## The Geopark Westerwald-Lahn-Taunus

The Westerwald-Lahn-Taunus Geopark covers a region of very special geological, landscape, cultural and montanhistorical quality. Over 400 million years of geological history and more than 2000 years of mining history can be explored and experienced here. Whether Lahn marble and iron ore from the Devonian period in the Lahn-Dill area, basalt and clay of the Tertiary age in the Westerwald or the traces of the sea and mountain formation in the Taunus: Everywhere geological attractions offer visitors the opportunity to dive deep into the exciting development history of the earth. Join us on a journey of discovery and discovery in our GEOPARK!

## **Ore loading plant Ahausen**

From the year 1830, iron ore was mined in the nearby Allerheiligenstollen by the Nieverner Bergwerks- und Hüttenverein, but after reaching the groundwater level in 1885, the production had to be stopped. The longest period of operation of the All Saints' Pit, now owned by Buderus, began in 1928: First, the Ottostollen was repaired and a second exit was created to ensure the water solution. This allowed ore mining until 1960, when production became unprofitable due to strong foreign competition. Starting in 1934, the ore was transported by small diesel locomotives through the overflowed Ottostollen directly over the Ahäuser bridge to the loading station at the station. 1936, the crushing and classifying plant for crushing, processing and loading of the red iron stone was built. After the destruction of the Ahauser bridge in World War II, the iron ore of the All Saints' Crypt was towed to Weilburg station and loaded there. When, for reasons of cost, the processed ore was transported by truck from 1955, the loading facility lost its importance. The repair of the loading system is carried out by Heimatverein Ahausen e.V.

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