

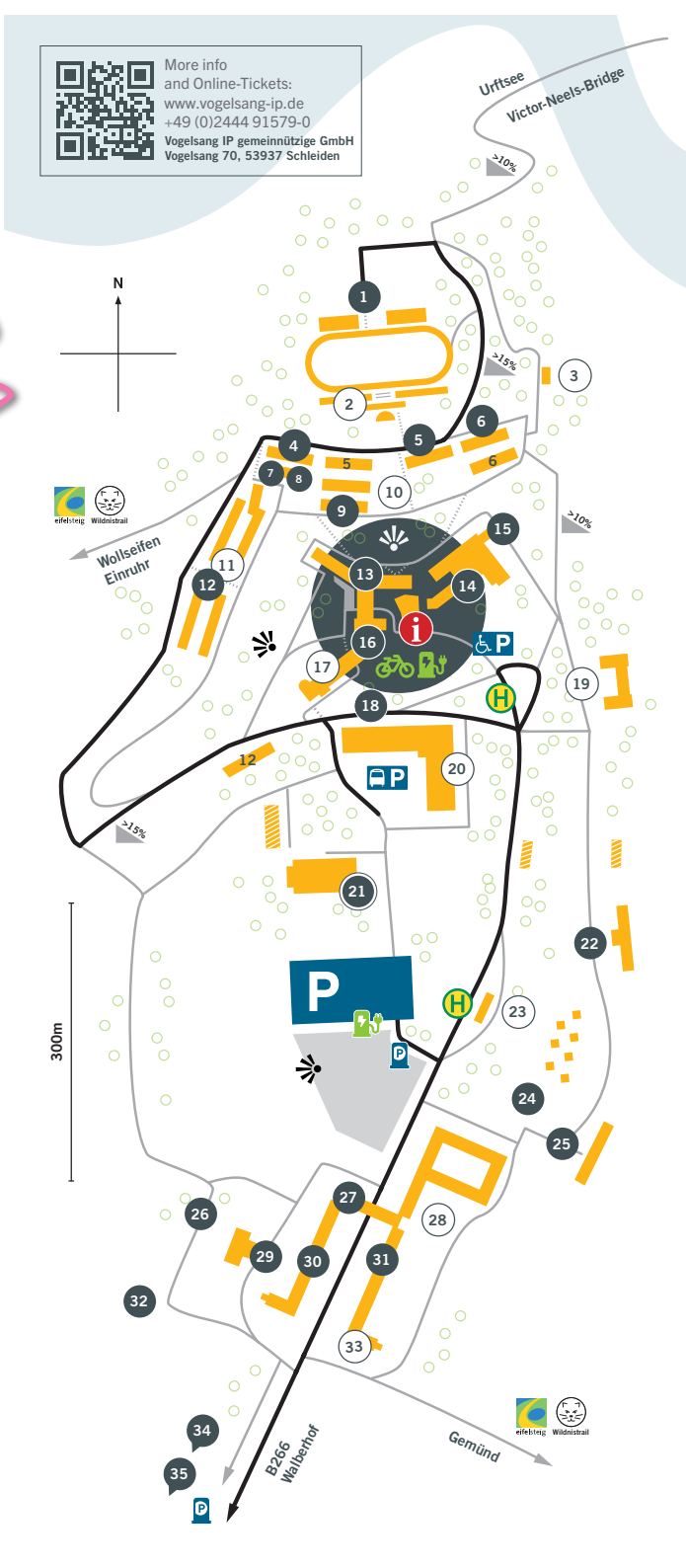
# HIKING IN THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

**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 - Urftsee - 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 Urftsee lake, the hiking trail leads to the „Urftstaumauer“. 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.

**Difficulty:**  
■ ■ ■ ■ medium  
■ easy, gravel path with slight gradient



## VOGELSANG IP IN EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

- Swimming pool, sports ground and gymnasium
- Sportlerrelief and „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**
- Panoramarestaurant
- Nationalpark-Zentrum Eifel (Verwaltung)
- Tower
- Conference centre

**FORUM VOGELSANG IP**  
Visitor centre, exhibitions, shop  
**NS-Dokumentation Vogelsang**  
**BESTIMMUNG: HERRENMENSCH**  
**Nationalpark-Zentrum Eifel**  
**DREAMS OF THE WILDERNESS**

- „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

### Passenger car user fee:

After the „Reichsparteitagsgelände Nürnberg“, Vogelsang IP is the second largest legacy from the Nazi era in Germany and at the same time a so-called architectural monument of national importance. In principle, access to this special site is free, but we have to charge a fee for all vehicles, which allows you to drive your vehicle directly onto the site in front of the historical facilities from the NS era and the Belgian period. This is your contribution to the costly financing of the preservation of the facility for cultural and historical-political education.

Vogelsang IP would like to thank you and from the bottom of our hearts for your contribution.



**AT A GLANCE**  
HISTORY  
EXHIBITIONS  
GUIDED TOURS  
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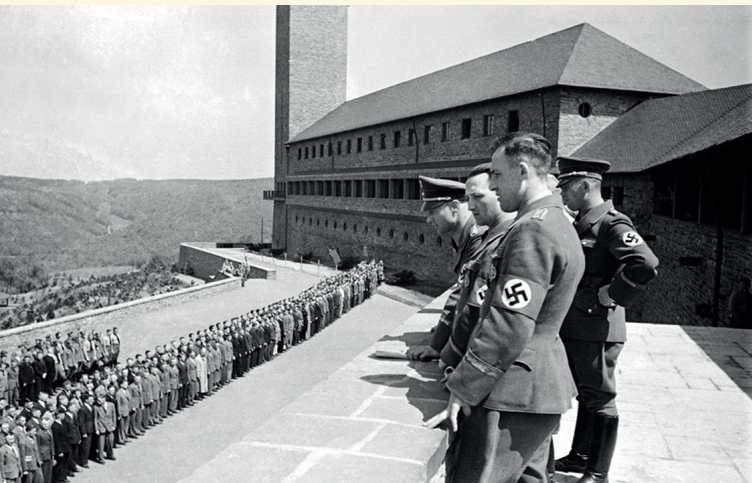
**Diversity, tolerance, togetherness**  
**INTERNATIONAL PLACE**  
**VOGELSANG IP**



# 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. Tickets online or at the visitor centre, 02444 91579-0 or [info@vogelsang-ip.de](mailto: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 Sun at 2 p.m.  
In Dutch: May to Oct Saturdays 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. on the 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.

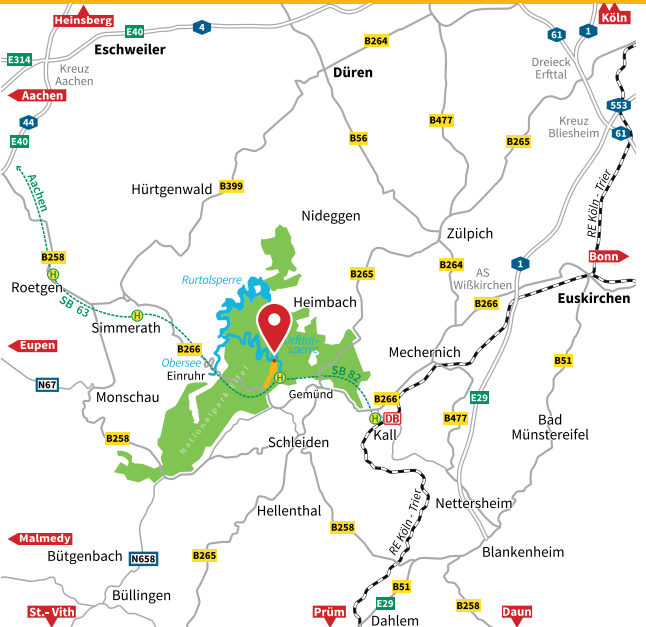


# OPENING HOURS

Visitor centre, permanent exhibitions, shop: daily 10-17 h



Panoramarestaurant, [www.gastrovogelsangip.de](http://www.gastrovogelsangip.de)



Gesellschafter der Vogelsang IP gemeinnützige GmbH sind der Landschaftsverband Rheinland (LVR), der Kreis Euskirchen, die StädteRegion Aachen, der Kreis Düren, die Stadt Schleiden, der Kreis Heinsberg und die Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft Belgiens.  
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More information on the educational programme, conference centre, overnight accommodation and events at [www.vogelsang-ip.de](http://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](http://www.vogelsang-ip.de/bestimmung-herrenmensch.html)



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Further information and ticket prices: [www.nationalparkzentrum-eifel.de](http://www.nationalparkzentrum-eifel.de)



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