



Just flat land; hikers and cyclists can really build up a sweat. In the »Zinna-Jüterbog-Keilberg Forest« conservation area the early moraine of the Saale ice age (170,000 years ago) meets the late moraine of the last ice age, which ended 12,000 years ago. Its moraines traverse the nature park from Potsdam to northern Fläming, sometimes at a very steep elevation.



Two Worlds

Just 40 minutes by train from Berlin's »Kurfürstendamm« and close to the state capital of Potsdam, a landscape opens up which is like something from another world – the Nuthe-Nieplitz Lowlands. The nature park presents itself as an oasis where the rural serenity, quiet and wide expanse can be intensively experienced. In the north the lakes are joined together as if on a necklace. The largest is Blankensee, a bird paradise with a 300m wide reed belt. But this is all: in the south of the nature park there is a large conservation area, the »Zinna-Jüterbog-Keilberg Forest«, a former troops training ground. This conservation area contains primarily sandy landscapes, heathland and forests, but also springs, bogs and ponds. If the transition from big city to the lowlands beside the Nuthe and the Nieplitz would be a real shift, then entering this unusual landscape would be like going to a different world of slow pace and silence. The towns and villages disappear from view, the roads peter out in the sand and all human activity falls silent.

All in all, the nature park stretches over 623 sq km from Saarmund in the north to Jüterbog in the west and is bordered by the B101 in the east and in the west by the A9 motorway. It represents the central Brandenburg plateaus and lowlands and adjoins Fläming in the south. There is therefore by no means

Mesopotamia

Floods have long since been a primary threat to people in the lowlands. Cattle drowned and crops rotted in the wet fields. Therefore the Nuthe and the Nieplitz, which flow together just outside Jütchendorf, have been continually regulated and straightened since 1776. Both the towns of the nature park are on the Nieplitz. Beelitz is known for its sanatoriums and its fine vegetables. »Beelitz asparagus« is a mark of quality for the white stems which are harvested from April to June on many fields in the region. Treuenbrietzen is known as the Sabinchen Town and the annual Sabinchen election and the memorial are a reminder of the early beautiful ballad of the murder of the fair »gentlewomen« who fell victim to a traitorous shoe maker. Both places have a restored historic town centre and attractive surroundings: particularly favoured by day trippers are the Nieplitz meadows, the large Beelitz forest and the forested Nieplitz valley south of Treuenbrietzen.

Discover the Nature Park

Whether with walking sticks or without – the 500 km network of the Fläming Walk gets visitors to the nature park going. If you like things a bit quieter, you can go hiking in the area of Gröben, Siethen and Saarmund on the trail of Fontane, discover the confluence of the Nuthe and the Nieplitz, climb the hills of the Saarmund Late Moraine Arc (Saarmunder Endmoränenbogen) or cool off in the lake at Siethen. Those who are looking for the heart of the Nuthe-Nieplitz Lowlands should consider the area around the Blankensee lake. The village of Blankensee is a good destination for stopover your journey. It has many things to offer, as does the Glauer Tal game reserve with its Nature Park Centre. You can experience culture and nature together in Blankensee, the »hidden capital« of the Nuthe-Nieplitz Lowlands, as well as in the nature park's towns of Beelitz and Treuenbrietzen. Day trips from Beelitz to the Nieplitz Lowlands or starting from the Sabinchen fountain on the marked cycle and hiking paths into the varied surroundings are not just worth it during the asparagus season or at the time of the Sabinchen festival. The best opportunities for observing the prolific bird kingdom are ultimately offered by the viewing towers and platforms by the shallow waters near Stangenhagen, in the enormous meadows near Blankensee



and on the edge of the Körzin meadow. The jetties at Blankensee lake and at Riebener lake or the observation towers near Beelitz are worth a visit. From here you can observe aquatic birds particularly well.

The Nature Park Centre of the Glauer Tal Game Reserve

At the visitor information centre the Friends of the Nuthe-Nieplitz Lowlands have various information available on the nature park and tips on interesting day trips, recreation and special adventure experiences in the region. The nature park display window offers a selection of regional produce and the nature park market place guarantees organic and nature friendly products. Seasonal healthy food awaits the visitor in the shepherd's corner of the nature park kitchens in Glauer Tal. The Nature Park Centre as well as the Glauer Fields are barrier-free. And in the extensive area of the Nature Park Centre discover the how deer, fallow deer, mouflons and Icelandic horses form a »wild« landscape. More than 5 km of hiking trails offer you the opportunity and encouragement to further discover the nature park region and to experience the unique nature and landscape by the Nuthe and the Nieplitz, either on foot or by bicycle.

Further offers at the Nature Park Centre:

- guided tours »Glauer Fields« or the wild deer enclosure Glauer valley



- Nature Park for everybody (barrier-free)
- »Hiked« – on tour with the nature and culture guides
- Torch tours as well as Kremserfahrten (Carriage trips) to the wild deer enclosure Glauer valley
- environmental education programmes for children (e.g. »let's tap the sun«, »pond tours«)
- renting of a barbecue hut or a seminar room

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