



## Outdoor area



Water playground    Station „Sounds“    Station „Pasture“

The open-air area stages a river floodplain in a narrow space. From the sandy shores of the Havel, the path leads through meadows covered with softwoods to higher areas, where tree species of the hardwood forest shape the picture.

A bridge to the lookout platform on the reestablished Petroleum Island leads across a cleared tributary. The panorama offers impressive views of the Havelberg Cathedral, the Old Town Island, and the Ringed Island.

Themed stations invite you to playfully explore. In the water playground you can cool down, especially on warm days, and it also has seating for relaxation.



## Directions

**Train/Bus:**  
Take the train from Hamburg or Berlin to Glöwen, or from Magdeburg to the Stendal train station. Take bus line 900 from Glöwen for ca. 10 min and from Stendal with the same line in ca. 60 min to Havelberg.

**By car :**  
**from Magdeburg:** From the A14 Kreuz Magdeburg take the B189 towards Stendal. Then continue on B188 towards Rathenow to B107, which leads directly to Havelberg.  
**from Berlin:** From the A10 to A24 towards Hamburg take the Neuruppin exit. Then follow the B167 / B102 to Neustadt (Dosse) and continue on the L141 / L4 to Havelberg.  
**from Hamburg:** From the A24 towards Berlin take the Meyenburg exit. Then continue on the B103 towards Pritzwalk. From there, follow the B107 to Havelberg. In Havelberg, head towards „Sandauer Brücke“ on „Genthiner Straße“ and then turn into „Elbstraße“.



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## NATURA-2000-INFORMATION-CENTRE House of Rivers



## Welcome to the river!

The Elbe and Havel rivers shape the landscape around the Hanseatic city of Havelberg. While the Elbe flows from the Sudeten Mountains of the Czech Republic to the North Sea, the source of the Havel is in the south of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The changing water levels of the two rivers created a diversified and varied floodplain landscape, one of Europe's most diverse habitats. The plants and animals that live here are adapted to the recurring floods and form a multitude of living communities in the smallest spaces.

The basic idea of the information centre is to highlight the importance of the European protected area system NATURA 2000 and of the Middle Elbe Biosphere Reserve for the conservation of a near-natural river landscape with its rich variety of species. Learn about the natural wealth and the beauty of Elbe and Havel at the House of Rivers and find out more about their endangerment and protection measures.

About half of the NATURA 2000 sites in Saxony-Anhalt are located in the Middle Elbe Biosphere Reserve.

# The exhibition

On your adventure trip, you can experience the diversity and beauty of the typical river landscapes on the Havel and the Elbe. Learn about typical regional products and uses, and explore which plants and animals have ideally adapted to life in the flood zone. Learn how the power of flowing water has shaped and continues to shape typical landscapes. Conduct a swamp concert and test your insect knowledge. Listen to the animals of the night and find out which migratory birds can currently be observed in the region. Experience how the handling of flood events is part of life in the floodplain. Simulate being on a walkable river as a „flood barrier“, a flood without getting your feet wet.



You can observe the migrating birds from the gallery. You can delve into the history of the city with the view of the Hanseatic city Havelberg. As a moderator and viewer at the same time, you can discuss nature conservation topics with our talk show guests. Finally, test your knowledge in a quiz or enjoy the panoramic view of the floodplain landscape with relaxing sounds.



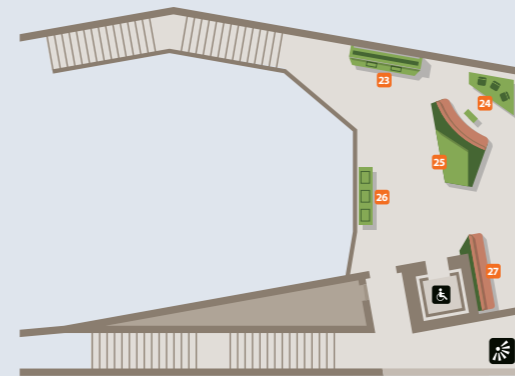
View from the gallery



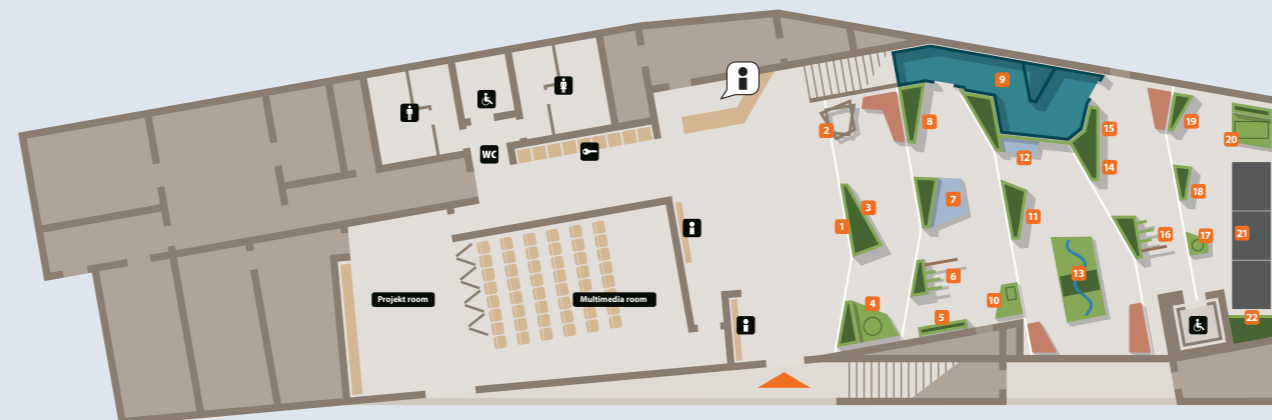
Talk show

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Upper floor



Ground floor



Flower diversity

Migratory birds



Softwood trees