Experience everyday history

The open-air museum of the Upper Palatinate Administrative District in Neusath-Perschen near Nabburg offers an insight into country and farming life of earlier days. Like all open-air museums it presents an educational institution as a valuable experience.

There are now 50 re-erected buildings, showing the various ways people lived, worked and built, according to region and social standing. The houses were originally occupied by farmers, smallholders, peasants, day labourers, weavers, herdsmen, millers, huntsmen and nobles.

The buildings, which could no longer be kept on their original sites, have been erected in the museum as cultural and historic evidence. They are furnished in the authentic way. The walk round, which lasts 2 hours, leads from “Stiftland Village” through “Waldler Village” to “Millvalley” and on to “Jura Village”, – from the “four-side-farm” (yard in square-form) via the herdsman’s cottage to the squire’s estate, from the chapel to the inn. The group of the buildings in the “Naabvalley Village” representing Central Upper Palatinate, where agricultural handcrafts and farm trading are demonstrated, completes the walk around. Here is also located a Raiffeisen-ware-house and a blacksmith forge.
Cultivating

All of the museum grounds are managed in the traditional way: old kind of plants and cereals have been planted and sown as part of the 3 field rotation system. Qualified museum workers cultivate the fields and woods with horses, oxen, cows and old agricultural machines. Orchards and herb gardens have been laid out round the houses. The cultivation of fruit trees typical for the area is demonstrated by meadow orchards.

Catering

The Tavern Inn of the Museum and the "Brotzeitstüberl" in the Farmer's museum at Perschen both with charming beer gardens, offer traditional meals and drinks.

Activity Days

As the "central museum for country and agricultural history in the Upper Palatinate", the open-air museum organises several activity days a year. In these, old artisan technology and traditional ways of working in the house and on the farm are demonstrated. Special exhibitions and talks on folklorist subjects complete the programme. Every Sunday during the museum season you can buy the famous museum bread, traditional Upper Palatinate style, which is backed in the old oven at the "Schallerhof".
The origin of the Upper Palatinate open-air museum is the “Edelmannshof”, preserved on its original site 3 kilometres away in Perschen. This former parish vicarage, built in 1605, was opened in 1964 as Upper Palatinate Farmer’s Museum Perschen, and so is one of the oldest museums of its kind in Bavaria. In 1977 the district administration of the Upper Palatinate took over the maintenance of the museum within the framework of the planned Upper Palatinate open-air museum Neusath-Perschen.

**Plan of the Museum Grounds**

**Stiftlandorf / Stiftland Village**
- "Denkenbauernhof" / four-side-farm
- Viertelhof "Matz" / quater-farm
- Hirtenhaus / herdmen's house
- Weberhaus / weaverhouse
- Wegmacherhaisl
- "Köstlerwenzel" / four-side-farm

**Naabtal / Village of the Naabvalley**
- "Schallerhof" / farm with tavern
- "Klardorf" / blacksmith forge
- Raiffeisenlagerhalle / warehouse
- "Neudorf" / barn
- "Niedermurach" / threshing barn
- Kegelbahn / bowling alley
- Glockenturm / bell tower
- Tummelplatz / children's playground

**Mühlental / Millvalley**
- Köhlerhütte / charburners hut with charcoal pile
- Sägemühle / sawmill
- "Rauberweheimerüehle" / Noblemen's house with grainmill
- Fischhäusl / fishing hut
Opening Times
Museum season: March - October
Open-air museum Neusath:
Tuesday – Sunday  9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Farmer's museum Perschen:
Saturday, Sunday and on public holiday  9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
(Last admission: 5.00 p.m.)

Please note
- Smoking is not allowed in the museum grounds.
- Please do not feed, pet, tease or approach our animals.
- Sorry, flower picking is forbidden.
- Keep dogs on a short leash.
- Safety informations are available at the main entrance.

Museums gift shop
Visit our museums shop at the main entrance. There is a wide range of goods: regional specialities, books, toys, gifts and articles for houses and gardens.

Offer for groups
We have special offers for children birthday parties and educational programs for schools.

Guided Tours
Please contact the museum administration to order guided tours in advance.

For further information
Please contact the museum administration for information about annual events, activities, special offers for schools and educational purposes or guided tours.

Motorway / expressway exit Nabburg

For hikers and cyclists:
distance from railway station Nabburg to Perschen 2,5 km and additional 2,5 km to Neusath.

We look forward to your visit!

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