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Anyone can support the open air museum and help shape the Hessenpark – whether as an official supporter or as a volunteer. Supporters receive free admission to the museum. In addition, supporters receive our publication “Blickpunkt Freilichtmuseum” several times a year with first-hand information. There are also special events aimed exclusively at our supporters. To apply to join our supporters’ group, email foerderkreis@hessenpark.de. To find out more about volunteering, email ehrenamt@hessenpark.de.



SHOPPING IN THE MARKET SQUARE

Many people combine their visit to the museum with a bit of shopping. The little shops are charmingly laid out and there is always someone on hand to help you. Some of the products on offer are handmade and typical of the region. If you are coming to the market square at Hessenpark just to shop or for a bite to eat, entry to this part of the site is free of charge (except during the Plant Market and the Christmas Market). Just let the staff at the entrance know, and then hit the shops.



OPENING TIMES

Hessenpark Open Air Museum is open daily during high season from March to October from 9 am to 6 pm, with last entry at 5 pm. During low season (November to February) we are open on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 10 am to 5 pm, with last entry at 4 pm. The museum is closed on 24 and 31 December (Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve).

ADMISSION CHARGES

Details of our admission charges and concession prices can be found at www.hessenpark.de. You can book museum tours in the following languages: English, French, Spanish, Turkish and Finnish. You can contact our booking team by email at buchung@hessenpark.de or by phone on +49 (0)6081 588-333

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

In 2024, Hessenpark Open Air Museum is celebrating its anniversary. 50 years ago, on 19 September 1974, our museum was founded in central Hesse.

Come and take a seat at our birthday coffee table in June, discover the grounds as part of an anniversary tour or visit our anniversary exhibitions.

From September, we will be exploring our own history in the House from Gemünden (Wohra): Who actually decides which houses are built at the museum and how do they get here? What insider tips do the staff have for visiting the museum? And what exactly do the people who work in the museum do? Answers to these questions can be found in the new permanent exhibition.

HOUSES WITH STORIES TO TELL

On the museum's 160 acres, more than 100 timber-framed buildings from five centuries invite you to discover the everyday history of our ancestors. Our exhibits are private homes and workshops, trees, fields and living animals. Visitors can get stuck in and experience history up close – on theatre tours, by exploring workshops, stables, gardens and kitchens, by joining hands-on activities or sharing a meal in a historic inn.



NEW ATTRACTIONS

Every year, we renovate a number of our historical buildings, which are then refurbished and provide exciting information about living environments from past centuries. The most important (re)openings in recent times include the timber framed show house, the Jäger residence with the “Hiking? Taunus!” exhibition, the geological nature trail, and the House from Holzhausen with the Horex exhibition. New buildings, such as the container accommodation from Oberursel, have also been added. We are also equipping more and more of our exhibitions with media and interactive exhibits to bring you up close to the stories of the former residents. Come and visit! There's something to discover around every corner.

CUSTOMISE YOUR VISIT

With us, you can organise excursions according to your personal wishes: from guided tours of the open air museum to school projects, children's birthday parties and group events – our booking team will help you plan for all ages, group sizes and occasions. For more information, please call 06081 588-333 or send an email to buchung@hessenpark.de.



SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

1974 - ABBA, FOOTBALL, ENERGY CRISIS: THE YEAR THE HESSENPAK OPEN-AIR MUSEUM WAS FOUNDED

The oil crisis has a lasting effect on everyday life and the economy. The first VW Golf rolls off the production line. ABBA wins the Eurovision Song Contest with “Waterloo”. Protest movements for women's rights and environmental issues are in full swing. The German national football team brings home the World Cup.

To mark the museum's 50th anniversary, this exhibition takes a look at the year it was founded. What got people talking in 1974? Which topics were socially relevant then and how are they faring now?

17 March to 8 December 2024

FACES FROM HESSE - WE'RE TURNING 50!

In keeping with our anniversary, the exhibition shows portrait photographs of Hessians who will also celebrate their 50th birthday in 2024. Guided by renowned artist, Sandra Mann, students from the European School of Design photographed the birthday people in the open air museum. The results are expressive images that reflect the past and present of each individual and are presented alongside short personal descriptions. The exhibition project is a collaboration between the Hessenpark Open Air Museum, the European School of Design and the Haus am Dom Frankfurt.

21 April to 8 December 2024



A NEW BUILDING FOR OUR MUSEUM ADMINISTRATION

Hessenpark Open Air Museum is getting a new administration building measuring around 650 square metres, thanks to an architectural competition organised by the state of Hesse. The task was to design a highly sustainable, straw-bale construction that would fit in with the museum and its designated location near the entrance area. Key criteria include energy efficiency, consideration for the surroundings and functionality. The competition entries from the 16 participating architectural firms will be displayed in the Emstal-Sand barn until 1 April 2024

THE MAGIC OF LIGHT - IMAGERY OF THE MAGIC LANTERN

The magic lantern was developed in the 17th century as a new optical instrument that could be used to project colourful glass images. For centuries, it was used for entertainment and instruction. The images depict fairy tales, travelogues, educational content and amusing stories. The cabinet exhibition is a collaboration with the Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum and the collector Bernd Scholze. It shows a selection of magic lantern projectors and glass pictures for children and adults from 1785 to around 1900, and a picture-sound installation.

3 March 2024 to 28 December 2025

<p>January</p>	<p>SUN 03.03. Grand Tour At the Start Of The Season with Museum Director Jens Scheller, 3 pm</p>	<p>MON-MON 25.03.-01.04. Holiday Programme "Easter Time at The Museum" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>May</p>	<p>MON-SUN 20.05.-02.06 Smouldering of the Charcoal Kiln 9 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>SAT/SUN 13/14.07. Not Only Clean - "Washing in the Past" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SAT-WED 03.-07.08. The Fascination of Metal Construction Sets 11 am - 5 pm</p>		<p>SUN 22.09. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>November</p>
<p>SUN 14.01. From Pig to Pork 11 am - 4 pm</p>		<p>April</p>		<p>SUN 26.05. Theme Day: "Timber-Frame" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SUN 16.06. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>MON-SUN 05.-11.08. Holiday Programme "Tinkering, Building, Constructing" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SUN 25.08. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>MON-SUN 23.09.-06.10. Smouldering of the Charcoal Kiln 9 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>MON-FRI 14.-18.10. Holiday Programme "The Woods Are Full of Colour" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SUN 03.11. Spinning Parlour 11 am - 4 pm</p>
	<p>SUN 10.03. Plant and Seed Exchange - Preserve Regional Diversity 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>TUE-SUN 02.-07.04. Holiday Programme "Wooly Week" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 04/05.05. Plant Market 9 am - 6 pm</p>			<p>MON-SUN 15.-21.07. Holiday Programme "Pottery Week" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>MON-FRI 12.-16.08. Holiday Programme "First the Work - Life and Play in the Past" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 31.08./01.09. Foresters Hunter Camp 11 am - 5 pm</p>		<p>SAT/SUN 19/20.10. Apple Festival 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SUN 10.11. From Pig to Pork 11 am - 4 pm</p>
<p>SUN 21.01. Spinning Parlour 11 am - 4 pm</p>			<p>SUN 12.05. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>SAT/SUN 22/23.06. 50 Years, 50 Cakes - You're invited to the museum's birthday table, 11 am - 5 pm</p>				<p>SAT/SUN 28/29.09. Tractor Show and Potato Steamer 9 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>SUN 17.11. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>
<p>SAT/SUN 27/28.01. From the Cold Into the Warm 11 am - 4 pm</p>	<p>SUN 10.03. "Under the Rainbow" - Family Day with the Protestant Church in Hochtaunus, 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>MON-SUN 08.-14.04. Museum Theatre Days 1 pm + 3 pm</p>		<p>June</p>		<p>SUN 21.07. Printing Apprentices Ceremony 2.30 pm</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 17/18.08. Printing Days 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SAT-SUN 31.08.-15.09. Building the Charcoal Kiln 10 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>October</p>	<p>MON-SAT 21.-26.10. Holiday Programme Museum Theatre Days, 1 pm & 3 pm</p>	
<p>February</p>		<p>SUN 21.04. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>SUN 12.05. Cider Festival 11 am - 5 pm</p>		 <p>50 JAHRE Freilichtmuseum Hessenpark</p>	<p>September</p>		<p>SUN 27.10. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 30.11./01.12. Advent Market 10 am - 7 pm</p>		
<p>February</p>				<p>SUN 02.06. Theme Day: "Garden" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	 <p>50 JAHRE Freilichtmuseum Hessenpark</p>		<p>SAT/SUN 05/06.10. Harvest Festival and Autumn Market 9 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>December</p>		
	<p>SUN 17.03. Farmers' Market 10 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>SUN 21.04.-08.12. Exhibition: Faces From Hesse - We're Turning 50! Opening</p>	<p>SUN 19.05. International Museum Day Free entry, 9 am - 5 pm</p>		 <p>50 JAHRE Freilichtmuseum Hessenpark</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 07/08.09. Plant Market 9 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>SUN 27.10. Restoration Day and Watchmaking Day 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 07/08.12. Advent at Hessenpark, 10 am - 7 pm</p>		
<p>SUN 11.02. Crazy Days: Carnival 11 am - 4 pm</p>	<p>SUN 17.03.-08.12. Exhibition: 1974 - ABBA, Football, Energy Crisis. The Year the Hessenpark Open Air Museum Was Founded Opening</p>		<p>SUN 19.05. Igniting the Charcoal Kiln 11 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 08/09.06. Opening the Charcoal Kiln 10 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SUN 30.06. Pomade and Petticoats - Partying in the Martinsklaus, 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>MON-SUN 22.-28.07. Museum Theatre Days 1 pm + 3 pm</p>			<p>SAT/SUN 12/13.10. Opening the Charcoal Kiln 10 am - 5 pm</p>		<p>SAT/SUN 14./15.12. REWE Christmas Market 12 am - 8 pm</p>
<p>SUN 18.02. From Pig to Pork 11 am - 4 pm</p>	<p>SAT-SUN 27.04.-12.05. Building the Charcoal Kiln 10 am - 5 pm</p>			<p>SUN 09.06. Volunteer Day 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>July</p>	<p>MON-FRI 29.07.-02.08. Holiday Programme "Nature Close and Personal" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>MON-FRI 19.-23.08. Holiday Programme "Three Ovens - Three Centuries" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>SUN 15.09. Hurdy-Gurdy Day - music with history, 11 am - 5 pm</p>			<p>2024</p>
<p>March</p>		<p>SUN 28.04. Theme Day: "In the Woods" 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>MON 20.05. Theme Day: "Mills" 9 am - 5 pm</p>		<p>SUN 07.07. Southward Bound! News from the Building Groups South Hesse and Rhine-Main, 11 am - 5 pm</p>	<p>August</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 24/25.08. Textiles, Scarves, Handmade Items - Creative Market at Hessenpark, 9 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>SUN 13.10. Wedding Fair 11 am - 5 pm</p>		<p>2024</p>
<p>SUN 03.03. Exhibition: In The Magic of Light - Imagery of the Magic Lantern Opening</p>	<p>SAT/SUN 23/24.03. Easter Market 9 am - 6 pm</p>			<p>SAT 15.06. Kids' Day 1 am - 6 pm</p>		<p>SAT/SUN 03/04.08. Grain Harvest at the Museum 11 am - 5 pm</p>		<p>SUN 22.09. Igniting the Charcoal Kiln 11 am - 6 pm</p>			<p>2024</p>