The Henrichshütte
Hattingen ironworks
A museum of iron and steel

From the foundry to the Henrichs Park

In 1846 the presence of coal, coal and a river tempted an aristocrat from the Harz region to set up a company belonging to an association of Westphalia-Lippe. The Henrichshütte, 1874 – 1987, was blown out despite the last blast furnace in Hattingen from the original site has existed on the disused site. Nowadays the unique original site has been revived to give visitors a past and present features in the Ruhrgebiet. From here visitors can combine it with a gourmet meal in the “Henrichs” restaurant.

Discovering iron-making

On the path of iron you will follow the flow of material from ore, coke and lime to make pig iron. The tour leads you through the ore bunkers and up to the top of the blast furnace. From here you descend step by step down to the casting bay, the heart of the plant, where the hot-iron (1,400 degrees C) was tapped. A special feature of the tour are the many working casts in iron and steel works used with a number of different operations. The Henrichs hutte plant produced a broad spectrum of iron and steel products. Here you descend step by step down the blast furnace. From here you descend step by step down to the casting bay, the heart of the plant, where the hot-iron (1,400 degrees C) was tapped. A special feature of the tour are the many working casts in iron and steel works used with a number of different operations.

The tapping bay

In 2004 the forge was the last blast furnace to cease operation in the Ruhr region. Since 1991 the area has been partly reconquered by nature. The green path... the green path...

The path of steel

The path of steel is still flourishing on the Henrichshütte site. After the plant was closed down the natural world reclaimed the disused industrial site according to its own rules. The green path shows you where wild marjoram, climbing cranberry, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and ram, stinking cranesbill, trees and butterflies have made their home; where marigold and...
Experiencing the ironworks

What we offer

Our industrial museum can offer many attractive experiential and learning programs. We offer a daily guided tour at 11.30 a.m. The demonstration furnace is the right place for anyone who wants to get practical experience of working here. We reveal red-hot iron and steel, forging once again, ready for forging. Memories of war and armaments, forced labour and bombing are revived in the air-raid shelter.

The "Mischief-Makers Steelworks" is just the right place for younger blast-furnace workers. In this fun furnace you can learn about the works at the same time.

On Sundays the LWL-Industriemuseum pulls out all the stops. Sunday walks and factory air-raid tours to the whole family. Flirty tours for the children, an extra workshop every second Sunday of the month. In January the"Mischief-Makers Steelworks" and demonstration furnaces (every third Sunday of the month) between April and October and Sunday Tuesdays are a very special day. The guided tour starts here and then the moonlight has long been a part of the visit in Hattingen.

We have collected the entire museum’s educational third-hand-guided tours in a special flyer which we shall be delighted to send you on request. You can also find all information and dates on the internet at: www.lwl-industriemuseum.de

Things are really buzzing here!

The once forbidden city has long been transformed into a forum for social activities and culture. This is particularly true of the casting bay. Hundreds of regularly scheduled events occur in our open-air production and theatre evenings, trade fairs and markets, exhibitions and conferences. Alternatively people come here simply to enjoy the unique atmosphere of the "Henrichshütte" restaurant with its huge garden vantage.

We have collected the impressive relics of industrial history plus lots to mobilise events several times a year.

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Tips for a good day out

There’s more to Hattingen than you think

Directly in front of the gates of the LWL-Industriemuseum are the Henrichshütte and the Nightingale Mine. From Hattingen, along the picturesque Ruhr Valley. You can also experience industrial heritage with our MontanFighters that offers visitors a guided tour through the visitor gallery at the Nightingale Mine, along with a visit to our demonstration furnace. Alternatively, younger guests can take a ride along the Ruhr Valley Cycle Trail from Hattingen to the Henrichshütte site with the LWL-Industriemuseum at the Nightingale Mine in Witten. We can offer cycle hire, bike garages, toilets, maps and more.

People who enjoy antique picturesque surroundings should not miss the picturesque town centre of Hattingen. It is a jewel of half-timbered houses whose attractive streets are ideal for a stroll, for shopping and having a cup of coffee. Therefore you’d better put on comfortable shoes to find your way around the museum. For further information we recommend the websites listed below.

Getting there by car: A 43, exit Witten-Heide/Heideweg, and follow the signs to Hattingen. By bike and bus: By rail from Essen Central Station (Hbf) via S3, alight "Hattingen-Kotten" then cross the pedestrian bridge to get to the exhibition. You can also bike out C21 or stop at "Henrichshütte" and take the pedestrian bridge to Witten. You can also find us in the "Route Industriekultur".


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Opening hours:
Museum: Mon-Sat 10.00 – 18.00, Sun 13.00 – 18.00
Henrichshütte: Mon-Fri 9.00 – 18.00, Sat 9.00 – 17.00, Sun 13.00 – 17.00
Nightingale Mine: Mon-Sat 9.00 – 17.00, Sun 13.00 – 17.00

Admission prices:
Adults € 6.00
Children (7 years upwards) € 3.50 per person
Concientious € 2.50
(Students, young people (16–17) and school students € 1.50)
School students*** with a school ticket € 1.10
(Two supervisors free)
(One Museum of Industrial Heritage, the annual "Nacht der Kultur" is included, so the ticket is valid for the entire museum's educational events found at: www.lwl-industriemuseum.de
www.route-industriekultur.de
www.montanticketruhr.de
www.henrichs-restaurant.de
www.hattingen.de

By bike
From Hattingen you can cycle along the picturesque Ruhr Valley Cycle Trail. Bike garages are available. Detailed information for cyclists can be found at: www.lwl-industriemuseum.de

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