

Boat Tour in the Donau-Auen National Park

The Donau-Auen are wetlands along the river Danube between the capitals Vienna and Bratislava. With over 9,300 hectares area, the park protects the last remaining major wetland environment in Central Europe. For a distance of just over 36 km, the Danube flows freely and is the lifeline of the National Park.

Experience one of the most beautiful former branches of the Danube in canoes for up to 10 persons including one National Park ranger per canoe. Before starting from the small village Stopfenreuth you will learn the basics of paddling, and then set out across the calm waters, going only as far as the mouth of the branch at the Danube. Stopfenreuth is known as the 'birthplace' of the National Park. It was here, in 1984, where protesters were able to put a stop to plans for a power plant on this stretch of the Danube by occupying the wetlands.

Usually, fish can be observed swimming among the lush aquatic plants and floating lilies. Depending on the season, tour highlights may include sightings of European pond turtles, beavers, kingfishers, wild boars or deer.

<http://www.donauauen.at/?language=english>

Bus transfer from and to the University building is provided.

Price: € 55, includes bus shuttle, English speaking guide, boat tour

Duration: 5 hrs. Min. number of participants: 18