



Berlin: more livable

## Mauerpark

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## Fourteen-and-a-half hectares of urban oasis

There is hardly another park in the city that is associated as much with the Berlin way of life as Mauerpark. Located on the former border between East and West Berlin, it is a memorial to the city's history and at the same time a green oasis between its two districts Wedding and Prenzlauer Berg. The park is visited by several thousand people every day, especially on warm summer evenings and on the Sundays when the flea market is held.

It consists of the lively and popular park that surrounds the large central grassed area and the Sonnenhügel hillock, which has existed for some time now, and the additional areas with plenty of green refuges that were added in June 2020.

Mauerpark invites everyone to take a break from the hectic everyday life in the city – to go jogging or skating, to play basketball, to browse the flea market stalls or with a round of karaoke at the amphitheatre on Sundays, to take the kids to the playground, to do some gardening or to simply go for a walk underneath a canopy of green leaves or relax on the grass with a good book.



## From no man's land to one of Berlin's most popular spots

The area now occupied by Mauerpark has been used for all sorts of different purposes in the past. Initially, it was a parade ground that was later used as a rail freight terminal. From 1961 to 1989, it was part of the border strip that ran along the Berlin Wall. In the western part of the city, it was a busy industrial area at what was then its edge; in the eastern part, it belonged to the so-called "death strip", the heavily fortified border. The first section of the park around the central grassed area, the Sonnenhügel hillock and the birch copse was designed by the landscape architect Professor Gustav Lange and opened in 1994. Over the next few years, the park was gradually extended northwards. Pankow district council is responsible for the management of the "old" Mauerpark.

The area occupied by Mauerpark doubled in size in the summer of 2020. Seven hectares of the former industrial area in the direction of Brunnenviertel have been added to the park, again based on a design by Gustav Lange. They offer plenty of space for more quiet pursuits. The local government-owned company Grün Berlin is responsible for the management of this extension.

The Mauerpark extension also includes a newly created forecourt on Eberswalder Strasse with an exhibition area. Reminders of the former border between East and West Berlin were discovered here during construction works: a vehicle barricade to prevent people from escaping from the former GDR by car or lorry, and an escape tunnel entrance. Both are scheduled to be on public display from late 2020 onwards.



## Mauerpark – a place by and for the city's residents

Mauerpark has always been a place of active citizen participation. Immediately after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the people of Berlin claimed the land as their own with tree planting campaigns. The Mauerpark extension was also created in close cooperation with the citizens, which made it possible to consider major concerns they had at the planning stage. These included, for example, a reduction of the number of flea market stalls, the integration of an existing building, the so-called Kartoffelhalle, and the Mauergarten community garden and, last but not least, the design of a new playground.

However, this dialogue will always be ongoing. The local residents and the Grün Berlin Stiftung are currently discussing the further development of the part of the park that was opened in 1993 – under consideration of the ways in which it is currently used, the surrounding urban area and the climate.

## Please be considerate to others – park rules

### MUSIC

You may play music and musical instruments only in the areas marked out accordingly, provided you do not disturb the other park visitors and the local residents.

### BARBECUES

Barbecuing is permitted: all year round in the areas marked out accordingly between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; from June to August until 9 p.m.

### RUBBISH

Please dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided or take it home with you.

### GRAFFITI

The "Hinterlandmauer" by the swings is a section of the former Berlin Wall and therefore a listed monument. However, as dealing with history in a creative way is part of the Mauerpark spirit, graffiti is tolerated on the park side of the wall. Please keep in mind that empty spray cans are considered hazardous waste and dispose of them accordingly.

### TRADE

Dealing in goods of any kind is not permitted in Mauerpark and will therefore be prosecuted. There are numerous shops that sell everything you might need close to Mauerpark.

### DOGS

Dog owners must supervise their dogs at all times and must also clear up the "mess" their dogs leave behind. There is a designated off-lead dog walking area by Bernauer Strasse; dogs must be kept on a lead elsewhere in Mauerpark. Dogs are not permitted in playgrounds.

### CYCLING

You may generally cycle on all Mauerpark paths. However, pedestrians always have the right of way.

### Legal notes:

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|  | BARBECUE AREA          |  | MAUERGÄRTNER GARDENING AREA | <b>01</b> | YOUTH PROJECT CITY FARM MORITZHOF                                 | <b>06</b> | ATRIUM   |
|  | TABLE TENNIS           |  | MUSIC                       | <b>02</b> | PARK AND CULTURAL CENTRE KARTOFFELHALLE (CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED) | <b>07</b> | ARCHAEOLOGICAL WINDOW                              |
|  | BASKETBALL             |  | PLAYGROUND                  | <b>03</b> | PEDESTALS   | <b>08</b> | HINTERLANDMAUER                                    |
|  | OFF-LEAD AREA FOR DOGS |  | WHEELCHAIR RAMP             | <b>04</b> | MEETING POINT "AM STEINKREIS"                                     |           | 2020 EXTENSION   MANAGED BY GRÜN BERLIN            |
|  | CYCLE PATH             |  | TOILET (FULLY ACCESSIBLE)   | <b>05</b> | AMPHITHEATRE  |           | EXISTING PARK   MANAGED BY PANKOW DISTRICT COUNCIL |
|  | FOOD AND DRINK         |  | SWINGS                      |           |   |           |  |
|  | BOULES COURT           |  | FLEA MARKET (SUNDAYS)       |           |   |           |  |