

Ring zone for experiencing nature

The ring zone for nature experience stretches right around the core wilderness zone. It includes a circular route together with connecting routes and entrance areas as well as various resting points and viewpoints. In the north of the area there is already a network of hiking trails, which will be integrated into the ring zone. Here, the visitor is offered fascinating insights into the core zone of wilderness without disturbing the sensitive communities of animals and plants.

In the observation enclosure in the north-west, comprising about one per cent of the total area, the wild animals that will later maintain the core wilderness zone can be observed.

The nature reserves Döberitzer Heide and Ferbitzer Bruch

The Sielmanns Naturlandschaft Döberitzer Heide comprises large parts of the two nature reserves Ferbitzer Bruch and Döberitzer Heide. The nature reserve Döberitzer Heide, with an area of 3,502 hectares, mainly includes the higher and dryer areas, while the lower and moister areas can be found primarily in the nature reserve Ferbitzer Bruch with its 1,155 hectares.

The purpose of these nature reserves is the preservation and development of the site as a habitat for rare and threatened wild plant communities such as Molinia meadows, bogs, pasture woodlands, heathland and dry grassland.

Rules of conduct and limits to site utilization

For the sake of nature protection, and because of the hazardous military relicts, please use only the signposted pathways, which have been cleared of ammunition, and observe the instructions on signs along the way.

Agriculture and forestry, as well as hunting, are subject to particular limitations. Furthermore, it is the aim to preserve or restore the natural water conditions.



Visit the observation enclosure of
Sielmanns Naturlandschaft Döberitzer Heide:
Summer (April to October): Open daily 10.00 - 18.00
Winter (November to March): Open daily 10.00 - 16.00

Give us a call. We will be pleased to inform you.

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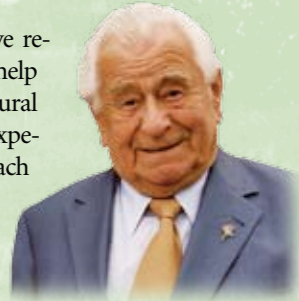
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Heinz and Inge Sielmann – a life for nature

„It must be our goal to preserve retreats for nature, but also to help people to experience the natural world. Preserving nature and experiencing it need not exclude each other – on the contrary, they can be of mutual benefit because we are only willing to protect the things that we know and love.“



Professor Heinz Sielmann (* 1917 – † 2006)

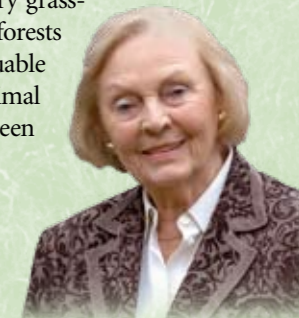
The Döberitzer Heide is the most recently acquired of the three Sielmanns Naturlandschaften. In 2004, the Heinz Sielmann Foundation managed to buy approximately 3,500 hectares of this former military training area and thus to secure them permanently for nature. The realization of the project is the task of the Sielmanns Naturlandschaft Döberitzer Heide gGmbH, which is attached to the foundation.

The military and conservation of nature? How can these two fit together? A contradiction, one might assume, but in ecological terms, Sielmanns Naturlandschaft Döberitzer Heide is a unique gem on the doorstep of Berlin and Potsdam. Due to its military use, it was protected from development and from fragmentation into agricultural fields throughout the GDR period.

A mosaic of habitats such as dry grassland, heathland, bogs, alder forests and water bodies offers valuable survival opportunities for animal and plant species that have been displaced elsewhere.

With best wishes,

Inge Sielmann
Inge Sielmann



Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the Heinz Sielmann Foundation



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The large-scale wilderness project Döberitzer Heide

The following goals are the focus of the project:

- Securing the area by purchasing land
- Preserving and increasing the structural diversity in order to protect the rare flora and fauna
- Preserving the landscape by grazing, development and testing of concepts for sustainable land use of open landscapes which are financially viable in the long term
- Creating a wilderness-like recreation area that combines conservation, environmental education and tourism in protected areas
- Raising public awareness of conservation issues

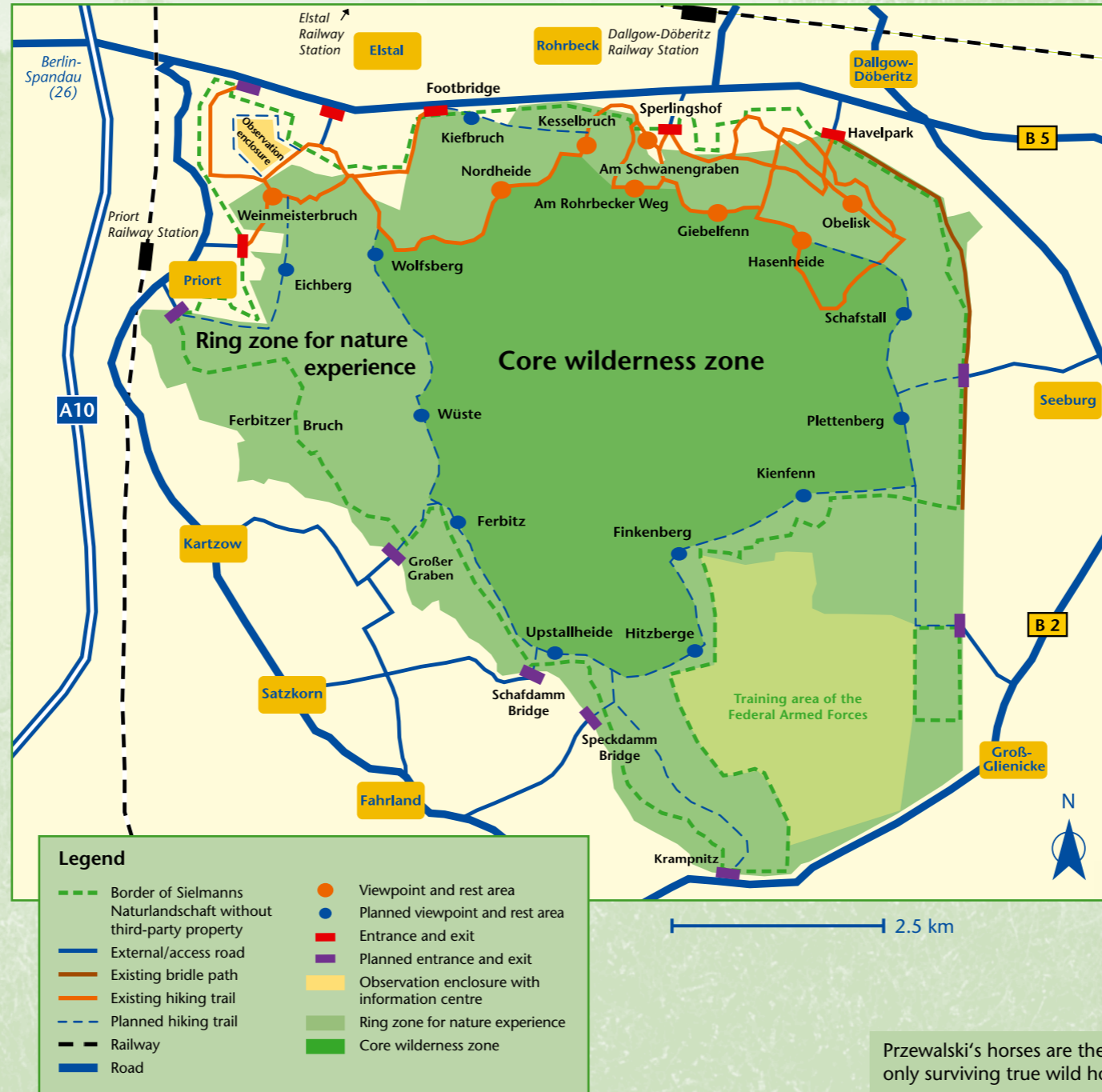


In the future, the core wilderness zone will be grazed by European bison, thereby preserving precious areas of open land.

The realization of the project is based on the following cornerstones:

- Landscape management with European bison, Przewalski's horses and red deer in a core zone of wilderness
- A ring zone for experiencing nature, including circular hiking routes, information and viewpoints as well as an enclosure for animal observation
- An information centre, offering an exhibition and an environmental education programme

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Diversity of habitats and species

A total of approximately 5,000 plant and animal species have already been detected. It is expected that the Döberitzer Heide is home to many more species. So far, 847 different ferns and flowering plants have been recorded. This is around 50 percent of the species living in Brandenburg. Two examples are the orchid *Orchis palustris*, which is threatened with extinction, and the endangered rose species *Rosa caesia*. Beetles form the largest group of organisms, with about 2,000 recorded species. Furthermore, the list of recorded species includes 236 species of wasp, 188 bee species, 198 species of birds and 47 species of mammal.

Core wilderness zone

The central plan in the large-scale wilderness project involves the core zone of wilderness. An initial population of European bison, Przewalski's horses and red deer will be introduced on an area of approximately 1,860 hectares. This population will be allowed to develop largely without human interference in the future. Participation in the European Endangered Species Programme is envisaged. In this way, conservation with the aim of a semi-open landscape will be achieved in a cheap and natural way.



Przewalski's horses are the only surviving true wild horses.