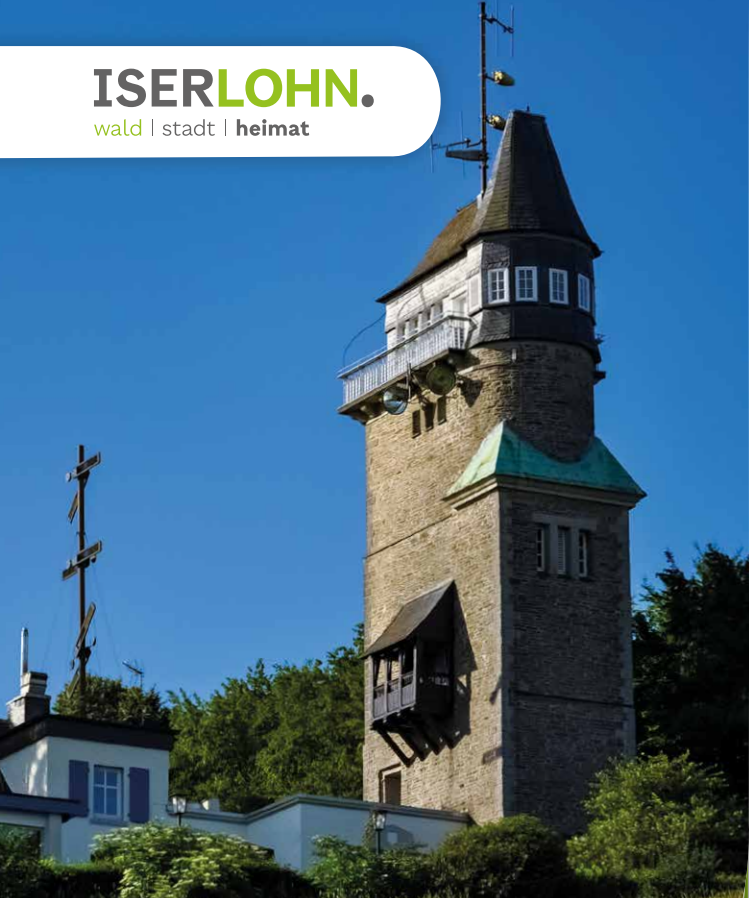


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THE ISERLOHN DANZTURM



Tower ascent

The history

In 1833, the Royal Prussian Military Administration erected an optical telegraph station on the Fröndenbergl. It was the 43rd of 61 stations along the entire line between Berlin and Koblenz and consisted of a single-story building with a square tower.

On this tower stood a 6-meter-high mast with six movable wings that, when positioned accordingly, could represent over 4000 different signals. In favorable weather conditions, messages could be transmitted over long distances. In 1849, on Ascension Day, the telegraph station was stormed and destroyed by

insurgents from Iserlohn. In 1871, the remaining telegraph house was converted into the „Telegraf Forester's House" with a 7-meter-high tower. The tower served as a fire watchtower and observation tower.

By 1900, the trees around the tower had grown so tall that it no longer offered a view. An attempt to raise the tower failed due to structural and financial reasons.

The Iserlohn Beautification Association had the idea to build a new observation tower in honor of the gymnasium teacher, Professor Ernst Danz. The association



*Gymnasialprofessor Ernst Danz
1822-1905*

Commemorative plaque





collected funds from the Iserlohn merchants and the population for the construction. In 1908, the architects Gebr. Fromme planned the new tower, which was then built by the Iserlohn construction company Otto Schmidt using local building materials. On May 22, 1909, the 28-meter-high tower was inaugurated, located in the middle of the city forest on the Fröndenberg, at an altitude of 384.5 meters above sea level. 100 steps lead up to the observation platform. Here, one is rewarded after the ascent with a magnificent panoramic view over the Sauerland uplands and to the north as far as the Hellweg.

The Danzturm is now considered the landmark of the city of Iserlohn.

The tower's opening hours coincide with those of the Panorama Restaurant.



Old signaling system



In the city forest

Rupenteich

Below the Danzturm lies the Rupenteich. Around the Rupenteich, which was artificially created to provide water for the nearby Bleichwiesen, a small park landscape emerged. Magnificent rhododendron bushes delight the eyes of visitors here.

Bleaching Meadow

On the hill between the parking lot of the Bethanien Hospital and the Rupenteich, there used to be the Bleaching Meadow, where Iserlohn housewives would gather to bleach their laundry.

Franzosenhohl

The area between the Lägertal and the Fröndenberg was colloquially named „Franzosenhohl“ (Hohl = height, hill) by locals. At the end of the 18th century, it is said that French emigrants hid there who had fled during the French Revolution.





View from Rupenteich

Hiking in the city forest

The historic Wire Trade Route leads from Iserlohn's main train station through the City Forest, past the Danzturm, and all the way to Altena. 14 signposts along the approximately 14 km route tell the local industrial history. From Altena, the second section of the Wire Trade Route continues for 17 km further to Lüdenscheid.

Another hiking trail leads directly from Iserlohn's main train station to the starting point at Alexanderhöhe on the Sauerland Forest Route. On this enchanting and mystical hiking trail, you'll find two of those mystical sites wit-

hin the city limits.. The route goes from Iserlohn through Arnsberg to Marsberg.

The approximately 3 km long environmental educational trail starts and ends at Südstraße/ Ecke Frauenstuhlweg. Interested visitors can learn a lot about the flora and fauna in the City Forest.

For more information about the extensive network of hiking trails spanning approximately 200 km in Iserlohn, visit www.iserlohn.de or the tourist information center at the main train station.





Sledding fun

Activities in the City Forest

Every year on Whit Monday, people from Iserlohn and visitors gather at 6:00 a.m. at the Ballotsbrunnen to drink fresh water from the fountain. The water promises health for the coming year. This ritual is accompanied by an elf dance. Afterwards, the hike goes through the city forest to the Danzturm, where visitors can enjoy breakfast and live music in the early morning hours.

In addition to hiking, the circular paths in the city forest provide ideal conditions for joggers and Nordic walking groups, while bikers can enjoy the EisenWaldTrails.

For winter season fun, the meadow directly below the Danzturm provides a paradise for sledders of all ages.





Panorama Restaurant

Culinary Options

Panorama Restaurant Danzturm

International and regional cuisine, restaurant with special views, festivities for up to 100 people possible.

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