

## Facts about the Forest District Office Hanau-Wolfgang

The Forest District Office is a part of the state forestry system "HESSEN-FORST".

Based upon the State Forest Act HESSEN-FORST is entrusted with management and administration of all state-owned forests in Hessen, equalling 343.000 ha [as well as 93 % Municipality Forest (322.000 ha), and 55 % private owned forest areas (106.000 ha)].

Our annual yield amount of 75.000 m<sup>3</sup> of timber is based upon the method of sustained yield. All state and municipal forest areas are under PEFC-Certification.

## Structure of the Forests

The woods of our Forest Service are located in the western Main-Kinzig district, and belong to Rhein-Main area, Wetterau, and Spessart.



Due to the variety of sites and mild climate all of the domestic wood species are present in our area (Oak, Beech, and Pine trees).

Our location in the highly populated Rhein-Main area means that our forests are widely used for recreation. Residents and tourists

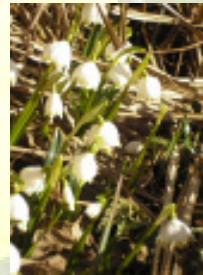
frequently visit the forest, and request information.

We stress safeguarding the protective functions of the forest, emphasizing nature conservation, protection of water, and soil. Three quarters of our forests are part of a protectorate.

## Nature Conservation

The district office is in charge of 25 nature reserves, and 10 Flora-Fauna habitats with approximately 1,100 hectares, most notably in the Kinzig valley area.

In addition, we protect species and the biosphere in the entire forest area.



## Forest Shop

Venison and wild game of the local forest is professionally prepared and sold in the forest shop, as well as a selection of other forest related products (Forest Bee Honey, Books, etc.).



## First Forest Youth Hostel & Education Centre in Niedermittlau/Hessen

The Forest Youth Hostel and Education Center arranges day and week courses on forest ecology for school age and kindergarten children.



## Game Park "Alte Fasanerie" in Hanau/Klein-Auheim

The game park is visited by 200.000 guests yearly. Over 40 domestic game species live in the 107 hectare area, to include wolves, moose, and lynx. We offer a variety of educational activities and events within a wildlife, and forest setting. The bird of prey show, pony ride and carriage ride invite the visitors to stay in the park and experience nature.



## Forestry Museum at the entrance to the Game Park

At a 250 square metre exhibition area we show a comprehensive collection of objects used historically in forest work. Charcoal burning, resin extraction and tan bark peeling may be examples of old time forest utilization.

## Forest nursery

We produce and sell a bare rooted stock of trees of the most widely planted species in Hessen forestry. In addition we grow Christmas trees, and other ornamental species.

## Seed Centre Hanau-Wolfgang

Seeds of all forest tree species used in Hessen forestry are collected, handled, and stored. Emphasis is placed upon provenience and quality.





## Our tasks

- Management of state forest is in accordance with an ecologically sustainable system, economically sound principles, and to fulfil general welfare obligations
- Management of municipality and private forests based on current laws and development issues
- Forest protection and environmental control
- Forest pedagogy and environmental education
- Support and consult with municipalities

## Our products

- Timber of all qualities from all kind of domestic and introduced tree species (the latter: Douglas fir, American Red Oak, etc.).
- Firewood, Christmas trees, ornamental trees.
- Training safety and maintenance courses in the handling of power saws for harvesting firewood.
- High quality Venison prepared for kitchen use.
- Guided tours with a wildlife and forest pedagogical/educational emphasis.
- Guided tours with specific themes. For example nature conservation, or natural history.
- Barbecue locations for rent
- Selling seeds, trees, and bushes.
- Organization of events and business trips
- Hunting possibilities
- Providing parking areas bordering the forest.
- Walking trails throughout the “Hessischer Spessart” nature park .

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