

Strong together: The nature park as a networker

The Southern Black Forest Nature Park sees itself in its work as moderator, driving force and networker. It brings together different local actors with the objective to balance different interests. It is supported by members and partners as well as by numerous volunteers:

- Work groups
 - WG Architecture and settlement development
 - WG Agriculture
 - WG Nature and landscape
 - WG Culture and tradition
- Partner clubs
 - Cottage garden and wild herbs land Baden
 - Nature park tour guides
 - Nature park cheese route
 - Nature park trail riders
 - Nature park restaurateurs

Large-scale protected areas

Besides the national parks and biosphere reserves, the Southern Black Forest Nature Park ranks among the so-called large-scale protected areas.

Half of the surface of the nature park is under protection according to the Nature Conservation Act and the Federal Forest Act. Categories are among others nature reserves and protected landscapes as well as Natura 2000 areas (FFH and European ornithological preserves). In addition, there is the Black Forest Biosphere Reserve founded in 2016, which is completely located within the scenery of the nature park.

Awards and competitions, co-operations and sponsors

Awards and competitions (choice):

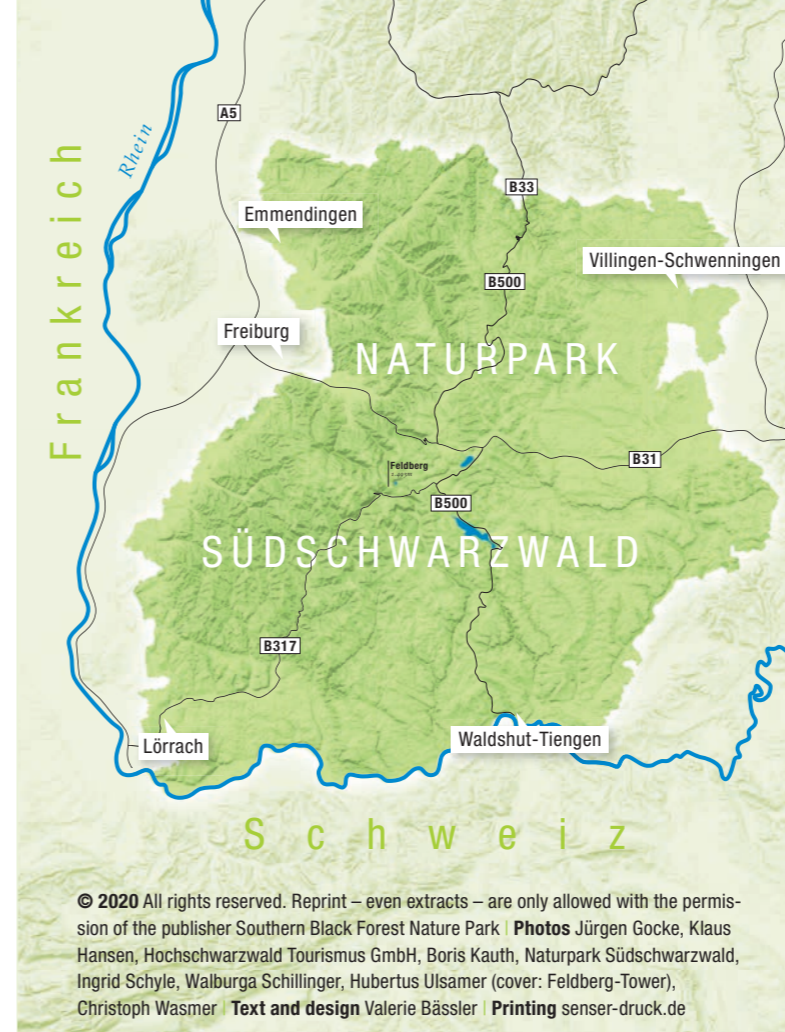
- UN Decade “Biodiversity” 2018 and 2020
- Quality nature park 2018
- House of Nature: Certificate “Sustainable partner company” 2016
- Building culture and tourism (since 2016)

Co-operations at regional, state and international level (choice):

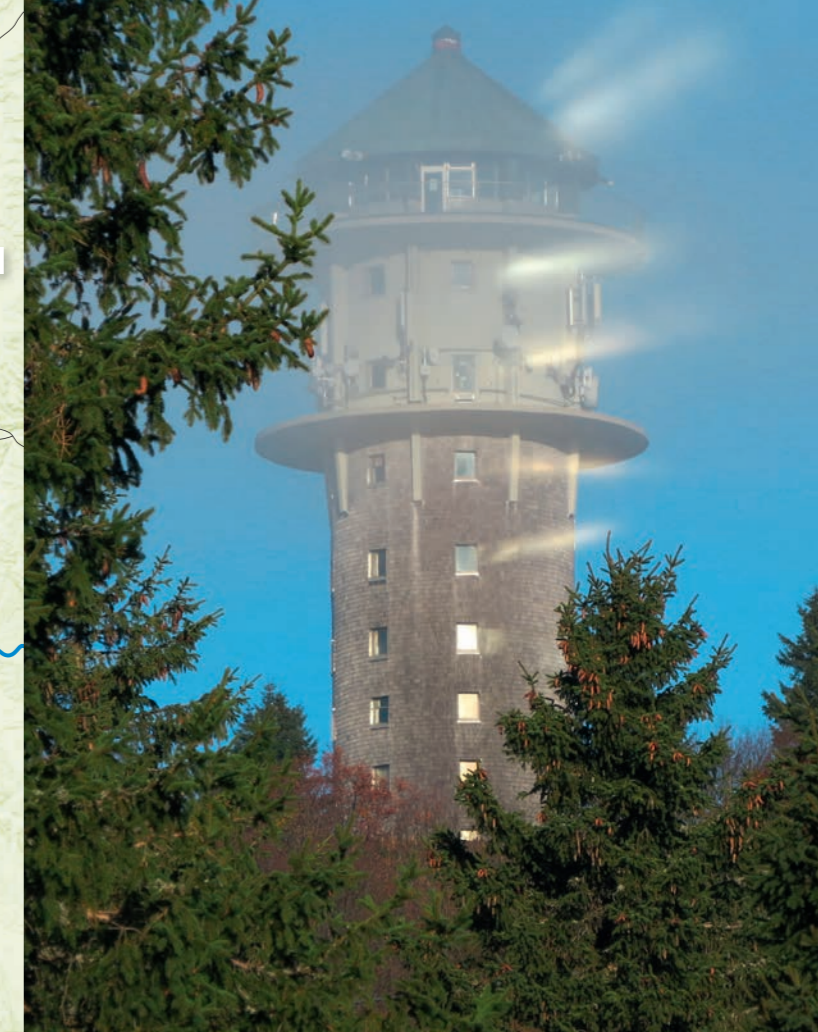
- Association of German nature parks
- Nationale Naturlandschaften e. V.
- WG Nature parks Baden-Württemberg
- Black Forest Biosphere Reserve
- Regional Nature Park “Ballons des Vosges” (France)
- Regional Nature Park Schaffhausen (Switzerland)
- Jura Park Aargau (Switzerland)
- Partner region Yamagata, city of Tsuruoka (Japan)

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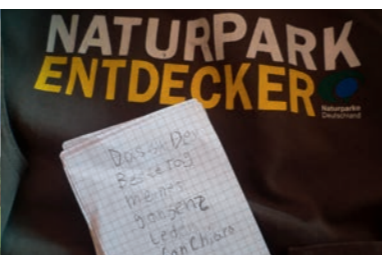
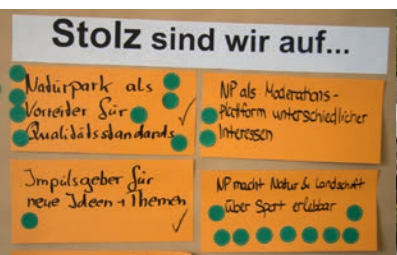


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Southern Black Forest Nature Park

We introduce ourselves



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Southern Black Forest Nature Park: Figures, data, facts

- Foundation in 1999 as registered association
- Membership structure
 - 115 municipalities and cities
 - 6 city districts and districts
 - Land of Baden-Württemberg
 - Associations, clubs, public and private companies
- Surface of the nature park: 394,000 ha (largest nature park in Germany)
- Population: about 680.000
- Office: House of Nature at Mount Feldberg (1,287 m), it is at the same time an important centre for environmental education
- Highest point: Feldberg, 1,493 m
Lowest point: Herbolzheim-Bleichheim, 177 m
- Rare animals and plants
 - Capercaillie
 - Wildcat
 - Baden giant earth worm
 - Präger nebria (a beetle)
 - Hinterwald and Vorderwald cattle
 - Black Forest horse
 - Spiny-spore quillwort
- Particular habitats
 - Subalpine beech forests
 - Coniferous forests on soil with high acidic levels
 - Mountain hay meadows
 - Nardus grasslands rich in species
 - Moors
 - Rocks and block piles

Our mission: Sustainable regional development

Nature parks are large-scale, rural regions, which are characterised by diversity, peculiarity and the beauty of nature and landscape. People and nature should find recreation there. The Bundesnaturschutzgesetz (Federal Act for the protection of nature) (§ 27 BNatSchG) enshrines nature parks.

The main task of the Southern Black Forest Nature Park is to maintain the unique, historically evolved cultural landscape of the Southern Black Forest and to encourage a preferably harmonious co-existence of nature and people. To do so, it supports numerous projects of different fields, which contribute to a sustainable development of the rural area.

For this purpose, some subsidies are available from the state of Baden-Württemberg, the lottery Glücksspirale and the European Union (ELER). These are about 750,000 EUR over the subsidisation guideline for nature parks as well as about 100,000 EUR from other state support programmes. On average, the nature park implements about 80 projects with its members.

The balance is quite respectable:

Since its foundation, about 1,400 projects have been supported with 12.2 m euros support funding from the Land and from the EU as well as of the lottery Glücksspirale. Through the projects direct investments amounting to a total of 20.5 m euros have been initiated in the region of the nature park.

Our ranges of application: Seven areas of activity

Municipalities, associations, etc. which are located within the regional scenario of the Southern Black Forest Nature Park and which make part of the following areas of activity can promote the projects:

- Sustainable tourism, sports, recreation and health
- Nature protection and landscape conservation
- Regional marketing, agriculture and forestry
- Climate protection and adaptation
- Education for sustainable development
- Architecture and settlement development
- Tradition and culture

The “Nature Park plan 2025” provides the basis for the work. It serves as groundbreaking action plan and is the content-related strategic guideline for the acting of the nature park. It renders the objectives and projects transparent and demonstrates previous and future projects.

In short, the main tasks of the Southern Black Forest Nature Park are:

- Regional development
- Support of projects (subsidies)
- Networking
- Public relations
- Sustainability

Our projects: Nature park you can touch

The projects which have been supported by the Southern Black Forest Nature Park give important impulses and serve the sustainable development of the region.

Examples of the fields of activity are:

- Trails, adventure paths, cycle tracks, snowshoe trails, cross-country ski trails, winter hiking trails, trekking camps
- Blooming nature park, meadow diversity of the Black Forest, meadow management competitions, cottage garden route, improvement of habitats for capercaillie and wildcat, international relinking on the High-Rhine
- Brunch on the farm, cheese route, nature park markets, nature park restaurateurs, initiative of direct marketers, nature park market barn
- Energy Region Efficient heating networks, bio-energy villages, climate adaptation strategies
- Nature park school, nature park culinary school, network of environmental education centres, nature park tour guides
- Initiative “bewusstWild” (“sensibly wild”)
- Building culture of the Black Forest, design consultancy, Bauwerk Schwarzwald (competence centre for Black Forest architecture, craft and design)
- Network of museums, online platform “Cego online” (traditional card game)
- Impulses for a barrier-free nature park

All projects can be found on the website
www.naturpark-suedschwarzwald.de

