

Hiking in the Vienna Woods

Explore the favourite recreation area of the Viennese on a hike through the Vienna Woods ('Wienerwald'). The Vienna Woods were designated as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO, in 2005. This status protects – where needed - the natural and cultural elements that make the Vienna Woods so special. At the same time, it promotes sustainable economic development of the region. Nature, culture, economy and education are the pillars of diversity in the "Biosphärenpark" Vienna woods. Typical for the Vienna Woods is its great diversity of landscapes. The different climatic and geological conditions in the Vienna Woods are the reasons for a wide variety of forest types. There are more than 20 types of forest in the biosphere reserve.

This tour will take you from the Schwarzenbergpark in the west of Vienna to the Stefaniewarte on the Kahlenberg from where you have a breathtaking view over the city. Afterwards you will walk down to the beautiful village of Nußdorf, one of Vienna's charming and romantic wine growing villages surrounded by soft hills and vineyards. The tour ends there but you may continue on your own and enjoy rustic and authentic style wine taverns – owned and managed by the same families for generations, offering excellent wines from their own production and delicious local Viennese specialities!

Transport to Schwarzenbergpark will be by tram '43' from the main University building and return from Nussdorf by tram 'D'.

Price: free of charge, includes English speaking guide for the whole trip, tram ticket & entrance ticket to Stephaniewarte.

Duration: approx. 4 - 5 hrs walking tour (ca 15 km)