

The Landscape Cinema in Rohrbach as a Window into Nature

In Rohrbach near Kallmünz is a cinema that needs no screen. The main actress is nature herself, with wind and weather providing the special effects. The movie is never the same, because nature always holds something new in store.

Just take a seat on one of the nine folding chairs at the Juradistl Landscape Cinema on Meilerberg and enjoy the view of Rohrbach and the valley of the Vils river. No admission is charged, there is no age restriction, and the opening times are twenty-four seven. The picture frame always offers a free view of the natural spectacle. What is featured is the village Rohrbach with its hilltop church called Bergkirche. If you are lucky, you can see some of the main actors on the hillside, the goats. Cattle and sheep also graze on the surrounding meadows in summer. Butterflies and grasshoppers play the extras in the blooming chalk grasslands. Unlike most other cinemas, this one here even offers 4D effects: you can see and feel the scorching heat under a blazing sun or a light breeze blowing. The lighting changes with clouds gathering, and you may even witness a slight drizzle – a real first-time experience for every moviegoer.

You can become part of the action too. Just position yourself within the frame and be the star of the show. Don't forget to take some pictures! By the way, these wooden folding chairs are almost as comfortable as the ones in real cinemas. You will appreciate them after your hike, as there is no parking available nearby.

Why is this place called Juradistl landscape cinema? Juradistl is the name of a large-scale nature conservation project to protect endangered animals and plants in the Upper Palatinate Jura: to protect nature bottom to top, so to say. The project is carried out by the landscape conservation associations in the region with support from the government of the Upper Palatinate. It is intended to raise the awareness for biodiversity among hikers on the Jurasteig trail in an unobtrusive but interesting manner. Large-scale conservation is, after all, based on the appreciation for our local environment.

Since the way to the heart is through the stomach, farmers, shepherds, beekeepers, and many other partners are also on board the project. Products such as Juradistl lamb, pasture-raised beef, apple juice, and honey are not only nature-friendly, but also delicious.

There are three more venues of the landscape cinema in the districts of Amberg-Sulzbach, Neumarkt in der Oberpfalz, and Schwandorf, each one of them unique. The only thing they have in common are

the larch wood folding chairs, which were tailor-made for this project. The chairs are anchored with wood augers instead of concrete in order to keep the intervention in nature to a minimum.