



EISENWURZEN EUROPEAN GEOPARK

Wasserleitungsmuseum Museum of the Vienna Waterworks in Wildalpen

The Museum is located in the community of Wildalpen, in the spectacular Salza valley. Originally, the impressive 17th century building has been owned by one of the entrepreneurs who made the Eisenwurzen world famous for its iron products. The museum which is owned by the City of Vienna was inaugurated in 1985. It is open to the public from 1 May to 26 October and upon request. Information brochures are available.



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General View



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The exhibition focuses mainly on the historical and social background and construction of the Second Vienna Water Supply Line. Since 1910, it provides drinking water for the Austrian capital. The water flows exclusively by gravity through tubes of 170 km length to Vienna where it arrives 36 hours later. Besides information on the planning and construction, the museum offers many details on the technical realisation of the great project.

The position of the springs is closely linked with the geological structures. A major objective of the show is therefore the hydrology of the karst area where the water comes from and its protection against pollution. One of its halls is dedicated to the fauna and flora of the high mountains. Upon request, a large collection of rocks sampled during construction is accessible to specialized visitors.

A unique experience is the visit of the Kläfferquelle (Klaefffer spring) which is offered together with a tour through the museum. It is the largest drinking water spring of Europe with a capacity of 10.000 m³ a second during times of snowmelt.

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