

The Königsstuhl National Park Centre

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Exhibition
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Project

In the summer of 2003, having taken part in a tender, Hüttinger was awarded the contract for completing the interior furnishings, including AV equipment, fabricating hands-on models, and planning and implementing an interactive exhibition. The exhibition was opened to the public in march 2004.





Project outline

With its 976 km², Rügen is Germany's largest island, 15,400 hectares being woodland. A total of 574 km form the coast line, 56 km of which are pure sandy beach. The Ilse of Rügen is made up of several peninsulas. The Jasmund peninsula situated in the north, is one of the most densely wooded areas and contains the Jasmund National Park. White chalk cliffs, forming the striking coast line, green unspoilt beech wood and a blue sea are the lasting impressions of widely contrasting scenery on this peninsula.

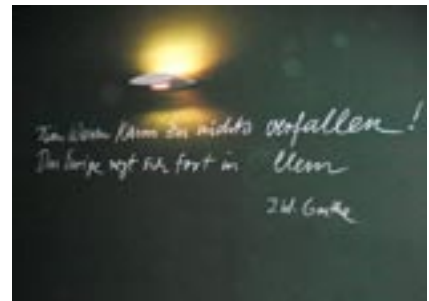
The Jasmund National Park, with its 3003 hectares Germany's smallest, takes up a large part of the peninsula. In addition to 2123 hectares of woodland there are another 673 hectares of Baltic Sea coast. The remaining areas are marshland, moors and meadows.

The Königsstuhl with its famous chalk cliffs is considered a special centre of attraction. In its immediate vicinity, housed in a historic building, there is an experience exhibition, a unique exhibition in Germany in terms of its concept. The visitors are given an understanding of the secrets of the "wild" nature. In a tour lasting 90 minutes, the visitors are taken from the Cretaceous period – 69,000,000 years ago – past a real iceberg, which can be experienced with all one's senses. After the glaciers had melted away, a landscape was formed that is characteristic of the national park – with its unique flora and fauna – on the peninsula to this day. Staged in a fascinating way and told intermingled with myths, visitors experience things worth knowing in the individual rooms. In particular families with children can have quite a few experiences. The mascots "mouse" and "raven" are designed especially for children giving them information suitable for this age group and fostering, thus, an awareness of the natural environment in the coming generations.



The building

The building, at the Königsstuhl, has a long history, dating back 170 years. It was built in 1835, serving for almost 100 years as an inn and later as a hotel. In the years 1945 – 1989, it served as a military hospital, then the Russian Army, and later the armed forces of the GDR. Only after the collapse of the Communist regime, and after the dissolution of East Germany, in 1990, plans were developed by the WWF Germany for an innovative concept of a Visitor Centre.





The exhibition

Travel through time

The Cretaceous period 69,000,000 years ago

The Ice Age 20,000 years ago

The Baltic Sea

Surf and chalk cliff

Life beneath the Earth

Microscopic life

Water cycle and fresh-water world

Beech trees and beech forest

Forces of nature

Time pendulum

Nature throughout the seasons



The travel through time

Within 1.5 hours, the visitors, travelling in a lift, are taken back 69,000,000 years.



The Ice Age 20,000 years ago

The central element of the Ice Age is a real iceberg. The latter will constantly change its outer appearance, and, thus, bring a piece of reality into the exhibition.



The Baltic Sea

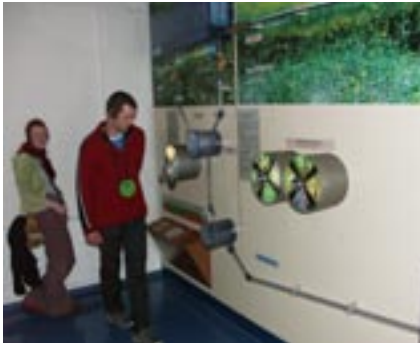
Thanks to staging in an entertaining way, visitors are enthralled by the underwater habitat of the Baltic Sea, where indigenous animals and plants give a fascinating insight.





The water cycle and life in the fresh-water world

The multifarious forms of life in the water and at the water's edge which have conquered this environment



The beech forest

The Jasmund National Park is marked by its beech forests. At all times of the year there are many different things to be discovered.



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