



Study trip

“Accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in protected areas”

Eifel National Park, Germany
19 – 22 of March, 2017



Preliminary programme

Day 1 19 March Sunday	Until 3pm Evening	Arrival at Cologne Main Station (approx. 1 hour from Frankfurt) and train to Eifel National Park , approx. 1,5 hours Arrival and dinner at Hotel Schütt in Simmerath/Einruhr Welcome, introduction and presentations of the participants: experiences, projects in the field of accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities, work with volunteers
Day 2 20 March Monday	Morning Midday Afternoon Evening	Breakfast Transfer to the National Park Gate “Höfen” , a fully accessible information point and exhibition with a visual and tactile floor guidance system Welcome and introduction to the accessible Eifel National Park by park employee, introduction movie of the Eifel National Park and presentation of the interactive exhibition Guided walk along the accessible “Höfener Heckenweg” , famous for its old timbered houses and its huge beech hedges (path length approx. 3 km) Transfer to Vogelsang IP Short stopover at the accessible wildlife observation station for watching red deer Lunch at “Gastronomie Vogelsang”, Vogelsang IP Visit of Vogelsang with the newly opened National Park Centre and its 2.000 m² accessible exhibition called “Wildnis(t)räume” (wilderness dreams and spaces) Transfer to restaurant with several stopovers at National Park Gate “Rurberg” , the Urft-dam and the accessible bird watching station Dinner Transfer to the hotel Review of the day: sharing impressions, lessons learned



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Day 3 21 March Tuesday	Morning	Breakfast Transfer to the fully accessible Wild Kermeter area , a project run by the Eifel National Park that aims to allow everyone to experience the unique nature of the Kermeter terrain Guided hike along the accessible nature discovery trail "Der Wilde Weg" with 10 interactive stations informing about wilderness, forest development and biodiversity Walk through the rest of the accessible Wild Kermeter area
	Midday	Picnic during the hike at the viewpoint "Hirschley"
	Afternoon	Transfer to Heimbach-Hergarten Visit of the "National Park Guesthouse" in Heimbach-Hergarten, an accessible lodging and one of the Eifel National Park's partner businesses Presentation of the "Wildniswerkstatt" (wilderness workshop) in Düttling , an institution for environmental education in the Eifel National Park Transfer to Schleiden-Gemünd Coffee and cake at Café Müller "Zum alten Rathaus" in Schleiden-Gemünd, an accessible Eifel National Park's partner business
	Evening	Discussion of day programme Transfer to dinner and hotel Summary of the study trip: sharing impressions, lessons learned, outlook
Day 4 22 March Wednesday	Morning	Breakfast Departure to Cologne Main Station, approx. 1,5 hours (with connection e.g. to Frankfurt, + approx. 1 hour)