

HIKING IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

TIP 1: Circular hiking trail

Length: 6.5 km | Duration: approx. 2.5 hours

You hike from Vogelsang IP across the wide „Dreiborner Hochfläche“ to the deserted village of Wollseifen, the former Eifel village that was cleared in 1946. In the former village school, you will learn details about the history and fate of the village. The way back leads through the „Neffgesbachtal“ via the Wilderness Trail back to Vogelsang IP. The circular trail can also be accessed from the Walberhof car park.

TIP 2: Vogelsang IP - Wollseifen - Einruhr

Length: 8.4 km | Duration: approx. 2.5 hours

Take the Wilderness Trail from Vogelsang IP through the „Neffgesbachtal“ Valley to the deserted Eifel village of Wollseifen. The trail then leads over the Dreiborn plateau directly down to the dreamy climatic health resort of Einruhr am Obersee. You can return to Vogelsang IP by bus on National Park route 63.

TIP 3: Vogelsang IP - Urtsee - Wollseifen

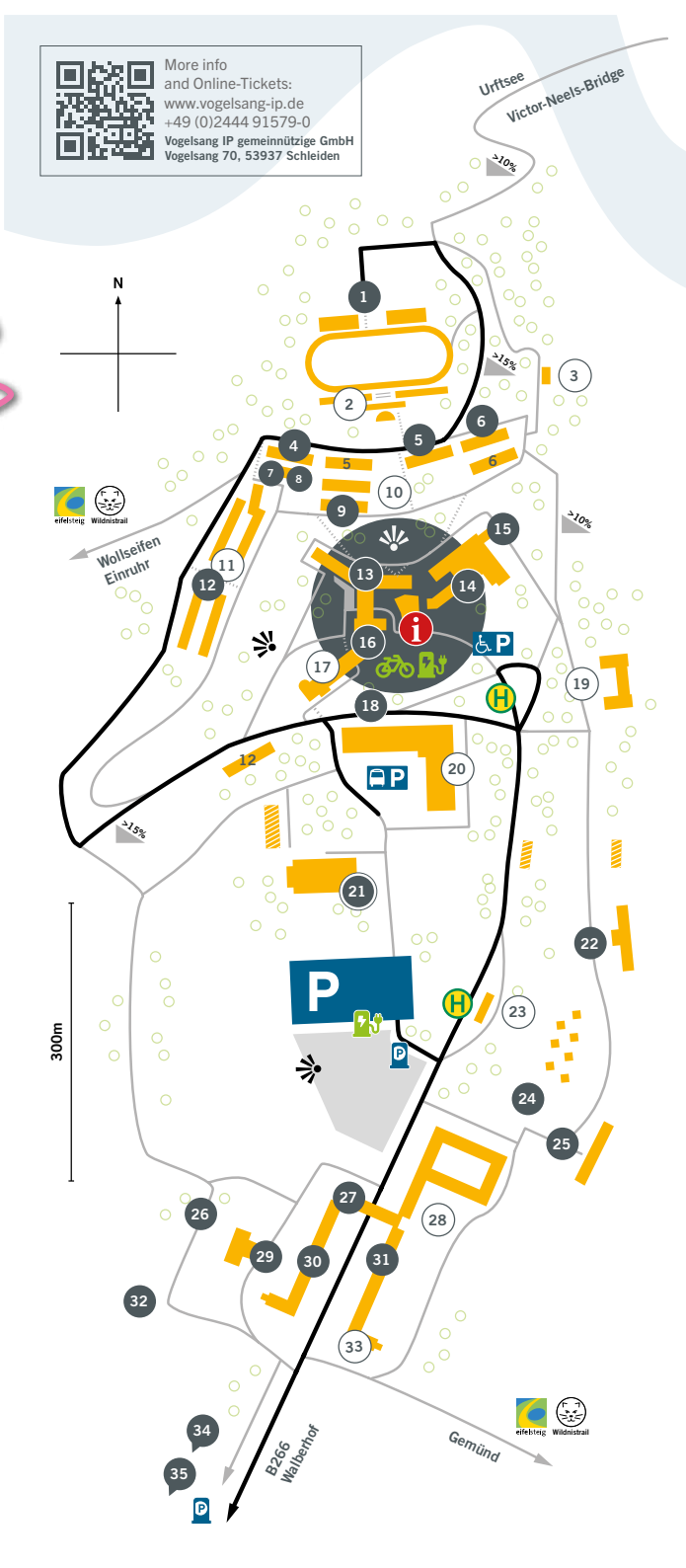
Length: 13 km | Duration: approx. 4 hours

Coming from Vogelsang IP over the Victor-Neels-Bridge, named after the former Belgian site commander, and along the Urtsee lake, the hiking trail leads to the „Urtstaumauer“. The excursion restaurant there invites you to take a break. The wilderness trail then leads up to the deserted Eifel village of Wollseifen and from there back to Vogelsang IP.

The shareholders of Vogelsang IP gemeinnützige GmbH are the Landschaftsverband Rheinland (LVR), the district of Euskirchen, the StädteRegion Aachen, the district of Düren, the town of Schleiden, the district of Heinsberg, and the German-speaking Community of Belgium.

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VOGELSANG IP

IN EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

- Swimming pool, sports ground and gymnasium
- Sportiereliefen „Thingstätte“
- „Fackelträger“
- Primbsch-Haus
- Rotkreuz-Museum
- K13 Das Gästehaus
- Seelsorge im Nationalpark Eifel und Vogelsang
- Seminarhaus Vogelsang 86
- NABEAR Naturschutz-Bildungshaus
- „Kameradschaftshäuser“
- „Hundertschaftshäuser“
- Hotel Vogelsang planned
- Panorama Restaurant
- Nationalpark-Zentrum Eifel (Administration)
- Tower
- Conference centre

VISITOR CENTRE
Exhibitions, Shop

- „Burgschänke“
- Coach arrival point
- Redoute, „Haus der weiblichen Angestellten“
- Belgian barracks „Van Dooren“, foundation wall from NS-planning as „House of knowledge“
- Belgium troop cinema Kulturkino Vogelsang IP
- Rotkreuz-Fluchthaus
- Belgian petrol station
- Neugrad
- Rotkreuz-Bildungshaus Transit 59
- Rotkreuz-Friedenspfad
- Deutscher Alpenverein – Sektion Eifel
- „Malakoff“
- Rotkreuz-Akademie Vogelsang IP planned
- AG Luftkriegsgeschichte Rhein/Mosel e.V.
- Opel Oldtimer Museum planned
- Eifel-Wohnmobilpark-Vogelsang
- Belgium chapel
- Refugee centre Schelde
- Astronomie-Werkstatt „Sterne ohne Grenzen“

- Historical use
- Current use // Exhibitions
- access road
- footpath
- stairs
- Parking meter

Good to know: Selected historic buildings will be visited during the guided tour.

#WeRememberEifel

Room of silence and remembrance.

The continuously growing exhibition #WeRememberEifel is dedicated to the life stories of the people who became victims of National Socialist tyranny in the region around the International Square Vogelsang.

It currently includes 41 biographies of people from Aachen, Gemünd, Euskirchen, Prüm, Plaidt, and other places who were persecuted by the Nazi regime for a wide variety of reasons.

The information on these biographies has been provided by school project groups, historical societies, remembrance culture initiatives, and private individuals.

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VOGELSANG IP IN EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

AT A GLANCE
HISTORY
EXHIBITIONS
GUIDED TOURS
HIKES

Diversity, tolerance, togetherness

INTERNATIONAL PLACE
VOGELSANG IP

THE HISTORY OF THE PLACE

Welcome to Vogelsang International Place – a historical site in the heart of the Eifel National Park. As one of the largest buildings of National Socialism the building complex is still an expression of the ideology which was characterised by arrogance and contempt for humanity and served to train young men to become leaders of the Nazi regime. In 1946, the British army set up a military training area around the site, which from 1950 was run by the Belgians as “Camp Vogelsang” and became a NATO military training area. Vogelsang does not only reflect the history of National Socialism, but also the geopolitical tensions of the ‘Cold War’ between East and West in the second half of the 20th century.

Vogelsang has been an International Place of Remembrance since 2006, that stands for peaceful coexistence, tolerance, dialogue and democracy. Visit us and find out more about the complex history of this unique place.

GUIDED TOURS

Guided tour of the site with background information on the origins of the former “NS Ordensburg” Vogelsang and insights into historic buildings.
Tickets online or at the visitor centre,
02444 91579-0 or info@vogelsang-ip.de.

Public guided tours

‘Vogelsang IP-The guided tour’ from March to Oct. daily, at 2 pm. Sat/Sun/Public holidays additionally at 11 a.m. From Nov to Feb Thu to Mo at 2 p.m.
In Dutch: May to Oct Saturdays at 2:15 p.m.
In English: July to August Sundays at 2:15 p.m.

Accompanied tower ascent

April to October daily at 1 p.m.
Sat./Sun./Holidays from 12 to 4 p.m. every hour.

Group tours and in-depth formats can also be booked individually in other languages.

NS-DOK PERMANENT EXHIBITION

To better understand how the greatest crimes in European history could occur, we must closely examine the people of that time, their beliefs, influences, and actions.

DETERMINATION. NS-ORDENBURGEN BETWEEN FASCINATION AND CRIME

In 11 chapters, the **handicapped accessible, multilingual permanent exhibition** tells the story of the former Nazi Order Castle Vogelsang using objects and multimedia source material. The place of remembrance is shown from different perspectives: Everyday life in the Ordensburg, motivation and lives of the course participants, perpetrators and accomplices of the Holocaust. The exhibition ends with questions that consciously reach beyond Nazi history and lead us into the present day.

EXPERIENCE EXHIBITION „DREAMS OF THE WILDERNESS“

In the 2,000-square-metre, **handicapped accessible and multilingual experience exhibition of the Eifel National Park Centre** appeals to all the senses. There is much to experience and learn about forests, water and wilderness, natural cycles and biological diversity, as well as the value of nature locally and worldwide. The exhibition is a special excursion for the whole family. Taxidermy of beaver and deer can be touched and the image-sound installation „Magic of the Wilderness“ will amaze young and old.

Public guided tours with the ranger

Sat./Sun./holidays at 2 p.m.,
themed tours and special exhibitions.

Group tours

To be arranged individually, also in combination with a hike, wishes regarding accessibility will be taken into account.

Bookable programmes for children and young people

Birthday celebrations in the exhibition with treasure hunt, age appropriate programmes for day-care centres and schools.

PANORAMA RESTAURANT VOGELSANG IP

- Open daily throughout the day with a stunning view of the Eifel National Park.
- Ideal before or after visiting the exhibition or taking part in a Vogelsang IP guided tour.
- Regional, sustainable specialties and seasonal dishes.
- Cakes and fine coffee specialties in a cozy atmosphere.
- Perfect for a short break with snacks, soups, and salads.
- Large sun terrace during the summer season.
- Barrier-free and family-friendly with a children's play area.
- Dogs are warmly welcome on a leash.
- Also exclusively bookable for private celebrations and business events.

Enjoy and save: Show your parking ticket at the Panorama Restaurant and receive a discount.



More information on the educational programme, conference centre, overnight accommodation and events at www.vogelsang-ip.de



Tickets for the Vogelsang IP guided tour, the tower ascent and the NS-DOK exhibition can be booked online at <https://vogelsang-ip.ticket.io/>



Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further information, also on the special exhibitions: www.vogelsang-ip.de/bestimmung-herrenmensch.html



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Further information and ticket prices: www.nationalparkzentrum-eifel.de



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