The Harz Mountains are about 545 million years old and expose the paleozoic rocks, which have been laid bare by several geological events. The surface of the surrounding area is made up of young stones and sediments. However, at the northern edge of the Harz Mountains there is a narrow line of earth’s surface that exposes the rocks of all the geological periods in between. This geological feature, which occur worldwide only a few times, is called “The Classical Geological Square Mile”.

The visitor is introduced in eras, tectonics, sediments and stones and the development of life. There are graphs to explain the geological events that led to the sensational formations at the northern edge of the Harz Mountains. Rocks from all eras of the classical square mile are shown, also ores and minerals. A map offers interesting sites that can be visited in the Geopark Harz Braunschweiger Land.Ostfalen. Moreover, the exhibition informs about the Harz Mountains-trips of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, famous poet, politician and scientist, in the eighteenth century and shows his drawings of points of interests. The exhibition is fully explained. The visitor should take a couple of hours to get all information. Leaded tours can be arranged upon inquiry.

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