

Camp Rules

We are pleased that you have chosen to use one of our trekking camps in the Soonwald and kindly request that you comply with our Camp Rules.

1. Respect nature!

- You are in the Soonwald-Nahe Nature Reserve
- Please respect nature and be considerate of other people, plants and animals.

2. Use the trekking camps

- Tents or camping is only allowed in designated camping areas from 1 April to 31. October. "Wild camping" is prohibited throughout the Soonwald-Nahe Nature Reserve.
- The trekking camp may be occupied by maximum 5 tents (for 2-3 persons each) and a yurt.
- The camp may only be used in combination with a valid booking. Camps can be booked on the Internet at www.soonwaldsteig.de or directly at Naheland Touristik in Kirn. By booking a camp, you automatically accept these Camp Rules.
- Booking confirmations must be presented to "camp supervisors" on request.
- Use of a trekking camp is for 1 night only.

3. Use caution when making campfires

- Fires may only be built in designated, officially authorized fireplaces and, and must be shared with other trekkers if necessary.
- Building new fireplaces is forbidden.
- Fires must not be left unattended.
- When the forest fire danger index reaches 3 or higher, any kind of open fire/open flame (use of fire pits, gas cookers, lighters and similar items) is prohibited at the trekking camps. Please check the daily updates at:
www.dwd.de/DWD/warnungen/agrar/wbx/wbx_tab_alle_RP.html
The station responsible for the camps is Wahlbach bei Simmern.
- Deadwood with a diameter of 12 cm in the vicinity of the fireplace may be used for making fires.
- Cutting or chopping down live trees is forbidden.

4. Avoid noise

Please avoid excess noise as this disturbs animals and other guests. Use of electronic music equipment and music players is not allowed.

5. Take your trash with you

- Please do not leave any traces of your stay. Take your trash with you when you leave and do not bury it either (the forest animals would dig it out again).
- By accepting these Trekking Camp Rules, you also agree to take with you any trash you may find on your arrival in this camp.
- Please report extreme contamination to the Nature Park Office (phone: +49 (0)6761/82-662) or the camp supervisor.
- Please do not leave any food leftovers standing open, as this may attract wild animals. Should you encounter wild boars clap your hands loudly, this normally scares them away.

6. Please use the provided toilets

- All trekking camps have an outhouse, please use it.
- Please do not throw trash or other items that do not rot, into the toilet.
- After each use sprinkle dry cover material, e.g. provided straw or leaves into the pit. This reduces the odour and helps to compost.

7. Don't forget water

- Please bring along water for drinking and washing. There are no watering points available at the trekking camps.
- Even when filter systems are used, drinking water quality cannot be guaranteed for streams, water bodies and water sources. These are not suitable for drinking water. This also applies to springs.
- Wash yourself at least 50 meters away from streams or springs.

8. Camp Supervisors are very important

- Camp supervisors ensure that the trekking camp is in good condition and can assist you if a problem arises.
- Camp supervisors are authorized to exercise domiciliary rights. They can expel guests from the camp if this should become necessary in the interest of other guests or nature. In case of violations, we reserve the right to initiate monetary fine proceedings.

9. Typical forest hazards

- Use of the trekking camp is at your own risk. No liability will be assumed for any possible damage, in particular caused by falling branches or falling trees.

10. Driving on forest paths

- Driving on forest paths with motorcycles or motor vehicles is prohibited.