

Park regulations

A warm welcome to the Natur Park Südgelände!

To ensure everyone visiting the Natur Park Südgelände can enjoy their time here, we ask that you treat other visitors as well as our plants and animals with respect.

You are not permitted to leave the footbridges in the nature reserve, nor to enter the wooded areas and embankments. To protect ground-nesting birds and established biotic communities, we ask you not to leave the paths in the landscape conservation areas either. Do not add or take away animals, plants or plant parts within the nature and landscape reserve.

We are subject to the most recent version of the 'Berlin Conservation of Nature and of Landscapes Act dated 10 July 1999'. Grün Berlin GmbH, as operator of the Natur Park Südgelände, accepts no further liability. Any visit to the nature park is at your own risk. We have no obligation to provide lighting or to remove snow and ice. There is no entitlement to the facilities and equipment in the park being operational.

You are liable for any damage you cause.

Our opening times:

The park is open every day from 9.00 am. The closing time varies according to the season. The current closing times are displayed at the park entrances and on our website.

Special rules may apply when special events are being held.

Last entry is 30 minutes before the park closes.

Rules of entry:

You must be in possession of a day ticket or an annual pass to visit the park. Detailed information about prices and discounts is available on our website: www.natur-park-suedgelaende.de.

Your entry tickets are important not just for gaining access to the park but throughout your entire stay. The park supervisors may check that you have a valid ticket at any time. To make it fair for everyone, we would have to charge triple the cost of a day pass if you are unable to present your ticket. We issue our annual passes to named individuals only. This means that they are not transferable to anyone else.

You must leave your cars, bicycles and mopeds outside the park.

The use of tricycles and electric vehicles is permitted on presentation of an official certificate (keep to walking pace). For safety reasons, certain areas

of the park complex are not suitable for vehicles of this type that are longer than 1 metre. Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the park.

If you need a Guide Dog or Assistance Dog, they are of course welcome. Please don't forget to bring your official certificate with you.

Accessibility:

The park offers two circular routes that are suitable for the disabled. The plan of marked routes shows which sections are not wheelchair-accessible.

Twelve exhibition elements were added to the 'Bahnbrechende Natur' (ground-breaking nature) open-air exhibition in September 2020, providing blind and partially-sighted visitors with access to the information. The tactile objects are accompanied by texts in black and in Braille.

There is also a lot of audio information available. QR codes on the boards guide visitors to audio descriptions on the website of the Senate Department for the Environment, Mobility, Consumer and Climate Protection. There are videos in sign language to accompany the boards.

Activities within the park:

The park is best explored on foot! The Natur Park Südgelände offers two circular routes that are suitable for the disabled. On the 'short circular route' of around 1 kilometre, you can see relics from the age of the railway, such as the water tower, the old railway turntable and an original steam locomotive. The 'long' circular route, at 2.7 kilometres, passes through the nature reserve. It connects the dry grasslands of the central clearing with the robinia forest and the Tälchenweg. Here, you can marvel at overgrown railway tracks and old relics, enjoy a break in the Café Paresüd on weekends and discover art in the Giardino Segreto. To explore our park, you can also join one of our guided tours. We also offer children's rallies for our younger visitors.

Since anything that could burst into flames may be dangerous, open fires, barbecues (including with a gas cartridge) and shisha smoking are not permitted.

It goes without saying that all other dangerous items such as glass bottles, weapons intended for cutting and stabbing and firearms are prohibited.

The use of drugs and the consumption of alcohol is not permitted.

To protect the nature, it is not permitted to play

with footballs and basketballs, use skateboards, roller skis, roller skates or inline skates or to operate remote-controlled cars.

Wild animals find their traditional food in our park and must not be fed in addition to this. Seeds on the ground which remain uneaten disturb the now native composition of species in the area.

For trade and commerce in the park, you need the consent of Grün Berlin GmbH. This applies equally for commercial photography and video recording. Unregistered events and gatherings are not permitted.

We would like to make you aware that by entering the Natur Park Südgelände, you agree that during your visit – especially when events are being held – photography, film and television recordings may be made and distributed for documentation, general PR, press, radio and other media without the right to make any claims as a result.

Model aircraft and drones are not permitted in the park.

If you want to get creative yourself, a former retaining wall at the edge of the serves as a legal canvas for graffiti artists from 3.00 pm on Mondays to Saturdays. Spraying is prohibited on Sundays and public holidays!

Dispose of your waste, paper and cigarette butts in one of the waste bins provided. You will be helping us to keep the Natur Park Südgelände as clean as possible.

Our park supervisors within the Natur Park Südgelände are there for your safety, and only ever have your best interests at heart. They have the right to grant or deny access to the park, and have the final decision in all cases of doubt. Please follow their instructions immediately as violations may be punishable.

Many thanks for taking the time to read through to the end of these park regulations. But enough of that now: enjoy your time with us!

Have fun at the Natur Park Südgelände!

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