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The Wollmatinger Reed

The nature reserve “Wollmatinger Ried-Untersee-Gnadensee” with a total surface area of 757 ha is the largest nature reserve on the German shores of Lake Constance. With its extremely biodiversity of plant and animal kingdom it is also the most important.

Approximately 600 fern and flowering plants and over 290 bird species can be found in the nature reserve. Due to the reserve’s importance as a refuge for rare and endangered plants and animals the Wollmatinger Ried was awarded with the Europadiplom of the Council of Europe in 1968. Since 1976 it has been regarded as a wetland of international importance, under the RAMSAR convention.

The NABU-Centre:

In the former railwaystation of Reichenau NABU opened its new information center of the nature reserve in 1990. From here the supervision and monitoring of the reserve is coordinated. Furthermore there is an exhibition and a slide show about the plants and animals of the reserve.

Business hours:

Mo-Fr 9-12 am and 2-5 pm

Sa, Su, gen. holiday 1-3.30 pm (Apr-Sep)

Directions to the NABU-Centre:

The NABU-Centre is located at the railway station ‘Reichenau/Baden’.

In case you arrive by car: You have to turn to the left at the cross-way B33 and Reichenauer Damm driving eastwards on the B33 (that means heading to Konstanz). Then you must follow the street up to the railroad crossing. Crossing the railroad, you will see the yellow building on the right-hand side; the NABU central office.

If you arrive by train: Just leave the train at the railway station ‘Reichenau/Baden’.

Directions to the meeting place ‚Vogelhäusle’ for the guided tours:

Address Vogelhäusle

Fritz Arnold Street. 2e

78467 Konstanz

If you take the car or bicycle: Driving eastwards towards Konstanz on the main road B33. At the first crossway entering Konstanz you have to leave the street on the right hand (into Fritz-Arnold-Straße).

In case you arrive by train: Leave the train at the railway station ‘Wollmatingen’. Head towards the lake (southwards along Riedstraße), until you arrive at the main road B33. Cross the road and continue straight ahead (into Fritz-Arnold-Straße).

Then for both versions: at the next street you have to turn right again. On your right-hand side there is the factory with a lean-to roof and many solar cells. At this point you have to turn to your left into the little street (along the buyback centre) for about 50 metres. Then you will see a directory and an information board from NABU. Please park your car or bicycle here. Follow the directories on the right-hand side by using a trail bordered by hedges for about 150 metres up to the meeting place 'Vogelhäusle'.

Guided Tours (3h; about 5km):

Every 1. and 3. Sunday at 8:30 am

We and Sa (Apr-Sep) at 4 pm

Prices: Adults 7 €; children 5 €; families 15 €

Dressing and equipment:

Good binoculars recommended for birdwatching. Solid and water resistant footwear for the excursions through the Wollmatinger Reed. Clothes with long sleeves against mosquitoes and sun protection (hat and suntan lotion) in summer.

