

HESSENPARK OPEN AIR MUSEUM

PROGRAMME

2026



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OUR SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

HEARTBEATS. BEGINNING AND FAREWELL MARCH 15 TO DECEMBER 27, 2026

Whether it's our own birth, the birth of a child, the death of a loved one or the end of our own life – beginnings and farewells affect us all. This exhibition explores how perspectives, customs and professions related to these key life events have changed over time – and what has remained. As visitors view exhibits such as a midwife's bag or a funeral carriage, they are invited to discover connections between the start and end of life. The exhibition encourages reflection – on the familiar and the unfamiliar, on memories and new perspectives.

EVERYDAY LIFE THROUGH THE LENS. OUR PHOTOS

APRIL 12 TO DECEMBER 27, 2026

For more than 150 years, photography has accompanied our lives. Photos capture people at work and at leisure, reflect social roles and document everyday life. But photographs are more than memories – they are historical sources. This exhibition presents selected images from the collections of the Hessenpark Open Air Museum, ranging from candid snapshots to formal family portraits. It reveals how people stage their world – and what remains unseen in the image. Photographs never show everything. They are fragments, shaped by technology and perspective. The exhibition invites visitors to reflect – to remember, and to discover new perspectives on everyday culture.



OPENING HOURS

During the main season (March to October) open daily from 9 am to 6 pm (last admission at 5 pm).

During the winter season (November to February) open on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays from 10 am to 5 pm (last admission at 4 pm).

Closed on December 24 and 31.

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.

SUPPORT US

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.

DATES FOR 2026

You can find our accessible events calendar on our website at:
<https://www.hessenpark.de/veranstaltungskalender/>



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www.hessenpark.de.



ANNUAL PROGRAMME EVENTS 2026

Winter break? Not for us!
In January and February, the museum is open
on Saturdays and Sundays. Come and visit us -
you can find all the dates at: <https://www.hessenpark.de/en/veranstaltungskalender/>.

MÄRZ

Sun01.03.
Grand Tour at the Start
of the Season
with Musewn Director
Jens Scheller, 3 pm

Sun08.03.
Plant and Seed
Exchange - Preserve
Regional Diversity
11 am-5 pm

Sun 15.03.
Launch of Special
Exhibition: 'Hartbeats.
Beginning and Farewell'

Sun 22.03.
Theme Day: 'A Woman's
Work Is Never Done'
11 am-5 pm

Sun 22.03.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

Sat/Sun 28./29.03.
Easter Market
9 am-6 pm



APRIL

Mon-Mon 30.03.-06.04.
Holiday Programme
'Easter Time at The
Musewn', 11 am-5 pm

Tue-Sun 07.-12.04.
Museum Theatre Oays
1 pm + 3 pm

Sun 12.04.
Launch of Special
Exhibition: 'Everyday Life
Through Time. Our
Photos'



Sun 19.04.
Theme Day: 'All about
wood!': 11 am-5 pm

Sun 19.04.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

MAI

Fri-Sun 01.05.- 03.05.
Plant Market
9 am-6 pm

Fri-Sun 01.-17.05.
Building the Charcoal
Kiln, 10 am-5 pm

Sun 10.05.
Cider Festival
11 am-5 pm

Sun 17.05.
International Museum
Day, 11 am-5 pm

Sun 17.05.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

Sun24.05.
Igniting the Charcoal
Kiln, 11 am

Mon-Sun 25.05.-07.06.
Smouldering of the
Charcoal Kiln
9 am-6 pm

Mon 25.05.
Mill Day, 11 am-5 pm

Sun 31.05.
Theme Day: 'Into the
Garden!': 11 am-5 pm



JUNI

Sun 07.06.
'Rolling on Wheels and
Tires: 11 am-5 pm

Sat/Sun 13./14.06.
Opening the Charcoal
Kiln, 11 am-5 pm

Sat 20.06.
Support Group Picnic
2:30-5 pm

Sun 21.06.
Timber Frame Day
11 am-5 pm

Sun 21.06.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

Sat/Sun 27./28.06.
Textile days'
11 am-5 pm

Sat/Sun 27./28.06.
Creative Market at
Hessenpark - Textiles,
Scarves, Handmade Items
9 am-6 pm

Mon-Fri 29.06.-03.07.
Holiday Programme
'Workshop Week -
Sign Up and Join In!'
11 am-5 pm
Registration required

JULI

Wed-Fri 01.-03.07.
Holiday Programme
'Workshop Week -
Sign Up and Join In!'
11 am-5 pm
Registration required

Sat/Sun 04./05.07.
Holiday Programme
'Printing, Sending,
Sparkling', 11 am-5 pm

Mon-Sun 06.-12.07.
Holiday Programme
'Nature Close and
Personal: 11 am-5 pm

Mon-Sun 13.-19.07.
Holiday Programme
'Traditional Children's
Games: 11 am-5 pm

Mon-Sun 20.-26.07.
Museum Theatre Days
1 pm + 3 pm

Mon-Sun 27.07.-02.08.
Holiday Programme
'Too good for the bin'
11 am-5 pm

AUGUST

Sat/Sun 01./02.08.
Holiday Programme
'Too good for the bin'
11 am-5 pm

Mon-Fri 03.-07.08.
Holiday Programme
'Work in the countryside'
11 am-5 pm

Sat/Sun 08./09.08.
Grain Harvest at the
Museum, 11 am - 5 pm

Sun 16.08.
Printing Apprentices
Ceremony, 2:30-4 pm

Sat/Sun 22./23.08.
Historie Forest Hunter
Camp
11 am-5 pm

Sun 23.08.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

Sat-Sun 29.08.- 13.09.
Building the Charcoal
Kiln, 10 am-5 pm

Sat29.08.
Batnight, 8 pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat/Sun 05./06.09.
Plant Market
9 am-6 pm

Sun 13.09.
ThemeDay:
'Welcome to Life'
11 am-5 pm

Sun 13.09.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm



Sun 20.09.
Igniting the Charcoal
Kiln, 11 am

Mon-Sw1 21.09.-04.10.
Smouldering of the
Charcoal Kiln
9 am-6 pm

Sat/Sun 26./27.09.
Tractor Show
9 am-6 pm

OKTOBER

Sat/Sun 03./04.10.
Harvest Festival and
Autumn Market
9 am-6 pm

Mon-Sun 05.- 11.10.
Holiday Programme
'The Forests Are Full
of Color'
11 am-5 pm

Sat/Sun 10./11.10.
Opening the Charcoal
Kiln, 11 am-5 pm



Sun 11.10.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

Mon-Fri 12.-17.10.
Museum Theatre Days
1 pm + 3 pm

Sun 18.10.
European Restoration
Day, 11 am-5 pm

Sat/Sun 24./25.10.
Apple Days
11 am-5 pm



NOVEMBER

Sun01.11.
From Pig to Pork
11 am-4 pm

Sun 08.11.
Farm life in winter
1910, 11 am-4 pm

Sun 15.11.
Clock and Watchma-
king Day, 11 am-4 pm

Sun 15.11.
Farmers' Market
10 am-6 pm

Sun 22.11.
Theme Day:
'Of Letting Go and
Holding On'
11 am-4 pm

Sat/Sun 28./29.11.
Advent at the
Museum

DEZEMBER

Sat/Sun 05./06.12.
Advent at the
Museum

Sat/Sun 12./13.12.
Advent at the
Museum

Sat/Sun 19./20.12.
Music in the Churches
11 am-5 pm