

European Natural Forest School 2024 – Programme

Week 1 – Lectures and field trips to Lübeck and surroundings

Sunday, 25 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
6:00 pm – ca. 7:30 pm <i>We meet in front of the Tourist Information Holstentorplatz 1, 23552 Lübeck</i>	Guided tour of Lübeck (<i>participation voluntary</i>)	n.a.
Monday, 26 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
9:00 am – 11:00 am <i>Die Diele Mengstraße 41-43, 23552 Lübeck</i>	Welcome and Introduction to the 3 rd European Natural Forest School Welcome to Lübeck Introduction round, Icebreaker & Warm up	Dr. Torsten Welle Yvonne Bohr <i>Natural Forest Academy</i>
11:00 am – 11:15 am	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15 am – 12:15 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	<i>Intro talk</i> – Work in progress for a better tomorrow – Greenpeace: a global player in international forestry politics	Sandra Hieke <i>Greenpeace Germany</i>
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch break at Diele</i>	
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	<i>Workshop</i> – Forest policy under climate change in the European Union and at national level	Liis Kuresoo <i>Estonian Fund for Nature</i>
6:00 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	Movie (The hidden life of trees), Pizza & Beer	

Tuesday, 27 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
8:30 am – 12:30 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	<i>Lecture & Field trip</i> – Multifunctional forest ecosystems: Functioning and biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics and potentials of natural forests • State of European forests and of remaining natural forests in particular • Resilience and benefits of natural forests ecosystems 	Prof. Dr. Werner Härdtle <i>Institute of Ecology, Leuphana University of Lüneburg</i>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	<i>Lecture (online)</i> – Natural forests and biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural disturbance and forest dynamics • Structural heterogeneity and biodiversity • Natural, primary or old-growth forests – a jungle of words • Where are Europe’s primary forests? 	Dr. Francesco Sabatini <i>Martin-Luther Univ. Halle-Wittenberg; German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Res. (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig</i>
Wednesday, 28 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
9:30 am – 12:30 pm <i>Lübeck Municipal Forest</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – Schattiner Zuschlag: Ecological processes in natural forests (I)	Anna-Lena Joch <i>Lübeck Municipal Forest</i>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
1:30 pm – 3:15 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	<i>Lecture</i> – Ecological processes in natural forests (II) Theoretical foundations	Knut Sturm <i>Natural Forest Academy</i>
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm <i>Die Diele</i>	<i>Lecture</i> – Ecosystem-based forest management (I) The Lübeck Model	Hannes Napp <i>Lübeck Municipal Forest</i>

Thursday, 29 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
9:00 am – 5:00 pm <i>Lübeck Municipal Forest</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – Various sites around Lübeck: Ecosystem-based forest management (II)	Eckhard Kropla <i>Lübeck Municipal Forest</i>
Friday, 30 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
9:00 am – 12:00 pm <i>DJH Vor dem Burgtor Am Gertrudenkirchhof 4 23568 Lübeck</i>	<i>Lecture & Demonstration</i> – Forest monitoring: Theories, methods and applications (i.a. remote sensing)	Dr. Torsten Welle & Carsten Hess <i>Natural Forest Academy</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm <i>DJH Vor dem Burgtor</i>	<i>Lecture</i> – Conflicts and trade-offs related to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • managing and conserving forests, • ecosystem services and ways of wood use. 	Eva Blaise <i>Natural Forest Academy</i>
Saturday, 31 th August 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
10:00 am – 3:00 pm <i>Nature Protection Area Südlicher Priwall</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – Forest types on steep slopes along the river Trave	Dr. Matthias Braun & Jessica Richter <i>Landscape management association Dummersdorfer Ufer e.V.</i>

Sunday, 1 st September 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
11:00 am – 5:00 pm <i>Lübeck Municipal Forest</i>	<p><i>Event (voluntary) – Walderlebnistag (Forest Experience Festival)</i></p> <p><i>On a circular walk of ca. 1.5 km, the municipal forest districts are introduced, NGOs provide information about their work, forest related products are presented, and food stalls offer coffee, cake and local game sausage.</i></p>	<i>n.a.</i>

Week 2 – Field Trip to Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Brandenburg

Monday, 2 nd September 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
6:30 am	<i>Departure from Lübeck by bus</i>	
10:00 am – 5:00 pm <i>Müritz National Park</i>	<p><i>Field trip</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology, forest habitat types and nature conservation approach of Müritz National Park • National park management tasks • Challenges and solutions for the region 	Dr. Sven Rannow <i>Müritz National Park</i>
<i>Overnight stay in Neustrelitz</i>		

Tuesday, 3 th September 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
9:00 am – 12:00 pm <i>Natural forest reserve Heilige Hallen</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – The oldest beech forest in Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old-growth forest characteristics • Forest functions (focus on microclimate) • Effectiveness of protected areas, incl. buffer zone management; Forest management around Heilige Hallen and impacts 	<i>t.b.a.</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch break & Bus ride</i>	
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm <i>Forest District Reiersdorf</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – Continuous cover forestry: Concept for forest management in the state forestry Reiersdorf	Dietrich Mehl <i>Forestry Reiersdorf</i>
<i>Overnight stay in the Lower Oder Valley National Park</i>		
Wednesday, 4 th September 2024	Details	Lead / Speaker
8:00 am– 12:30 pm <i>Lower Oder Valley National Park</i>	<i>Field trip</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • floodplain forests • water management • types of protected areas and their management 	Maria Serocki <i>National Park Lower Oder Valley</i>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch break & Short bus ride</i>	
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm <i>Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve</i>	<i>Field trip</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fen woodlands, swamp forest • windthrow areas • post-glacial landscapes 	Dr. Martin Flade <i>Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve</i>
<i>Overnight stay in Woltersdorf</i>		

Thursday, 5 th September 2024		
	Details	Lead / Speaker
9:00 am – 12:30 pm <i>Jüterbog</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – Post-fire forest regeneration (I) Dealing with damaged areas after forest fire	Dr. Andreas Meißner <i>Wilderness Area Jüterbog-Lieberose</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<i>Bus ride</i>	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<i>Lunch break & FINAL EXAM</i>	
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm <i>Petkus</i>	<i>Field trip</i> – Ecological forest conversion (Forest area of Dieter Mennekes Umwelt Stiftung - DiMUS)	t.b.a.
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	<i>Bus ride to Bad Belzig</i>	
7:30 pm <i>Bad Belzig</i>	<i>Dinner</i> Evaluation and joint recap of ENFS 2024	
<i>Overnight stay in Bad Belzig</i>		
Friday, 6 th September 2024		
	Details	Lead / Speaker
8:00 am	<i>Departure by coach to Bad Belzig train station (ca. 1 hr to Berlin) and Lübeck</i> 8:41 departure of regional train from Bad Belzig to Berlin (arrival 9:44) Arrival in Lübeck by coach ca. 13:00	n.a.

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