



WISENTGEHEGE

SPRINGE



Let's get wild together!



The wild heart of nature: Here it beats!

Immerse yourself in natural splendour. Looking for the extraordinary? You are going to find it here in the Wisentgehege. Over 90 hectares of meadows and ancient trees are home to about 100 animal species – some of them endangered. Here they live in a protected and natural habitat. To ensure their survival is our main goal.

On our six-kilometre long circular trail you are surrounded by a fascinating variety of wild life. Yet the Wisentgehege has more to offer. Treat yourself and your family: enjoy our broad range of activities.

You will not be disappointed. Your time – here in the reserve – will be relaxed as well as exciting. Have a closer look at the following pages – some wild thoughts might crop up.



Every Sunday from
April to October
short guided tours
at 9.30!

We start at the entrance and finish at
the Falkenhof. The short guided tour is
included in the entrance fee.

You'll be amazed!

Wolf enclosure

Raised by hand but not tame at all! Since May 2010 Matthias Vogelsang is the Alpha – the highest ranking animal in the pack! He is in charge of the Timber and the Arctic wolves – a project that spans the entire life of the animals. Our wolf expert will explain the behaviour of the wolves to you in detail. During the presentations you learn more about the development of these impressive animals and you gain information on the life in the pack. The latest news on the wolves can be found on our wolf-blog:

www.wolfstagebuch.wisentgehege-springe.de

Of course the popular wolf presentations with wolf researcher Matthias Vogelsang will continue: April to October daily at 11.45 and 14.45 (except Monday). For corporate events, company outings, birthdays and other occasions we offer individual wolf evenings – an unforgettable experience for everyone.

Information at the checkout.

Public Feedings

Learn more about the different feeding preferences of our wild companions. Feedings take place daily – except Sunday and public holidays – at 10.15; from April to October also in the afternoon at 17.00.

Falkenhof

Unsurpassed in the art of flying. The kings of the air glide silently over your heads. The birds will demonstrate their spectacular flight artistic. During the show – included in the entrance fee – falconers provide fascinating insights into their work and will talk about specific features of individual raptors in detail.

Flight shows take place daily from April to October (except Monday) at 11.00 and 14.00.

Adopt an animal

The perfect gift for animal lovers. Adopt your favourite wild animal. A valuable contribution to conservation and nature protection as well as environmental education. Your sponsorship may start at any time and then runs for at least a year. Our adoption pack includes a certificate, personalized ticket and free admission to the Wisentgehege.

Café Wild

Enjoy the beautiful summer terrace Cafe Wild has to offer. Close by, two play grounds for your kids. Here instead of looking at wild animals they can run wild themselves.

Köhlerhütte + Köhlerhaus

To celebrate with friends and family you can rent our Köhlerhütte – during the day – with open fire and a stone hearth for barbecues.

Further information at www.wisentgehege-springe.de
or by phone 0 50 41 / 58 28.

<< Wild Animals

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-  Viewpoint
 Picnic Area
 Playground



<< Thank you,

- for not leaving the paths in the enclosures.
- for not leaving anything behind.
- for not petting or feeding the animals.
- for being quiet and for not disturbing the animals.
- for understanding that we do not clear the snow.

Dogs are not allowed.



They are the last representatives of wild cattle on this continent. For us, they are the symbol of a „weighty“ tradition: In 1928 conservation breeding of wisents was started in Springe. Only 54 animals of this species could be found at that time. Since then we support the reintroduction of the wisent in wilderness areas in Europe with numerous projects – and with growing success. Wisents prefer a habitat of open forests with meadows. Their favourite diet consists of grasses, bark, leaves, and buds. Female animals live in herds with an alpha female while males live solitary. Their size is impressive: shoulder height up to 200 cm (♀ 180 cm), weight about 1.000 kg (♀ 600 kg) and a maximum age of about 26 years. The rutting season lasts three months from August to October and dominates everything. After 265 days – between May and June – one calf is born.

Wisent

(*Bison bonasus*)

Habitat	Open woodlands with meadows
Social Structure	♀ herd with leading alpha female; ♂ solitary
Diet	Grasses, bark, leaves, buds
Mating Season	August–September
Birth/Gestation Period	May–June, after 265 days, 1 calf
Size	♂ 200 cm, ♀ 180 cm shoulder height
Weight	♂ 1.000 kg; ♀ 600 kg
Maximum Age	About 26 years
Records	largest European animal

Location ④ Wisent



Przewalski's Horse

Dzungarian Horse
(*Equus ferus przewalskii*)

In their native country they are called „Takhi“; other names include Asian wild horse and Mongolian wild horse. The Przewalski's horse differs significantly from today's domesticated horses. They have 66 chromosomes, two more than domesticated horses. Their external appearance is striking as well: They do not have a forelock but an erect mane, as they change coat and mane together every year. Additional features: the muzzle is of a whitish colour, the legs are black or striped, the belly is of yellowish-white colour and they have a so called eel or dorsal stripe. They can reach a shoulder height of up to 140 cm and may weigh up to 300 kg. The steppes and grasslands of Eurasia are their habitat. Here these shy and untameable animals feed on grasses, leaves, and bark. The mating season lasts from May to June. Eleven months later one foal is born. They reach a maximum age of about 20 years.

Habitat	Steppe, grassy plains in Eurasia
Social Structure	Herd: mares with one stallion; young stallions in herds of stallions
Diet	Grasses, leaves, bark
Mating Season	May–June
Birth/Gestation Period	April–May, after 11 months, 1 foal
Size	140 cm shoulder height
Weight	up to 300 kg
Maximum Age	About 20 years
Location	⑥ Wild Horses

Wolves are carnivores. Deer and other wild animals are part of their prey. Over time their former hunting grounds have been turned into grazing land. Now wolves started to hunt farm animals. This changed things tremendously; now the wolves were hunted themselves, they were hunted mercilessly! In addition the myth of the sneaky predator evolved: wolves attacking humans; a fatal „fairy tale“.

On the contrary, wolves live in packs and show a distinct social behaviour. This can be observed particularly well here in the Wisentgehege. In our „wolf-project“ expert and „Leader of the Pack“ Matthias Vogelsang works with Timber and Arctic wolves – all reared by hand.

In the wild wolves can be found in coniferous, deciduous and mixed forests as well as in treeless tundra. Mating season is from February to March. After a gestation period of 63 days four to eight pups can be found in one litter. Wolves reach a maximum age of 15 years.



Wolf

(Canis lupus lupus)

Habitat	Treeless tundra, coniferous deciduous and mixed forests, steppe
Social Structure	Pack
Diet	Carnivore
Mating Season	February–March
Birth/Gestation	May,
Period	after 63 days, 4 to 8 pups
Size	up to 63 cm shoulder height
Weight	30–50 kg
Maximum Age	15 years
Special Features	largest natural range worldwide

Location	3 Wolves
	23 Timber Wolves
	24 Arctic Wolves



Eurasian Elk

(Alces alces)

Habitat	Deciduous and mixed forests with bodies of water
Social Structure	Mostly solitary; sometimes in small families
Diet	Grasses, aquatic plants, young shoots
Mating Season	September–October
Birth/Gestation	April–June,
Period	after 8 months, 1–2 calves
Size	235 cm shoulder height
Weight	800 kg
Special Features	27 years
Besonderheit	largest deer

Location **18** Elks

The elk – the biggest species of deer worldwide. The elk has a shoulder height of up to 235 cm and a weight of 800 kg. North American elk are bigger and heavier and form stronger antlers than their European counterparts. They prefer deciduous and mixed forests with bodies of water. Like deer, elks live solitary or within small

„mother-families“. A family consists of the mother as well as the current and previous year’s offspring. The gestation period lasts eight months and between April and June one to two calves are born. In contrast to cattle, horses or red deer elks do not graze. They pick specific plants, primarily at river banks and in wetlands. Due to their size, elks only have two major natural enemies – bear and wolf. Unlike the calves: smaller predators like lynx and wolverine (glutton) pose a serious threat to them.



Entrance Fee

We are open
seven days a week,
starting at 9.00.

<< Single Tickets

Adults	12,00 €
Children (3–14 years inclusive)	8,00 €
Concession: student*, apprentice*, disabled adult*	9,50 €

<< Group Tickets

Adults (20+ people)	10,50 €
Concession: student*, apprentice*, disabled adult* (20+ people)	8,50 €
School classes, Children's Groups	6,50 €

<< Annual (1 year) Ticket

Adults	40,00€
Family	110,00€
Concession: student*, apprentice*, disabled adult*	25,00€
Kitz-Card (0-2 years) - child plus one companion of choice	30,00€
Big Kitz-Card (3+ years) - child plus one companion of choice	70,00€

<< Family Day Ticket

Maximum: 2 adults and 2 of their own children (up to 14 years)	33,00 €
Each additional child (up to 14 years): in addition	3,00 €

<< Guided Tours

Duration: about 2 hours (max. 25 people)	70,00 €
Short-Tour about 1 hour (max. 10 people)	45,00€

From December to February entrance fees are reduced.

Dogs are not allowed.

* ID required

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