The Hermannsdenkmal – Landmark of the Lippe Region

The Hermannsdenkmal is Germany’s highest statue – the figure alone measures 26.57 meter, its total height is 53.46 meter. It belongs to the most popular monuments and the most frequented tourist destinations in Europe – around half a million people visit the Hermannsdenkmal each year and enjoy the panorama view over the Lippe region from its platform.

Today, the Hermannsdenkmal stands as a memorial for peace, international understanding and humanity in Europe – as a monument, where families, children and young people from all over the world meet.

A path which is enriched with information boards about Arminius, the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest, and the monument itself, leads visitors to historical sites. A further, archeological path, which runs from the monument to the ancient fortification „Kleiner Hünenring“, enables visitors to recognize archeological sites.

Among the numerous activities offered at the Hermannsdenkmal, families prefer most:

- guided tours that offer a view into the construction of the statue
- climbing the platform
- discovering the Bandelhütte (Bandels Cabin)
- a children’s playground, a climbing park and a sun terrace invite to spend time.

The open-air stage to the feet of the Hermannsdenkmal offers top-class cultural events and the highly popular open-air cinema.
Arminius, so called “Hermann”, a chieftain of the Germanic Cherusci, succeeded in 9 AD to unite four Germanic tribes and to decisively defeat three Roman legions which were led by the Roman general Publius Quinctilius Varus. In consequence, the Romans withdrew and never again attempted to conquer Germanic territory east of the Rhine River.

Since Renaissance times, Arminius became, in Germany, hailed as a symbol of German unity and resistance to foreign enemies. His name Arminius became adopted to “Hermann”.

The Lippisches Landesmuseum Detmold explores in an exhibition how a historic event became, in a span of 500 years, converted into a variable legend. It presents numerous objects – from largesized paintings up to crystal ashtrays – and modern electronic media. Arminius/Hermann and his wife Thusnelda are highlighted in the field of tension between national hero and advertising icon.

In this permanent exhibition, visitors can, for the first time since 1953, admire the entire huge cycle of paintings by Peter Janssen the Elder, a permanent loan from the town hall of Krefeld. They can meet the creator of the Hermannsdenkmal, Ernst von Bandel, as an artist and an icon, and Thusnelda in manifold portrayals.

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A monument arises – Ernst von Bandel’s lifework

In the 19th century, the architect and sculptor Ernst von Bandel strove to create a national monument dedicated to the emerging German nation. Bandel was born on 17 May 1800 at Ansbach, Bavaria. At the age of 16, he started training as an architect, and afterwards training as a sculptor in Munich. The Bavarian King Ludwig I. who showed great interest in his work supported Bandel and paid for a stay in Italy.

As a child, Ernst von Bandel had experienced the French occupation of Ansbach. The Battle of Leipzig in 1813, which initiated the end of Napoleon Bonapartes reign as French Emperor, had inspired a patriotism never known in Germany before. Already in 1819, when the memories of the Wars of Liberation were still alive, Bandel drew the first sketches of his “Arminius-Column”. For the rest of his life, he could not free himself from the desire to create a national monument.

It was in the Teutoburg Forest – where it was assumed the battle of Arminius against the Romans had taken place in 9 AD – that he found the ideal position for the monument. Despite great political difficulties, the foundation stone was laid in 1838. The base was erected by 1846.

But then things stood still – due to the political events of 1848/49, but also because of disputes with the friends association and, most of all, lack of money. Bandel ended up moving to Hanover where he continued to work out construction plans. He again tried to raise money. At the same time, he developed the construction of the inner iron frame and underwent training for the profession of copper-smith. It was only in 1862 that he was able to resume work on the monument.

On 16 August 1875, the Hermannsdenkmal was inaugurated by the German Emperor Wilhelm I. Bandel, who by then was seriously ill, died just a year after the unveiling of the monument, on 25 September 1876. He is buried in Hanover.
Fascinating
Hermannsdenkmal – breathtaking views

View from Hermanns helmet

Within Hermanns head

View from Hermanns sword
Activities

» Hermannsdenkmal | Opening hours:
1st March – 31st October | 9:00 am – 6:30 pm
1st November – 28th February | 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
(Depending on weather)

» Climbing the monument:
  » Tickets: Adults: 3.00 €
  Children (up to 14): 1.00 €

» Combined Tickets:
  (Externsteine and Hermannsdenkmal):
  Climb both touristic highlights in the Lippe region and enjoy a budget price
  » Tickets: Adults: 4.50 €
  Children (up to 14): 1.50 €
  (The combined ticket is valid one year)

» Bandelhütte (Bandels Cabin):
  Exhibition on Ernst von Bandel
  » Admission: free

» Guided Tours:
  Open Guided Tours (Including a view into the statue and climbing the platform)
  » Dates: April – October:
    On Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays
  » Additional guided tours:
    Please have a look at: www.hermannsdenkmal.de
    » Meeting point: 2:00 pm | tourist information
    » Duration: approx. 1 h
    » Tickets: Adults: 6.00 €
    Children (up to 14): 3.00 €

» Open Guided Tours for both:
  the Externsteine and the Hermannsdenkmal
  Two guided tours at a budget price. Includes a view into the grotto and climbing the rocks (Externsteine), and a view into the statue (Hermannsdenkmal)
  » Dates: April – October:
    On Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays
  » During school holidays additional guided tours are offered. Please have a look on: www.hermannsdenkmal.de
  » Meeting point Externsteine:
    11:00 am | Information Centre, Externsteine
  » Meeting point Hermannsdenkmal:
    2:00 pm | WALK, Hermannsdenkmal
  » Tickets: Adults: 10.00 €
  Children (up to 14): 5.00 €
  (The combined ticket for both tours is valid for one season)

» Guided Tour „Quarryman, copper-smith, and Ernst von Bandel: How the statue was put on its base“
  A very special guided tour that deals with the building of the monument. Follow the tracks of Ernst von Bandel and learn more about the construction period of 37 years. Discover the original sites, f. e. the plotting board made of stone, the quarry from which the stones that form the base were broken out, and the Bandelhütte (Bandels Cabin). Climb the monument and have a look into the construction of the statue, to which visitors usually do not have access to.
  » Dates: Please have a look on: www.hermannsdenkmal.de
  » Meeting point:
    11:00 am | Tourist-Information
  » Duration: approx. 1 h
  » Tickets: Adults: 6.00 €
  Children (up to 14): 3.00 €
Guided Tours for Groups:
- Registration required
- Ticketing, registration, and information:
  Tourist-Information Hermannsdenkmal
  Fon 05231 621165
  or www.hermannsdenkmal.de
- limited number of participants
- in English or French: extra charge of 20.00 €
- Meeting point: tourist information
- Opening hours: 1st April – 31st October
  10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Car park:
- Open daily
- Day ticket: Cars 2.50 €
  Bikes 2.00 € | Coaches free

Exclusive art and culture against a spectacular backdrop – the open-air stage at the Hermannsdenkmal, which the Landesverband Lippe opened to the public in the “Varus” year of 2009, promises just this.

This stage could not be in a better position: situated on the edge of a former stone quarry and with direct views of the Hermannsdenkmal, the stage invites to experience concerts, satirical revues, and cinema in a quite unique atmosphere.

Be enthralled by the performances on the open-air stage at the Hermannsdenkmal, and enjoy pure culture under the open sky.

Current program: Please have a look on:
www.waldbuehne-hermann.de

Open-air stage at the Hermannsdenkmal
The Teuto-Kletterpark Detmold, situated to the feet of the Hermannsdenkmal, was one of the first forest climbing parks – and today is one of the most popular in Germany. Its beautiful location on top of the Teutoburg Forest as well as its size turn a visit into an unforgettable experience. Situated in an impressive beech forest, more than 80 climbing stations and six courses can be conquered. Beginners and professionals can choose among different heights and levels of difficulty. Totally new offer: There are three „Bambini“-courses where children aged 4 and above can gain their first climbing experiences in a height up to 2.50 meters – thanks to continuous safeguarding and a low reaching height.

Opening hours (season): from 10:00 am
- Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays
- During school holidays in Northrhine-Westfalia
  also Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

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Competence Centre for Hiking WALK
This is where the heart of Europe’s hikers beat: The new Competence Centre for Hiking WALK offers interesting exhibitions and events relating to the subjects nature, the Lippe region, and hiking. The centre presents the regions’ most beautiful hiking trails and cycling tracks as well as hosts, and also provides insider tips.

The WALK at the Hermannsdenkmal not only is an ideal starting point for beautiful hiking and cycling tours through the Lippe region. It also represents the junction of Europe’s first long-distance trails: the E1 and the R1. Everyone who wishes to hike through the „land of Hermann“ and Europe is recommended to start at the Competence Centre for Hiking WALK near Detmold!

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Located to the feet of the monument, the restaurant AUF 386m – which includes the restaurant „Bandelshöhe“, a large beer garden and a bistro with sun terrace – offers excellent facilities to round up the visit to the Hermannsdenkmal.

For parties of 20 to 100 persons, the large hall, the bistro „Cheruskerstube“, and the surroundings with barbecue area and fire place offer manifold possibilities for private or company occasions. Marriages, barbecues or company parties: The staff is at your disposal.

Further information, opening hours, menu:
Please have a look on:
www.hermannsdenkmal-detmold.de

Downhill route at the feet of Hermann

Downhill riders may officially pursue their hobby at the Hermannsdenkmal. It is the first official slope in East Westphalia, the processed forestry and natural limitation tongues was provided.

The downhill run begins in the forest near the Bismarckstein next to the Hermannsdenkmal and ends in Heidental in Hiddesen.

Further information:
Bike-Sport-Lippe e.V.
www.bikesportlippe.de
The Externsteine – 70 million years of history in stone

The Externsteine are a part of the middle mountain chain of the Teutoburger Wald, which was formed mainly from sandstone of the Early Cretaceous age. As a consequence of the shifting of the earth's crust 70 million years ago enormous pressure gradually pushed the sandstone layers up vertically. This monumental rock formation – one of the most remarkable natural and cultural monuments in Europe – continues to raise many questions to this day.

The Externsteine and nature reserve can be visited all year round, and it is possible to climb the rocks during ticket office opening hours.

Offers around the Externsteine

Externsteine Information Centre
The eventful history of the monument and the surrounding landscape is explained in the exhibition of the information centre. On a surface area of 200 m² the exhibition uses texts, interactive technology and clear explanations to offer an exciting introduction into the experience world of the Extersteine. Guided nature trails: free GPS receivers available. Special offers for schools.

Opening hours
April 1 to October 31 | 10.00 to 18.00
November 1 to March 31 (please visit our website www.externsteine-info.de)
no admission fee

Rock climb
April 1 to October 31 | 10.00 to 18.00
Admission fee:
Adults: 3,00 €
Children (to 14 years): 1,00 €

Guided tours including the grotto
April 1 to October 31 | sundays and public holidays 11.00
➢ Duration approx. 1 hour
➢ Tour starts at Information Centre
➢ Admission fee (including guided tour):
Adults: 6,00 €
Children (to 14 years): 3,00 €

Guided tours for groups
➢ available on enquiry:
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Car park Externsteine
➢ Open daily 7.00 to 22.00
Day ticket private car 2,50 €
Motorbikes 2,00 € | tour buses free

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Only 10 km away from the Hermannsdenkmal

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