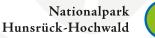


First Anniversary of the Hunsrueck-Hochwald National Park and 100 Years National Park Service

Celebration of the National Park Region on May 26, 2016, in Schwollen









Introduction

Already in the first year of its existence, the Hunsrueck-Hochwald National Park was selected by CNN International as one of the 10 most beautiful new nature reserves in the world, showing its immediate international recognition and attention. Early on, the National Park Friendship Association established contact with the US Consulate General in Frankfurt for a cooperation that would support the national park. Here, the motherland of National Parks, the United States, showed its interest in an alliance for protecting nature and history.

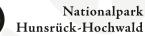
The National Park Service in the US has been devoted to preserving and protecting nature, landscape and historical landmarks for the coming generations. Founded in 1916, the National Park Service this year celebrates its 100th anniversary with 22,000 employees and more than 221,000 volunteers in 411 parks and historical sites. Among these are 59 national parks with a total of more than 338,000 square kilometers.

Therefore, the Hunsrueck-Hochwald National Park and its American partners share many common interests.

This relationship between the organizations is symbolized by a baton, which will be handed over to the community of Schwollen on May 26, 2016. Schwollen will be the first organizer of the annual celebration of the founding of the Hunsrueck-Hochwald National Park.

The baton stays at Schwollen and will be handed over to the next community after one year. On May 26, the community of Schwollen and the Friendship Association of the National Park will present an interesting and manifold program. They will be supported by the National Park Hunsrueck-Hochwald, the US Consulate General Frankfurt, the Atlantic Academy Rhineland-Palatinate, the German-American Institute Saarbruecken as well as friends and delegates from our neighboring National Parks of Schwarzwald and Kellerwald-Edersee.







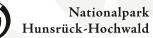
Program

10 am	Service in the church of Heiligenbösch
11 am	Greetings and welcome speeches from officials, introduction of the Schwollen community as the official host of the event
12 - 2 pm	US Army Europe Band (with Chorus Rhine River Ramblers)
2 - 4 pm	Joint chorus of Leisel and Hattgenstein Japanese Taiko drum group Leisel
4 - 6 pm	U.S. Air Force in Europe Band Touch 'N Go
8 pm	Crossroad (band from Bingen), the band plays until midnight
10 pm	Fireworks
Midnight	Official end of the celebration

Throughout the day

11 am / 1 pm / 3 pm Noon / 2 pm / 4 pm Guided tours through the church of Heiligenbösch "Miss Brehm's Animals" (theater for young children)







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During the day several tours (some also in English)

- National Park Rangers explain their work and present the park
- Info booth of the National Park Administration
- Info booth US Consulate General Frankfurt, Atlantic Academy Rhineland-Palatinate, German-American Institute Saarbrücken
- Tours from the ENP (Experience National Park)
- Painting kites and kite flying demonstration at the booth of the Freundeskreis (Friendship Association Nationalpark)
- Historical train
- Bouncy castle (from the OIE) for children
- Various info booths from environmental groups, German Gemstone Route, tourism information, regional associations, Environmental Campus Birkenfeld
- Info booth "Ecoparc Concepts"
- Goldsmith Wild presents cat jewelry

and much more ...

Lectures / Tours

Dr. Sabine Hornung:Celts and Romans (also in English)Beate Thome:WaterPetra Walden :AccessibilityGabriele Neumann:Wild cats

More tours to be announced...









Food & Drinks

- Waldtischlein deck dich:
- Klaus Schleich:
- Landgasthaus Böß:
- Hops Brewing:
- Eiscafé Venezia:
- Die Wildkammer:
- Deuce Club:
- Coffee & cake
- BBQ

regional vegetarian dishes

- salmon and trout
- dumplings & Flammkuchen
- regional beers
- ice cream
 - venison from the region
 - American style food

Drinks from regional vendors:

- Schwollen
- Kirn
- Bitburg

Wine from the

- Mosel
- Saar
- Nahe
- Rhein





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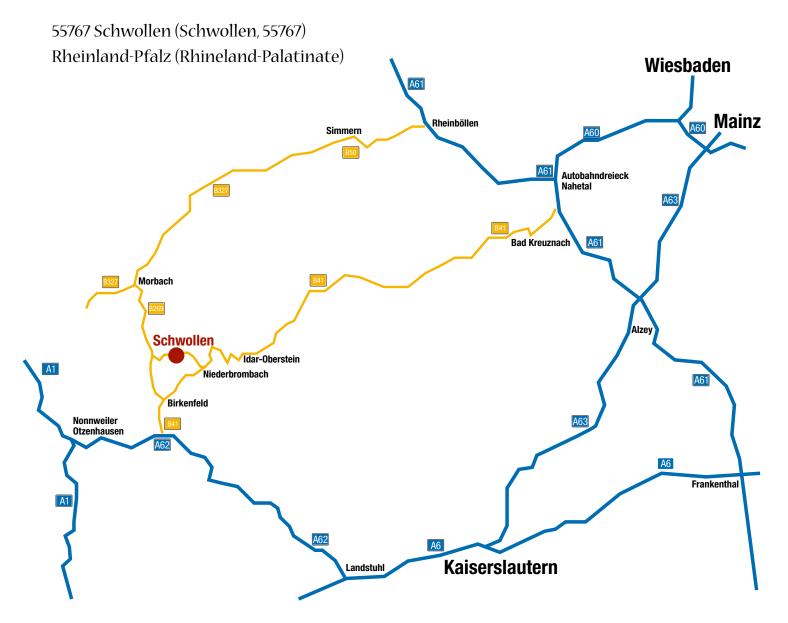




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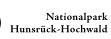




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