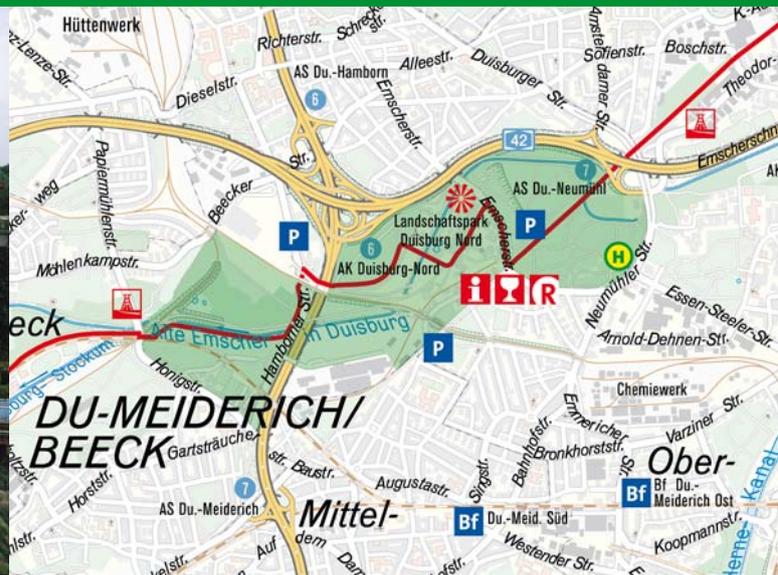


## 23 Where there's a monument to bread

The Duisburg Inner Harbour was once Europe's largest loading and unloading point for cereals. Known as the "breadbasket of the Ruhrgebiet" it was a vital and, in retrospect, historic location. Now the harbour is a lively, modern site comprising residential units, offices, artistic venues and recreational areas. But it has not forgotten its history. A park has been created on the boundary between the old city centre and the harbour. Designed in the form of a shadowy outline of the plan of a sickle-shaped office complex on the other side of the harbour stands the "Garden of Memories" by the Israeli architect Dani Karavan. The garden is both a conscious break with the usual features of an urban green space and an unusual memorial to the old harbour. The storage houses and warehouses were cored down to their bearing frames and some of the buildings demolished right down to the staircase. Low concrete walls mark the outlines of the demolished buildings. Like the remaining buildings they have been painted snow white. Between them can be seen clearly outlined areas of grass and a few trees placed in such a way that they could be sculptures. Three high beds of earth planted with cereals appropriate to the seasons remind visitors of the former function of the inner harbour. A wavy lawn symbolises the movement of the water.

The Jewish community centre fans out to the garden like a book. The new building is situated not far from the old synagogue, erected in 1874 and destroyed during the pogrom night in 1938. The return of the Jewish community means that an important part of the cultural history of old Duisburg is now being continued. Catholic and Protestant churches can also be found in the immediate neighbourhood. Opposite the synagogue lies the Yitzhak Rabin Square, which was inaugurated by Lea Rabin, the widow of the murdered Israeli President. A particular attraction is the prize-winning "hump backed bridge" leading from the park to the other side of the harbour.

**Address:** Philosophenweg, 47051 Duisburg **Info:** Town of Duisburg, dept. of urban development and project management **Tel.:** 0203/3055111 **E-Mail:** info@id-eg.de **Internet:** www.innenhafen-duisburg.de **Opening hours:** open day and night **Offers:** guided tours VHS Duisburg, Tel.: 0203/2832206 **Entrances:** Philosophenweg, Springwall, Uferstr. **Responsible body:** Town of Duisburg **How to get there:** 🚗 A 59 Düsseldorf/Wesel exit (10) Duisburg-Duissern and follow the signs in the direction of the "Innenhafen" 🚗 from Duisburg Hbf, bus 934 to 🚏 "Hansegracht" 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** garden mostly accessible to wheeled vehicles ★ an Industrial Heritage Trail site



## 24 The Mega-Multi-Maxi-Park

It is an indescribable feeling when you enter the site in north Duisburg for the first time: a feeling of awe at the size of the gigantic industrial buildings, huge pieces of machinery and endless pipelines, with the 70 meter high "Blast Furnace 5" towering above them into the heavens. That said, an atmosphere of soothing tranquillity lies over the old ironworks. This raw charm is the result of an incredible history. Ironmaking at the Thyssen blast furnace plant in the Duisburg district of Meiderich ceased in 1985. Today visitors who climb the platform of the blast furnace can only gaze in awe at how the 200 ha. industrial site has been transformed into a unique recreational area for young and old alike. Every year around 700.000 people visit the park. Here you can put aside your conventional ideas about what an urban park should look like. For every visit is a journey of discovery through industrial heritage and industrial nature – through wild vegetation and carefully laid gardens, along old railway tracks, inside former bunkers and gasometers, gigantic production buildings and engine houses, with plants and trees growing amid the confusion of rusty frames, pipelines and boilers. Visitors can explore the park on foot or by bike; alone or on a group guided tour. It's also a huge adventure playground for the kids. There are playgrounds

and a huge pipe slide leading down through two ore bunkers, as well as areas for in-line skaters, scuba divers and would-be mountaineers. In addition there are regular concerts, theatre shows and open-air film presentations. After dark the atmosphere turns romantic when a huge illumination bathes the blast furnaces in a swathe of colour. Entrance to the park is free of charge and it is open day and night. Overnight accommodation is available in the youth hostel which used to be the old administration building.

**Address:** Emscherstr. 71, 47137 Duisburg **Info:** Tour de Ruhr visitor centre **Tel.:** 0203/4291919 **E-Mail:** counter@tour-de-ruhr.de **Internet:** www.landschaftspark.de **Offers:** annual programme of events; guided tours of the industrial nature, Tel.: 0208/8833483, Haus Ripshorst; gastronomy, WC, bike hire **Opening hours:** visitor centre Mon-Fri 9-18, Sat-Sun 11-18; park open day and night **Entrances:** Emscherstr. and from the various districts **Responsible body:** Town of Duisburg **How to get there:** 🚗 A 42 Duisburg/Dortmund exit (7) DU-Neumühl, and follow the signs 🚊 from Duisburg Hbf, tram 903, to 🚶 "Landschaftspark Nord" 🚲 Emscher Park Cycle Trail **Barrier-free information:** only partially suitable for wheeled vehicles; handicapped toilets and parking lots ★ light installation by Jonathan Park; an anchor point along the Industrial Heritage and Industrial Nature Trails

# Service information

## On the road in the Emscher Landscape Park

### ...on foot

You can book expert guided-tours to the various venues along the Industrial Nature Trail at:

#### The Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre –

##### Haus Ripshorst

Ripshorster Str. 306

46117 Oberhausen

Tel.: 0208/8833483

E-Mail: infozentrum-elp@rvr-online.de

www.industrienatur.metropoleruhr.de

Opening hours: Tue-Sun/public holidays

March to Oct. 10-18

Nov. to Feb. 10-17

Christmas/New Year, please enquire

### ...by bike

#### Reservations at the RevierRad headquarters in Mülheim.

Bikes may be borrowed at the following points, amongst others:

#### RevierRad-Station – HQ - Central Station

Dieter-aus-dem-Siepen-Platz 3

45468 Mülheim an der Ruhr

Tel.: 0208/8485720, Mon-Fri 8-17

E-Mail: zentrale@revierrad.de

www.revierrad.de

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5.30-22.30

Sat, Sun and public holidays 8-18.30

#### RevierRad-Station

##### North Duisburg Landscape Park

Information - Hauptschalthaus

Emscherstr. 71, 45137 Duisburg

#### Radstation central station

Kammerstr. 3

47057 Duisburg

#### RevierRad-Station

##### Emscher Landscape Park Information Centre – Haus Ripshorst

Ripshorster Str. 306

46117 Oberhausen

#### Radstation

##### Mülheim-Styrum railway station

Hauskampstr. 14

45476 Mülheim an der Ruhr

#### Radstation central station

Am Hautbahnhof 1

46236 Bottrop

#### Radstation central bus station

Berliner Platz 10

46236 Bottrop

#### RevierRad-Station

##### World Heritage Zollverein

Gelsenkirchener Str. 181

45309 Essen

#### RevierRad-Station

##### in the old wages house

##### of the Bonifacius pit

Rotthauser Str. 40

45309 Essen

#### RevierRad-Station in the Nordstern Park

Am Bugapark 1

45899 Gelsenkirchen

#### RevierRad-Station

##### The Recklinghausen Transformer Plant

Uferstr. 2-4

45663 Recklinghausen

#### RevierRad-Station

##### Hall of the Century Bochum

An der Jahrhunderthalle 1

44793 Bochum

#### RevierRad-Station Hansa Coking Plant

Emscherallee 11

44369 Dortmund

#### Radstation railway station

Bahnhofsvorplatz 70

44532 Lünen

#### Radstation railway station

Am Bahnhof 2

59368 Werne

#### Radstation railway station

Am Bahnhof 1

59174 Kamen

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MS Nostalgie

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Hardenbergufer 379

45239 Essen

Tel.: 0201/185799-0

www.flotte-essen.de

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Tel.: 02381/469592

www.santamonika3.de

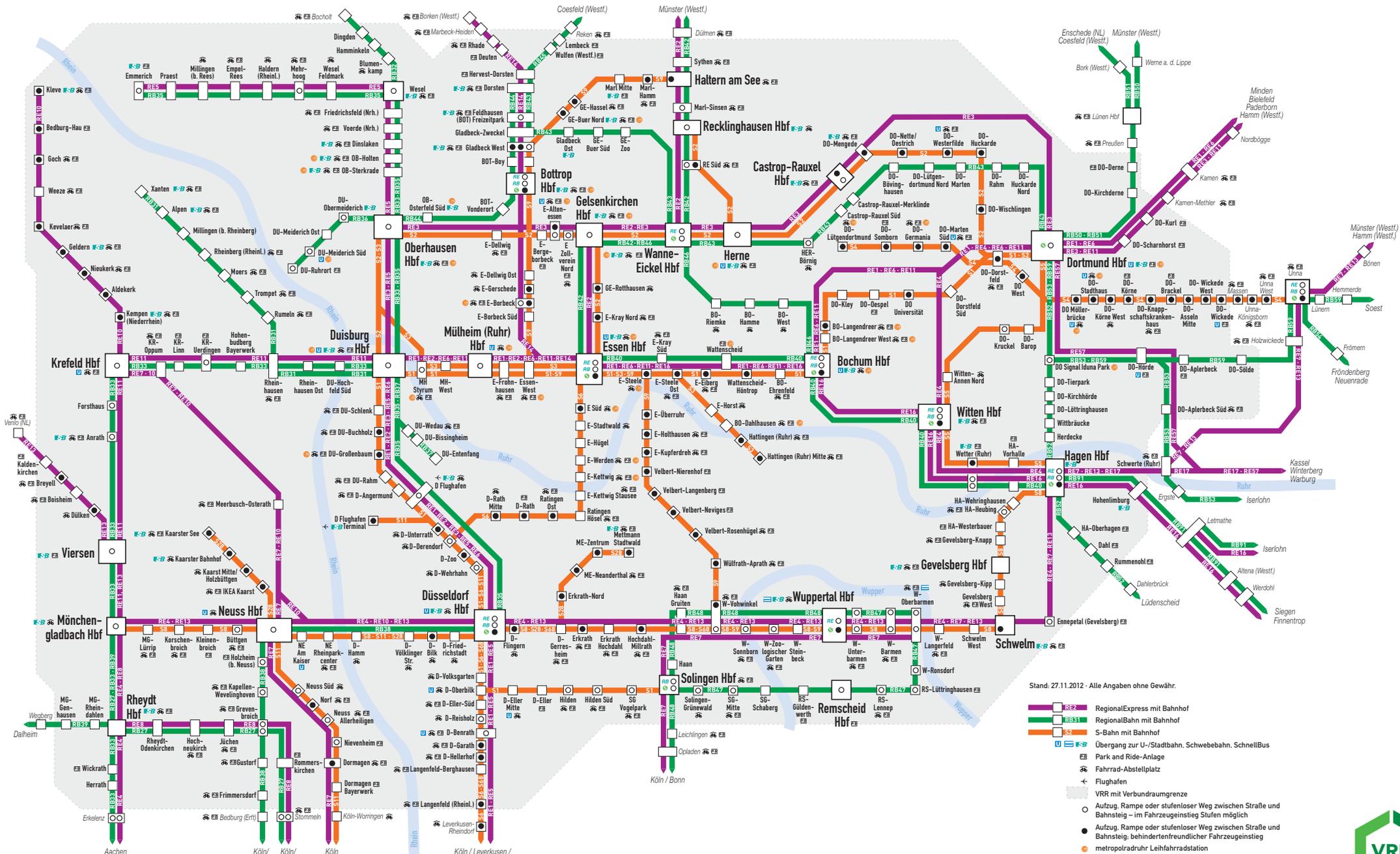
You can get further information on the Emscher Landscape Park at: [www.emscherlandschaftspark.de](http://www.emscherlandschaftspark.de)

Here, their detailed project databank will give you descriptions of over 450 measures that have either been realised or are still at the planning stage.

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