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Together in the Biosphere Reserve



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How innovative Europe is in the
Rural Development



“Hi,

*I’m Andi and I’m a ranger
in the UNESCO Biosphere
Reserve Kärntner Nock-
berge. To ensure the
peaceful coexistence of
humans and nature in our
Biosphere Reserve through-
out the year, we must all
stick to the rules.”*



Our aim

Here in the Biosphere Reserve we **serve** and **protect** in **equal measures** the wondrous diversity of nature, the uniqueness of the region and its cultural values.



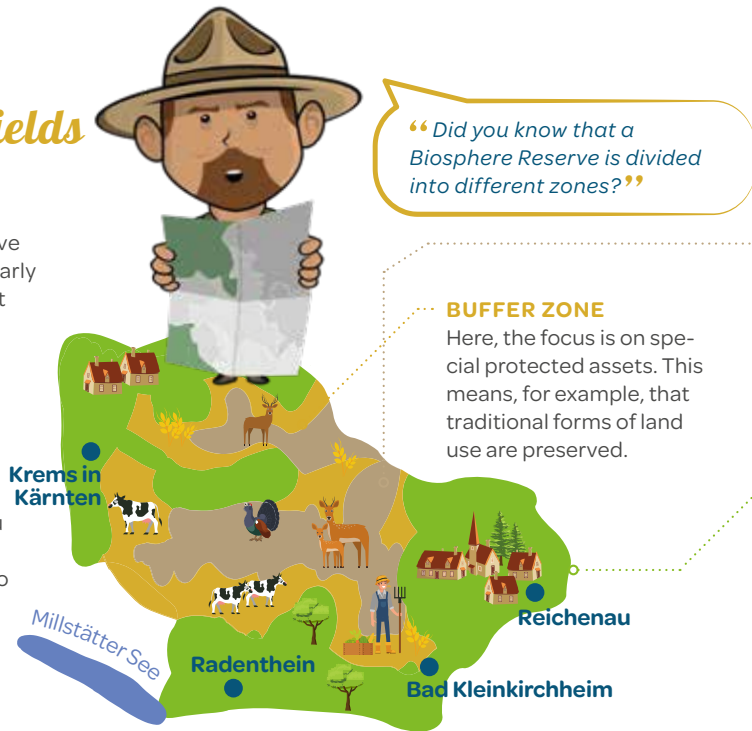
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“In a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve the focus is on people living here in harmony with nature, working the land and knowing how to respect and appreciate the rare fauna and flora.”

70,000 football fields full of nature

The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Kärntner Nockberge covers nearly 500 km². Incredible, but true, it covers **four municipalities!** Everything that grows and lives between Bad Kleinkirchheim and Krems in Kärnten to the north belongs to the Biosphere Reserve. In the southern part, Radenthein is on the western border and Reichenau is on the eastern border. However, in nature there are no borders, and so, together with our neighbours from the Lungau region in Salzburg, it is the largest Biosphere Reserve in Austria.



“Did you know that a Biosphere Reserve is divided into different zones?”

BUFFER ZONE

Here, the focus is on special protected assets. This means, for example, that traditional forms of land use are preserved.

CORE ZONE

Near-natural areas that are especially in need of protection.

TRANSITION ZONE

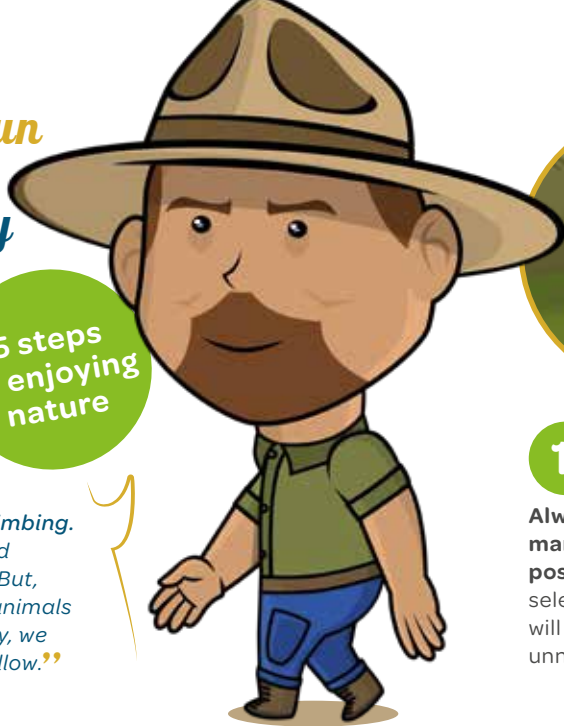
This makes up the largest area of our Biosphere Reserve and is located in the settlement area. By using innovative sustainable forms of economic and land use activities, it sets best practice standards for the region.

**Not a zoo,
but zones**

*With great fun
comes great
responsibility*

5 steps
to enjoying
nature

*“Hiking, ski touring,
biking, swimming, climbing.
Here everyone will find
something fun to do! But,
so that humans and animals
can coexist peacefully, we
have a few rules to follow.”*



1.

Always stay on the **marked** and **sign-posted paths** and selected routes. This will save the wild animals unnecessary stress.

2.

With a bit of luck, you'll be able to observe wild animals in the Biosphere Reserve, but always **keep your distance** so as not to disturb them unnecessarily.



For a peaceful coexistence

3.

At dawn and at dusk, wild animals are especially active and sensitive to disturbances. That is why they should be left alone at these times.



4.

Especially during the mating season (in heat and courting) and when they are rearing their young, wild animals are particularly sensitive and do not like to be disturbed.

5.

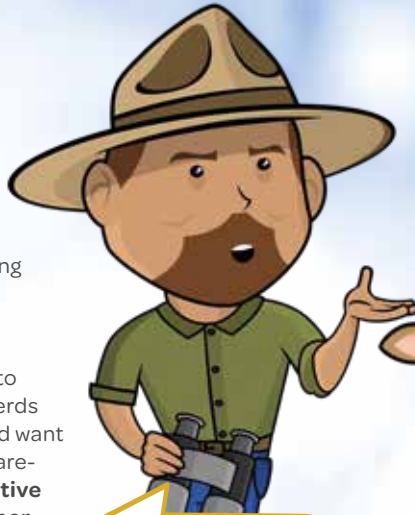
Wintertime is an especially challenging time for wild animals. Snowfall, low temperatures and sparse food supplies mean considerably harsher living conditions. So make sure you choose your route carefully in winter, too.



In harmony with nature

When it comes to cattle, sheep and horses, keep your distance from grazing animals and respect the animals' natural habitat.

It is especially tempting to approach mother cow herds with their cute calves and want to stroke them. But be careful: **Their strong protective instinct can make mother cows react impulsively!**



**“Avoid trouble
with animals:
1. Stay on the path!
2. Keep calm.
3. Avoid contact.”**

**“You probably already know
this, but just to remind you:
Dogs should always be kept
on a **SHORT** lead! Take
responsibility for your pet.”**



Rules are rules!

Different rules and restrictions apply in the different zones.



“So that we can all enjoy the UNESCO Nockberge Biosphere Reserve, there are a few rules that everyone has to stick to.”



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*You have to
see this!*

Watch our animated
film to get a quick au-
dio and visual overview
of our rules of conduct.



*“Now you’ve had a glimpse
of all the things you can
experience at the Nockberge
Biosphere Reserve!
There are also lots of exciting
and informative programmes
for visitors and school classes,
which you can experience
together with a Biosphere
Reserve ranger. Further
information can be found
on our website.”*



Simply scan
here and
watch the
video!

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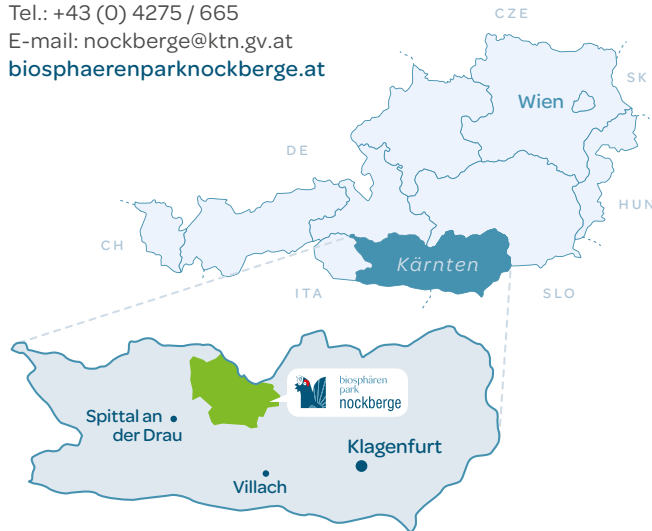
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Let's
keep up
the good
work!



“ See you in the UNESCO
Biosphere Reserve
Kärntner Nockberge! ”

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