

Wild River, Wild Forest.

Since 1996, the Donau-Auen National Park has been the protector of a riverine landscape unique in all of Central Europe. With an area of around 9,600 hectares, the National Park stretches downstream from the Lobau in Vienna, to the Austrian border with Slovakia near Bratislava. It protects a unique habitat that is home to a large number of plant and animal species. This protected area is also engaged in scientific research and environmental education, and offers recreational opportunities.

This stretch of the Danube is free-flowing. The dynamic rise and fall of water levels shapes the diverse habitats in the protected area: replenished side channels, tranquil side arms and ponds, meadows, xeric grasslands, and expansive riparian forests. The Donau-Auen National Park is a place of enormous biodiversity, including rare and strictly protected species such as the White-tailed Eagle, European pond turtle, European Mudminnow, Black Poplar, and the Wild Grape.



Using Waymarked Paths

The nearly 100 km of waymarked paths in the Donau-Auen National Park make it easy to experience, and reflect on, the beauty of nature while walking or hiking. The paths run through a variety of interesting wetlands habitats. Visitors are requested to remain on the paths. A system of navigational markers helps with orientation.

Cyclists may also use some of these paths – those marked green on the map. When cycling, please be cautious and considerate of other visitors. Above all, always yield to wildlife – whether snails, insects, or reptiles.



Detailed information on waymarked walking paths



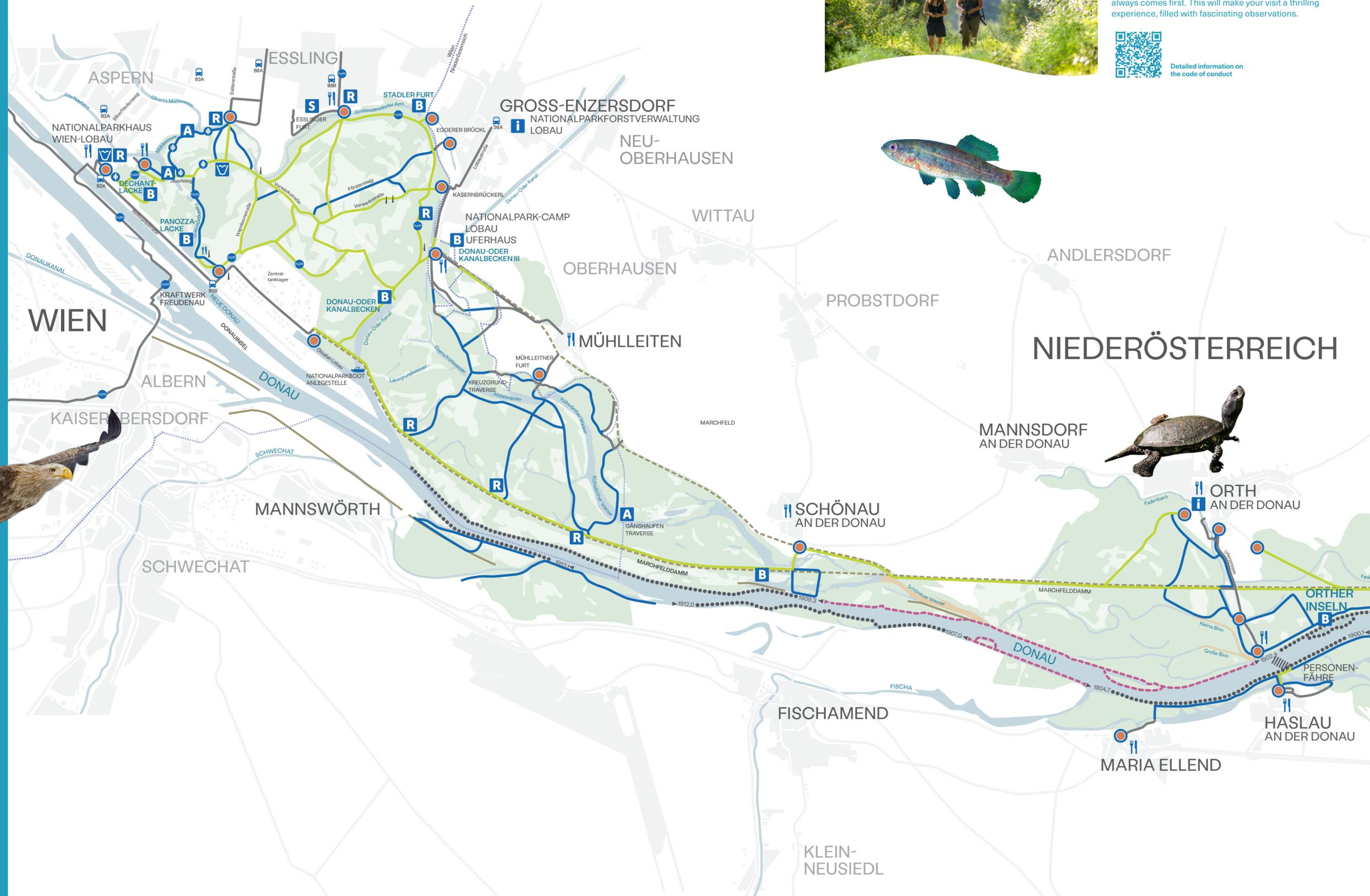
Code of Conduct

As a major nature sanctuary, Donau-Auen National Park protects the fragile habitats of diverse flora and fauna and offers its visitors unforgettable encounters with nature. A code of conduct and special National Park zones have been created to do justice to both tasks. These regulations governing recreational use are backed by law.

Whether walking, cycling, boating, or swimming in the National Park: slow down. Be mindful that Mother Nature always comes first. This will make your visit a thrilling experience, filled with fascinating observations.



Detailed information on the code of conduct



Information Points

For the Lower Austrian part of the National Park

Schloss Orth an der Donau, National Park Centre
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For the Viennese part of the National Park

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nh@ma49.wien.gv.at

Opening hours for the current year may be found at www.donauauen.at



Boating and Swimming

As an international waterway, the stretch of the Danube flowing through the National Park may be navigated by ship or boat. While non-motorized boats are permitted in some reaches of its side arms, docking and disembarking are prohibited.

For your own safety, be sure to check current Danube water levels before setting out in a boat.

Boats may land among designated sections along the Danube's banks. Swimming is also permitted on these banks.

There are also several natural swimming areas in the wetlands.

All other areas along the banks and waters of the National Park serve as safe havens for flora and fauna. Entering, disembarking, and swimming are strictly prohibited in these areas.



Detailed information when visiting bodies of water in the National Park

Fair Play in the Donau-Auen National Park



Cycling
Please remain on designated cycling paths, which are marked green



Walking paths
There are over 100 km of designated walking paths – please stay on them at all times



Keep dogs on a leash
Always keep your dog on a leash to protect wildlife and as a courtesy to other guests



Boating and swimming
Boating and swimming are allowed in designated areas only; inform yourself of these in advance



Nature conservation
Please do not disturb wildlife; heed the rules on the removal of plants and other materials from the National Park



Geocaching
Please heed the rules on geocaching in the Donau-Auen National Park



Video surveillance
Video surveillance may be employed where its use is justified



Stop signs
Please obey the stop signs prohibiting entrance to certain areas



Camping prohibited
Camping and the use of tents is prohibited in all parts of the National Park



Fires
Campfires are prohibited. Please extinguish cigarettes fully before disposing of them properly



Drones
Drones and all other unmanned aerial vehicles may not be operated in any area of the National Park



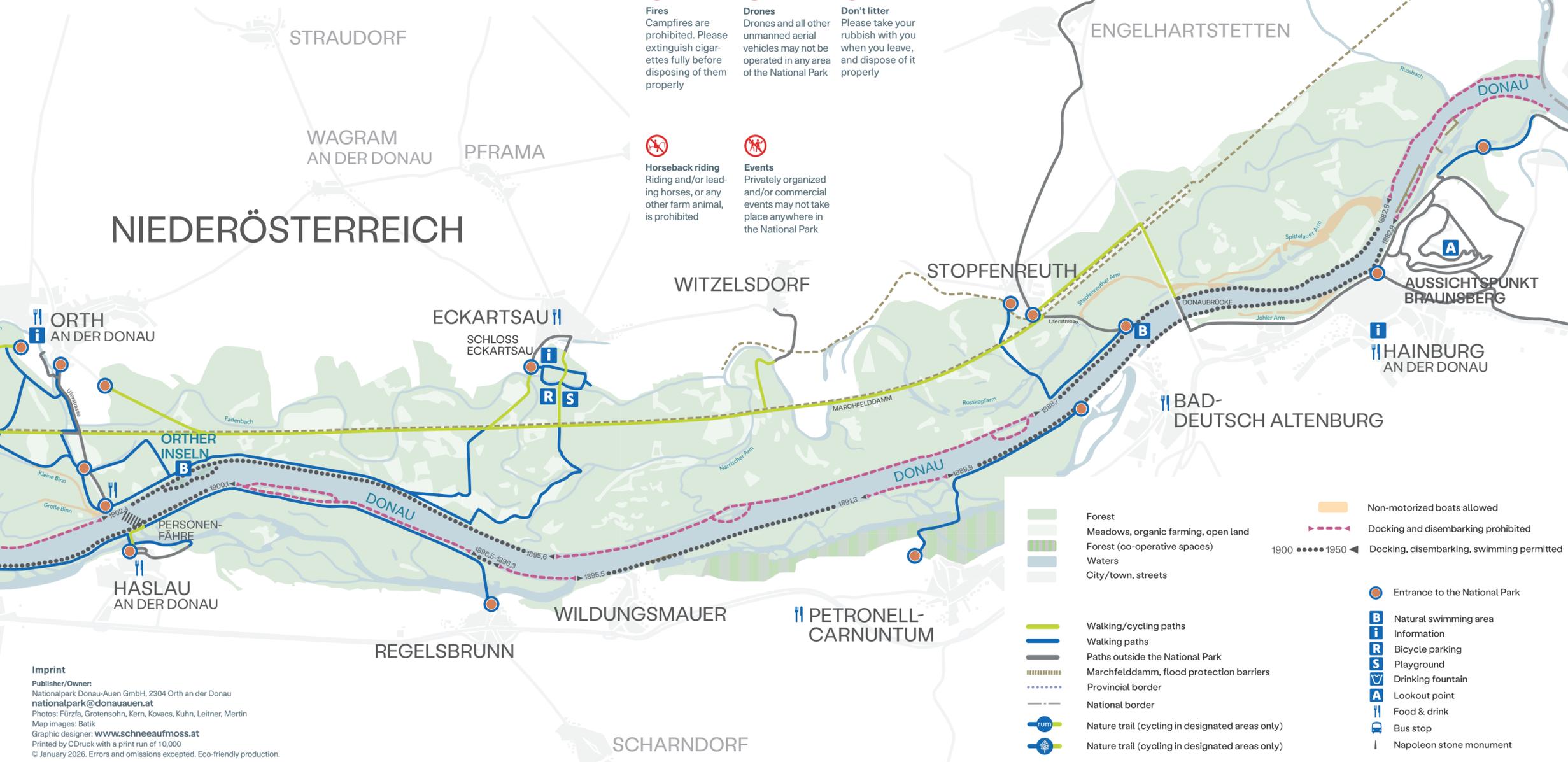
Don't litter
Please take your rubbish with you when you leave, and dispose of it properly



Horseback riding
Riding and/or leading horses, or any other farm animal, is prohibited



Events
Privately organized and/or commercial events may not take place anywhere in the National Park



- Forest
- Meadows, organic farming, open land
- Forest (co-operative spaces)
- Waters
- City/town, streets
- Walking/cycling paths
- Walking paths
- Paths outside the National Park
- Marchfelddamm, flood protection barriers
- Provincial border
- National border
- Nature trail (cycling in designated areas only)
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- Non-motorized boats allowed
- Docking and disembarking prohibited
- Docking, disembarking, swimming permitted
- Entrance to the National Park
- Natural swimming area
- Information
- Bicycle parking
- Playground
- Drinking fountain
- Lookout point
- Food & drink
- Bus stop
- Napoleon stone monument

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 Donau-Auen National Park
 Visiting a nature sanctuary