



## My ranger tip:

"My favourite pastime is paddling with the canoe on the River Havel. The tranquillity is wonderful. There is much to discover above and under water. Start at the



Ranger Frank Seemer

village of Kratzeburg and paddle towards the villages of Blankenförde or Userin. You can find the up-to-date flyer on water routes with a map and information about accommodation on our website."

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## The national park in brief

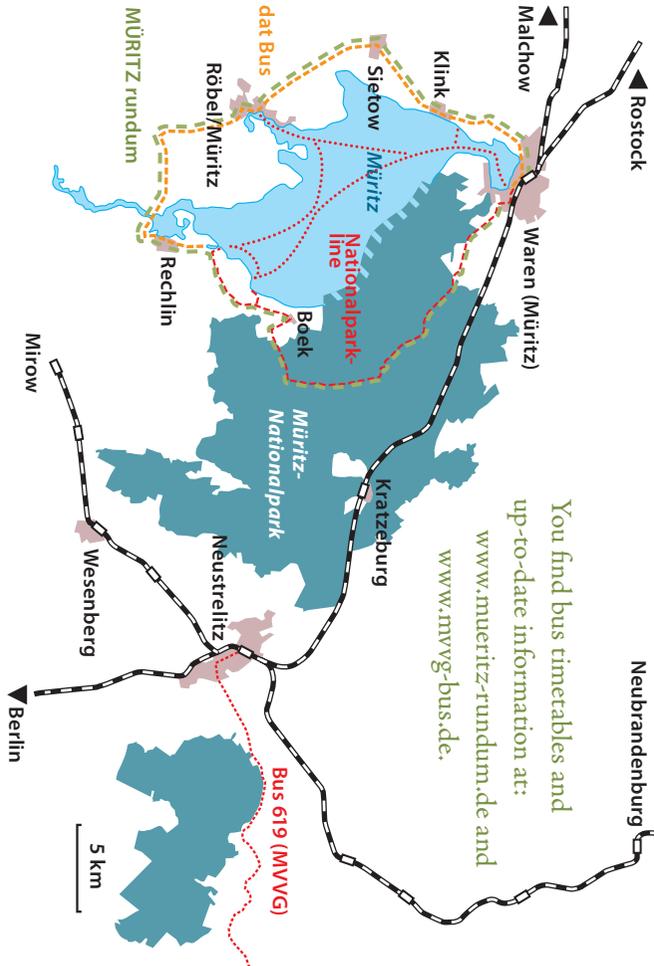
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## Müritz - RUNDNUM

You can reach the national park region via four train stations. The National Park Ticket for bus transport is on offer from April to October. With this ticket, you and your bike can travel along the Eastern shore of Lake Müritz through the national park. The ticket is also valid for the ferries (Weiße Flotze) and the bus route dar-Bus which connects the localities of Waren and Rechlin on the Western shore of Lake Müritz. Between the towns of Neustrelitz and Feldberg operates the bus route 619. It stops at the entry points to the World Heritage Site "Ancient Beech Woodlands" at the villages of Zinow, Dianenhof and Carpin.



## Let nature be nature

Nature is in constant change. In national parks nature is not designed according to human standards.

## Nature has time to develop according to its own standards.

Our role is to observe and admire, after all, processes are taking place here which we override in other parts of our world. National parks are part of our heritage and an opportunity for our future.

## Müritz-National Park

Spacious woodlands, sparkling lakes and wonderful bogs create the stage for sea eagle, cranes and red deer. The Müritz-National Park conserves these original landscapes, that have something wild awaken our respect for nature.



### Information for discoverers

#### Following the tracks of the fish hunters

A ranger or nature guide will accompany you on guided walks to watch sea eagles, ospreys and co. Starting points are the National Park Information Centres in Federow and Boek. Please bring your binoculars!



## Young and old woodlands

The Müritz-National Park has a size of 322 square kilometres and is the largest German national park on land. The larger area, with Lake Müritz at its eastern boundary is characterised by pine woodlands and large bogs. In the smaller area around the village of Serrahn remarkable ancient Woodlands have survived the times.

### A woodland of this world

The ancient beech woodlands became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2011.

Together with for further beech woodland areas in Germany and Primeval Beech Forests of The Carpathians and other Regions of Europe these last remains of the worldwide unique woodlands are protected.



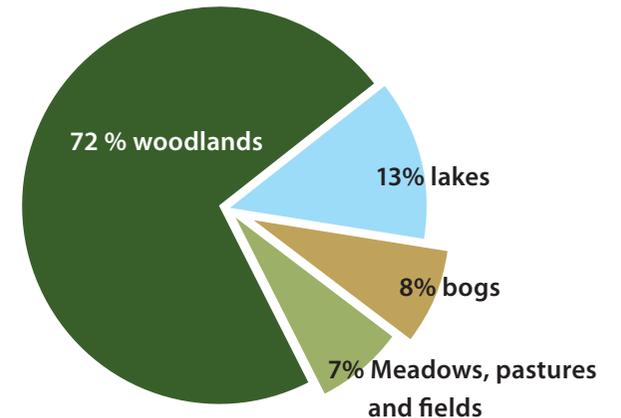
## Becoming a woodland wilderness

The western part of the national park is characterized by wide-ranging pine woodlands. Most of them were planted only 200 years ago for forestry purposes. These woodlands are young. Now they are developing into an undisturbed woodland wilderness.

## The empire of the beech trees

Around the village of Serrahn, ancient beech woodlands have survived changeable times. They are home for numerous animals, plants and fungi. The ancient woodland is very valuable in our intensively used landscape, a treasure trove for biological diversity.

## Habitats in the Müritz-National Park

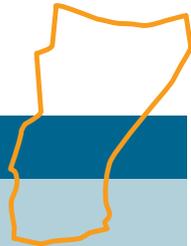


**322 km<sup>2</sup>**  
is equivalent to  
**45.000**  
football pitches

## Water worlds

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Ankershagen



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#### The spring of the river Havel

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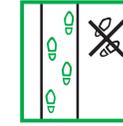
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#### Bogs full of secrets

Numerous bogs are dotted around the landscape like eyes. There are places full of secrets, where their equally mysterious inhabitants live. Different types of dragonflies hover around visitors on the boardwalks. Grass snakes are taking energy from the sun. Sticky leaves of the carnivorous sundew capture small insects. Bogs are a habitat and the protector of our climate. Many drained bogs in the Müritz-National Park have been restored. Standing water conserves matter. Dead plant material does not decay, but stores carbon as peat. The largest bogs are along the Eastern shore of Lake Müritz. You can experience and explore smaller bogs on boardwalks near the Wienpietsch lakes South of Waren or in the village Serrahn East of the town of Neustrelitz.



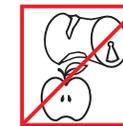
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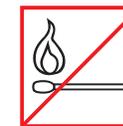
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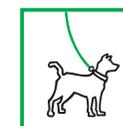
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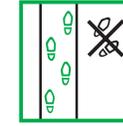
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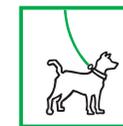
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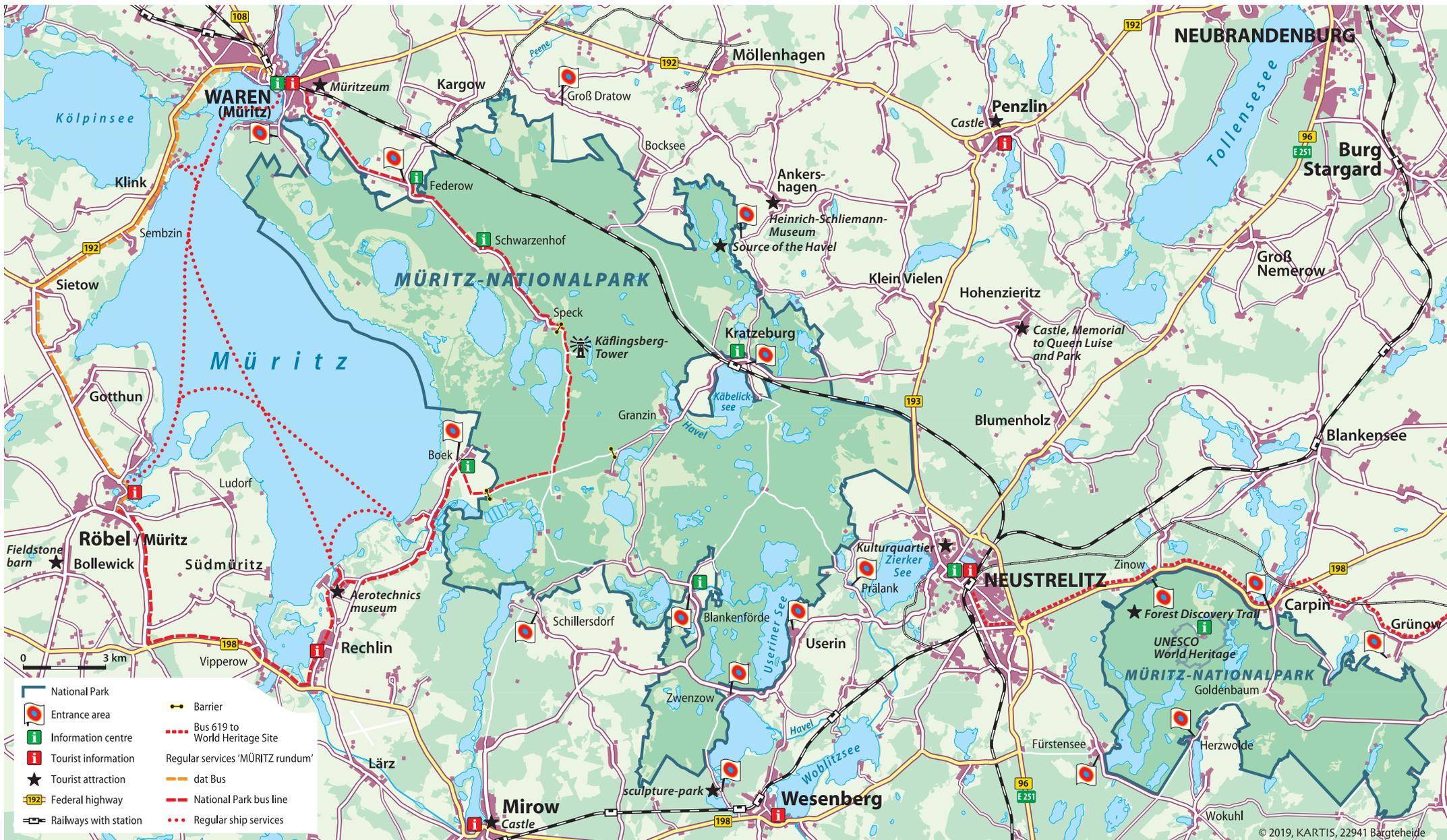
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### Müritzeum

The Müritzeum is a nature discovery centre with Germany's largest freshwater aquarium for native fish. It is located in the town of Waren (Müritz) and we highly recommend it for a visit. More information at [www.mueritzzeum.de](http://www.mueritzzeum.de)

### Nature Park Feldberg Lake District

This nature park is located immediately to the East of the Müritz National Park. More information at [www.naturpark-feldberger-seenlandschaft.de](http://www.naturpark-feldberger-seenlandschaft.de) or [www.feldberger-seenlandschaft.de](http://www.feldberger-seenlandschaft.de)