

National Park Exhibit DonAuräume



Come visit us to learn more about the fascinating world of the Danube wetlands. In our hands-on "DonAuräume" exhibit, National Park rangers will accompany you through the history and creation of this unique riverine landscape.

In the Baroque "Au-Theatre", take a journey back in time and shape your own wetlands landscape. Walk across an aerial view map as big as a room to discover the many exciting sights of the region. And listen for the siren songs of the Danube mermaids!

DonAuräume Guided Tours & Schlossinsel Tours

National Park rangers act as guides on the "DonAuräume" exhibit tour. The Schlossinsel and exhibitions in the castle's tower may be visited without a guide.

Daily, during opening hours. Tours start at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The exhibit may ONLY be visited as part of a guided tour. **Prior reservations are not required.**

- T** schlossORTH National Park Centre foyer
- V** Duration: approx. 2½ hours
- €** Adults: € 9.90
Children and teens up to 19 years, students (up to 27 years) and apprentices: € 5.50
Seniors: € 8.90
Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children): € 20
Season Pass: € 19
Family Season Pass: € 39

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Discounts available for: "Aktiv plus" senior card, Bratislava Card, Club Ö1, Emy Children's Club, IKEA Family Card, Neusiedlersee Card, Lower Austrian pass (Niederösterreich CARD) and Styrian Family passes, VIP Club Philatelie

Celebrations & Events at Schloss Orth

Every year, events and celebrations are held on Schloss Orth grounds, courtyard and the Schlossinsel. The Spring Festival features alternating stations showing the diversity of the Danube wetlands plant and animal kingdom. Children can explore hands on the mystery of the riparian forest with arts and crafts projects and games. And the shows put on by National Park rangers allow both young and old to participate in the fun!
The traditional Danube Festival at the end of the summer features music, dances and culinary delights from all Danube regions. Each year, a different Danube region hosts the festival in order to encourage collaboration and exchange among the various conservation areas along the Danube. A children's programme with many exciting nature stations will keep the youngest visitors captivated.

For more information and current dates for **National Park festivals:** www.donauauen.at

museumORTH – Life on the River

As a gateway to the past, museumORTH focuses on historic ways of

life and culture in the Danube region.



21 March – 30 September: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
1 October – 1 November: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- €** Adults: € 6
Children and teens up to 19 years, students (up to 27 years) and apprentices: € 5
Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children): € 13
Season Pass: € 10
Family Season Pass: € 20

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Event Facilities

Facilities in the museum's west wing may be booked throughout the year for various types of events.

Event Centre Orth/Donau:
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e-mail: info@orth.at, www.orth.at

schlossORTH National Park Centre Opening Hours

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1 October – 1 November: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for winter from 2 November to 20 March.
For enquiries and bookings by phone: Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Directions:

- By car: take the B3
- By public transportation: take the Post Bus from Vienna/Kagran (Tel. +43(0) 1/71101)
- By shared taxi: from Gross-Enzersdorf ("Sammeltaxi AST", Tel. +43(0) 810 810 278); or from Orth ("Sammeltaxi Orth", Tel. +43(0) 676/7042 4408)
- On bicycle: take the "Donauradweg" (Danube Cycling Path); junction only 5 minutes away

The Gate to the Danube Wetlands

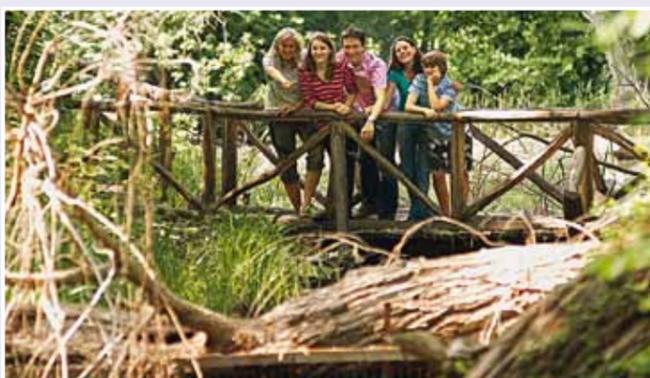
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The Schlossinsel Wetlands Grounds

Tour the Schlossinsel grounds and discover up close flora and fauna characteristic of the wetlands, including the European Pond Turtle, snakes, frogs, insects and ground squirrels. The walk-in underwater observatory makes it possible to glimpse the huge variety of aquatic life in a Danube backwater.



There are many places to sit, relax and relish the idyllic atmosphere. Take time to explore and enjoy this compact version of a wetlands landscape – the experience is sure to whet your appetite for more. For children, the Schlossinsel features a suspension bridge, a short nature path, and an oversized bird's nest to play in.



Explore the Schlossinsel (without a guide)

- V** Duration: approx. 1 hour
- €** Adults: € 4
Children and teens up to 19 years, students (up to 27 years) and apprentices: € 3
Groups (10 or more): € 3 per person
Family Pass: € 8
Season Pass: € 9
Family Season Pass: € 18

The Austrian National Forests (ÖBF) have put the Schlossinsel grounds at our disposal at no cost.



The Schlossinsel Wetlands Experience (Guided Tour)

Explore the Schlossinsel with National Park rangers and learn many interesting things about the flora and fauna of the wetlands.

Sundays and holidays starting at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.



- V** Duration: approx. 1½ hours
- €** Adults: € 6
Children and teens up to 19 years, students (up to 27 years) and apprentices: € 4
Visitors with Lower Austrian pass (Niederösterreich CARD): € 2

Reservations are not required.

Guided tours on specific topics such as "native birds" (blackbird, thrush, finch, or starling) or the "wetlands chemist" take place on a monthly basis. For more information, please visit www.donauauen.at.

Please keep in mind that dogs are not allowed on the Schlossinsel or in the exhibit "DonAuräume".

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Welcome to the schlossORTH National Park Centre!

Orth Castle, or Schloss Orth, looks back on a long and rich history. Built in the 12th century as a medieval moated castle and opulently fitted out in Renaissance style in the 16th century, Schloss Orth was also one of Crown Prince Rudolph's favourite hunting grounds. The castle was used for a long time for agricultural purposes until its conversion in 1957 to a museum. Its grand re-opening to the public took place in 2005 after extensive refurbishment and retrofitting.

Since then, Schloss Orth has been home to the National Park Visitor Centre, the museumORTH, and the Event Centre of Orth/Donau.

We look forward to welcoming you here!



The castle courtyard features a monument in the form of a life-sized sturgeon.



The lookout point on the tower is the ideal place to get to know Orth's storks and to visit the temporary exhibitions.



A miniature version of the wetlands can be visited on the Schlossinsel.



The Schloss Café offers a variety of delicious snacks and refreshments.



The Event Centre offers ample space for all types of events such as seminars, concerts, parties and even weddings.



The museumORTH offers interesting information about the history of Schloss Orth and life on the river.



The "DonAUräume" exhibit (note: the exhibit's name is a play on words combining "Danube Spaces" with "Au", the German word for wetlands) will make you want to get out and explore nature in the National Park.



The National Park Centre is the main information and booking point for excursions and tours.

Only 15 km from Vienna city limits!