

## Two herds – one project

It all started back in 2010 with a conservation project aimed at saving the European Bison population which is in danger of extinction. Then in April 2013 came the reintroduction of a free living herd to the forests of Wittgenstein. Free ranging European Bisons in a managed forest – a unique approach in the whole of Western Europe. It is therefore no surprise that right from the start this fascinating conservation project aroused enormous interest both in the local region and internationally. The European Bisons have a vast area of several thousand acres in which to roam freely which means they are easily able to avoid the gaze of curious visitors – in fact, walkers hardly ever come face to face with them, which is where the idea for the “Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig” came from – an idea which was to become a reality in September 2012. A second herd was also added, giving visitors an intriguing ‘close-up’ look at the important conservation work done here.

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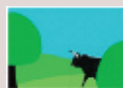
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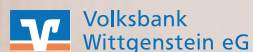
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## Where to find the “Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig“



The **Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig** is located between the towns Bad Berleburg-Wingeshausen and Jahdhaus-Schmallenberg at the street K42 (Weidiger Weg 100)

## Prices and opening hours...

For information on prices and opening-times, visit our website: [www.wisent-welt.de](http://www.wisent-welt.de) or simply give us a call!



Dogs are not allowed into the exhibition ground

Why not also pay a visit to the interactive European Bison exhibition on the first floor of the old Landratsvilla building (next to Bad Berleburg town hall)  
Poststraße 40, 57319 Bad Berleburg. Entrance free.

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# WISENT-WILDNIS AM ROTHARSTEIG

Unique in the whole of Germany:

Meet some of Europe's largest land mammals

- in a wonderfully unspoilt, natural habitat
- covering a vast area of over 50 acres
- and enjoy a fascinating 1.9 miles long discovery trail
- nature adventure playground for free



## We look forward to welcoming you to the “Wisent-Wildnis”

Until now, European Bison could only be seen in Germany in zoos or enclosures. So the “Wisent-Wildnis” in Bad Berleburg, North Rhine-Westphalia, is a completely new idea – and unique in Germany. An area of over 50 acres provides a natural, unspoilt habitat for these ‘gentle giants’ of the animal world.

An exciting voyage of discovery awaits visitors to the “wilderness” – a place where they can not only admire extraordinary animals but can also enjoy the stunning natural setting in which they live. The area is accessible via a loop trail – requiring around two hours to complete the circuit. Those who don't mind investing a bit of time will often have their patience rewarded with sightings of the animals which inhabit this wonderfully secluded “Wisent-Wildnis” – a place with its own natural, unhurried pace.

### Important information

Visitors to the “Wisent-Wildnis” need to be sure-footed and sturdy walking shoes are essential because the discovery trail covers terrain which has been deliberately left unspoilt and includes, for example, uneven paths, a meandering stream, inclines and open fields. Hiking sticks, child carriers and also binoculars can be borrowed at the entrance. Parents with prams and visitors with limited mobility (along with their carers) are welcome to use the alternative paved route but should be aware that this does only allow a restricted view of the wilderness area. Guided tours are also available. English and Dutch tours with Kaja Heising.

