

Great Lake and Island Zoo

The great view from the little island in Altenburg's Great Pond has been enjoyed by the Dukes of Altenburg since the early 18th Century when they decided to build a great lake and a "pleasure island". In the late 19th century a seaman established an inn with a little zoo. Today the Island Zoo is the much loved favourite getaway of Altenburg families with over 500 animals and in walking distance of the old town. The surricans and the monkeys are always busy making fun, goats, sheep and donkeys love be fed and petted, innumerable birds of regional and foreign origins move about and exotic fish and reptiles wait to be discovered. There is a playing ground and a boat rental on the island. Around the Pond there are both the in- and outdoor swimming facilities, playgrounds and skating areas, gastronomy and a nature protection area.

1st May – 4th Oct: 8 am – 6 pm / 5th Oct – 30th Apr: 9 am – 4 pm
entrance fee: € 1,- (children from 6 years), € 1,50 (from 14 years)



Streichelgehege



Eine Bootsfahrt über die Inselzug.

Fotos: Silke Arnold

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Rund um den Großen Teich befinden sich Altenburgs aktive Freizeitangebote: Schwimmhalle und Freibad, Spielplätze, Skaterbahn, Fitnesspfad, Tennissplätze, schöne Spazierwege und Gastronomie. Der Wohnmobilstellplatz liegt schräg gegenüber der Zugangsbrücke zum Inselzoo.

Kent a boat and row the lake or take a walk in the woods to the Bismark tower or to Kosma village.

Botanical Garden

From 1928 to 1930 Karl K. Dietrich, wealthy owner of a sewing machine factory, had a private garden laid out with a special accent on extraordinary trees. In the years before the 2nd war he built a swimming pool, a summer house and started on tennis courses. However, after the war his garden and house were taken by the town council and the garden opened for public use. Even a hothouse was built. In 2005 an initiative of local private and professional gardeners saved the garden from closure and reopens it every year during the gardening season. They rearranged the historical setting and created new flower beds. A collection of historical plant for dyes the compost are used for lessons with a neighbouring school. The botanical garden is an oasis of peace in the middle of town of the century quarter with beautiful Jugendstil houses only about 10 minutes walk from the main market place.

May – Aug.: 10 am – 6 pm / Apr., Sep., Oct.: 10 am – 4 pm



Blütenpracht



Historisches Sommerhaus

Fotos: Botanischer Friedhof in der Altstadt

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Geführte Touren, Pflanzenböse, Pflanzstellung, Musik im Garten, Cafeteria, Kakteenausstellung, Fährerpfanzenareal, Alpinum, kostenloser Eintritt in den Garten

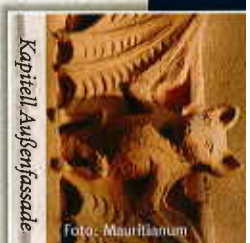
Open air concerts in summer or just a quiet bank to sit down and enjoy. Entrance free.



Mauritianum

The collection was founded by the Society of Natural Science of the Osterland in 1817. Laymen and scholars of this society mainly investigated the nature of the relation between the river Saale and Mütle (Osterland). Famous natural scientists like Christian Ludwig Brehm, Alfred Brehm and Hermann Schlegel enhanced the collection with numerous zoological objects. In 1908 a museum was built in the Art Nouveau especially for the collections of the society. It was named „Mauritianum“ (Moritz – latin Mauritius) in honor of the president of the Society of Natural Science, Prince Moritz of Saxe-Altenburg. As a regional feature numerous bird preparations of the „Bauernornithologen“ are presented in the exhibition. These were farmer of the region who collected birds in the mid 19th century. A zoological rarity is the "Altenburger Rattenkönig", consisting of 32 mummified house rats being attached by the ends of their tails.

Tue – Fri 1 pm – 5 pm
Sat, Sun, holiday 10 am – 5 pm



Kapitell Außenfassade

Foto: Mauritianum



Hier: Vogelstücken

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Hidden information – Open the drawers of the display cabinets and discover new insights!