



Nature for everyone: how Müritz National Park is making the outdoors accessible to all?

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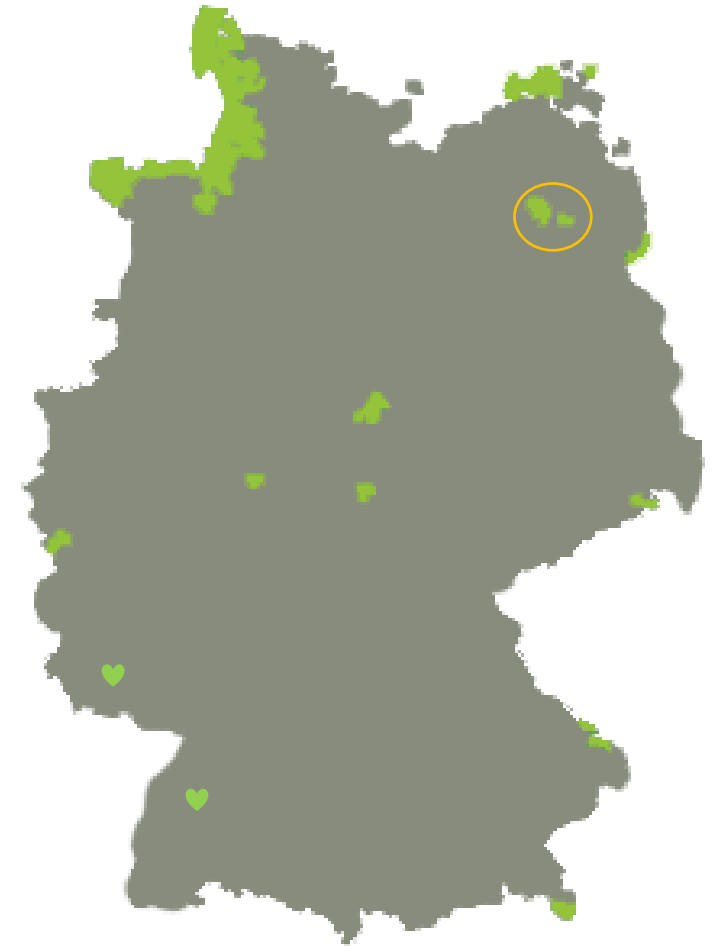
Müritz-
Nationalpark



National Nature Landscapes: 16 National Parks

- Wadden Sea (3)
- Jasmund
- Western Pomerania Lagoon Area
- Müritz
- Lower Oder Valley
- Harz
- Hainich
- Kellerwald
- Eifel
- Saxon Switzerland
- Bavarian Forest
- Berchtesgaden
- Northern Black Forest
- Hunsrück-Hochwald

But: less
than 1% of
German
landmass



Müritz National Park

Established in 1990

332 square km²

Berlin - 2 hours drive

Hamburg – 2 ½ hours drive

Rostock - 1 ½ hours drive

Szczecin - 1 ½ hours drive



Situation until the wind of change 1989-90

Two third of former National Park territory was a „No Go area“ – State hunting reserve or polygon

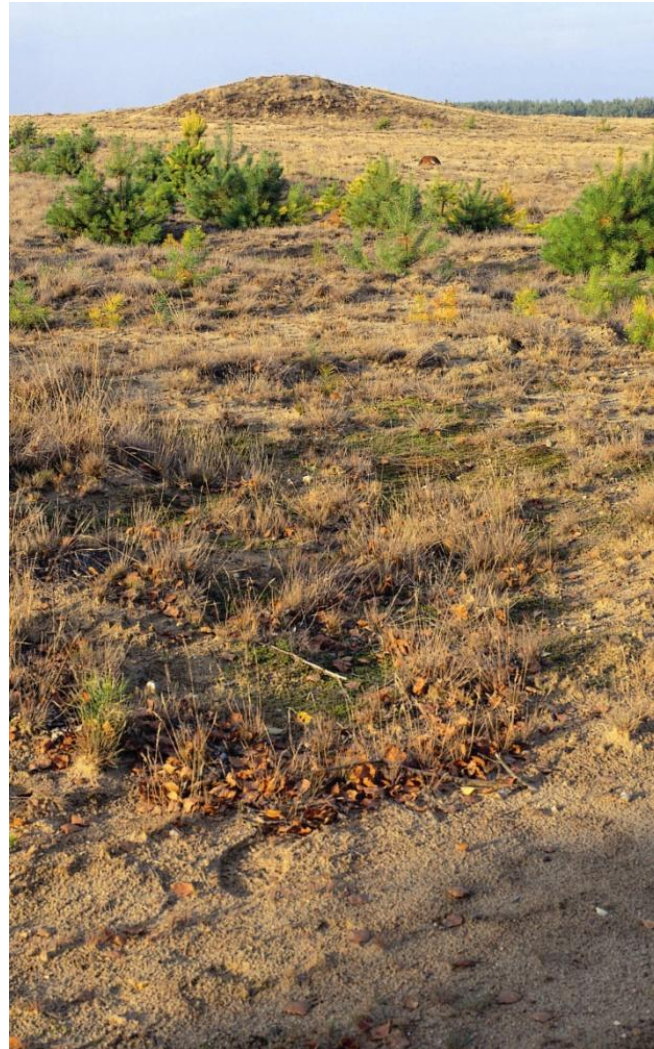


§ 3 Purpose of protection

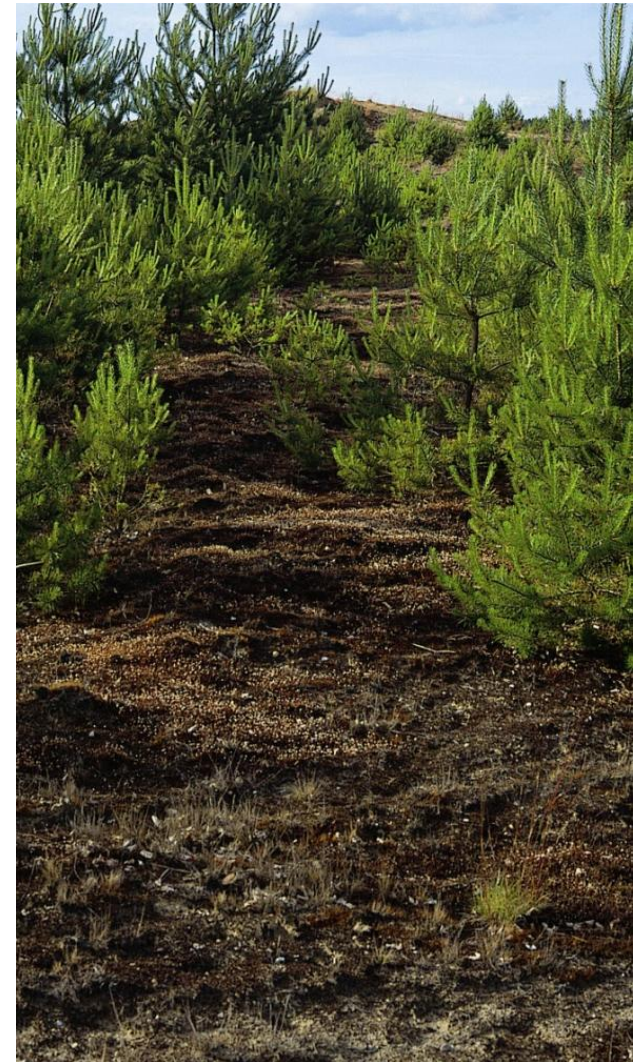
The national park is not intended for economic use, but it is intended to contribute to the structural improvement of the region.



1990



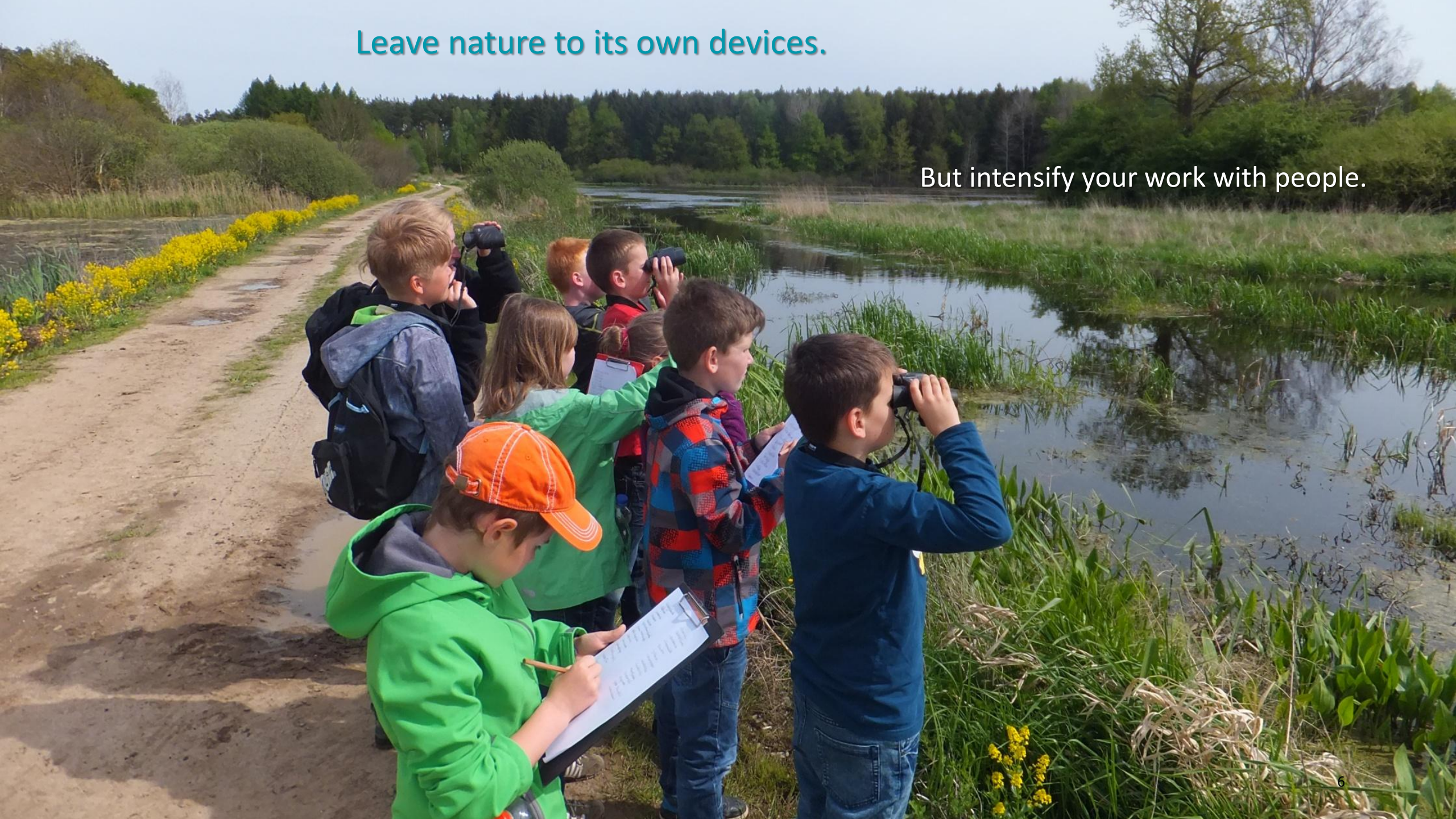
1996



2001

Leave nature to its own devices.

But intensify your work with people.



Habitats

14 %



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8 %



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6 %



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1 %



71 %



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Biodiversity in Müritz National Park



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Vogelarten | © Roman Vitt



Fischarten | prochym – adobe stock



Amphibien- und Reptilienarten | © Roman Vitt



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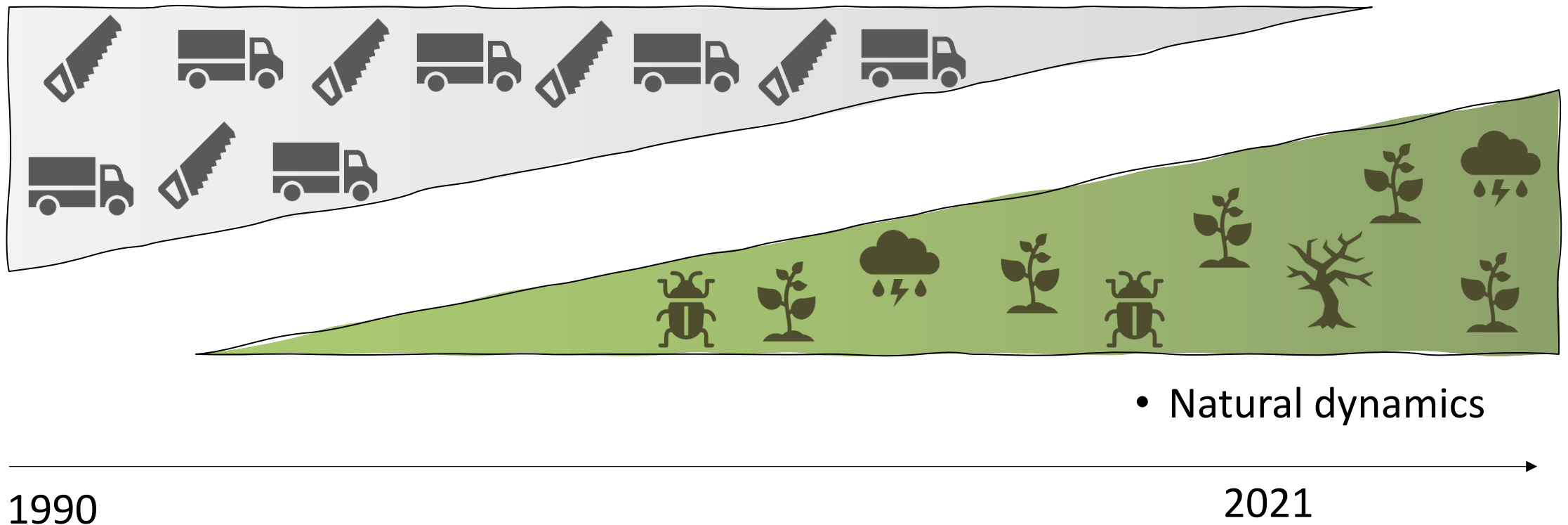


Käferarten | | © Patrick Weigelt

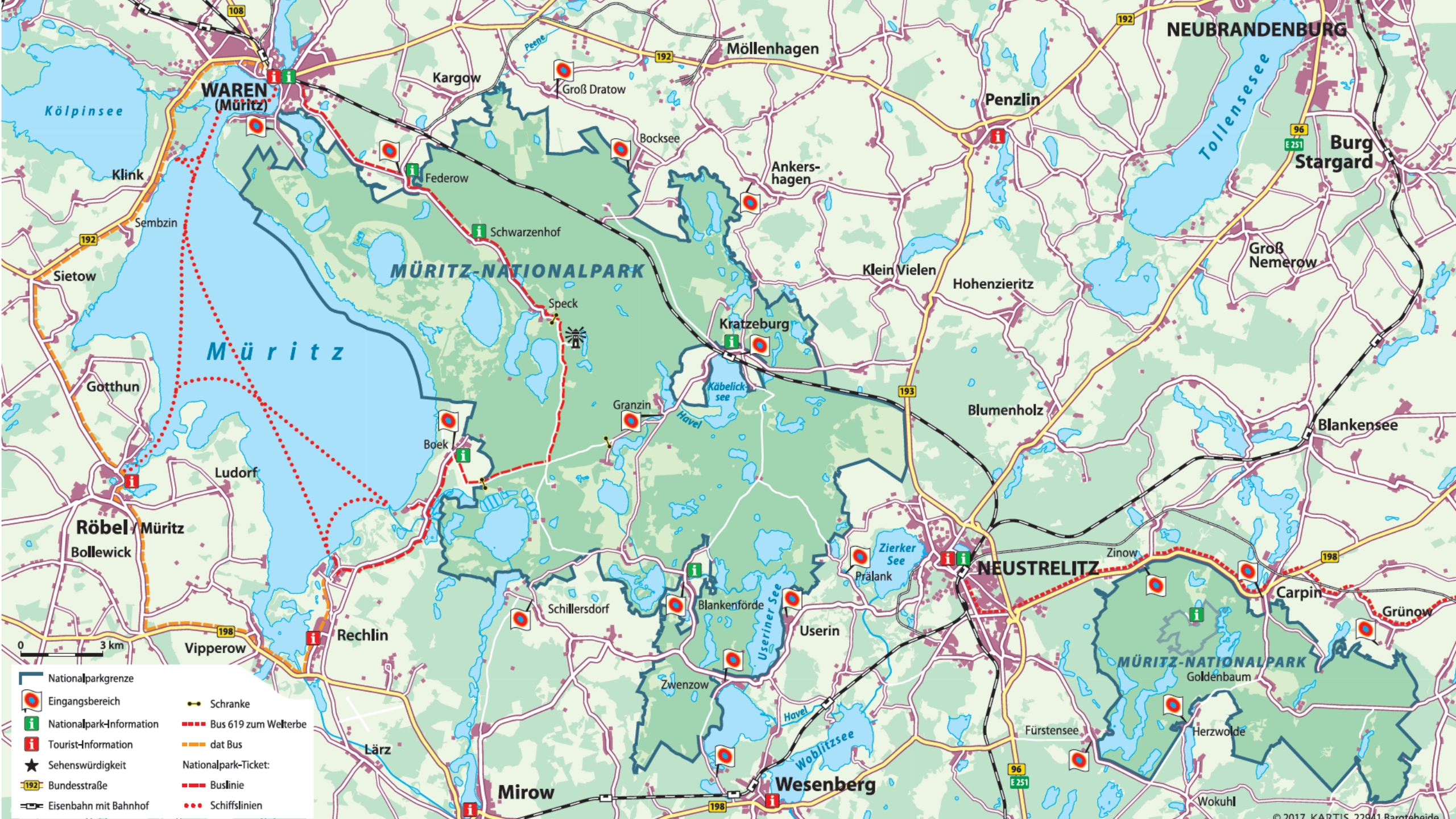


30 years of forest development

- Human impact

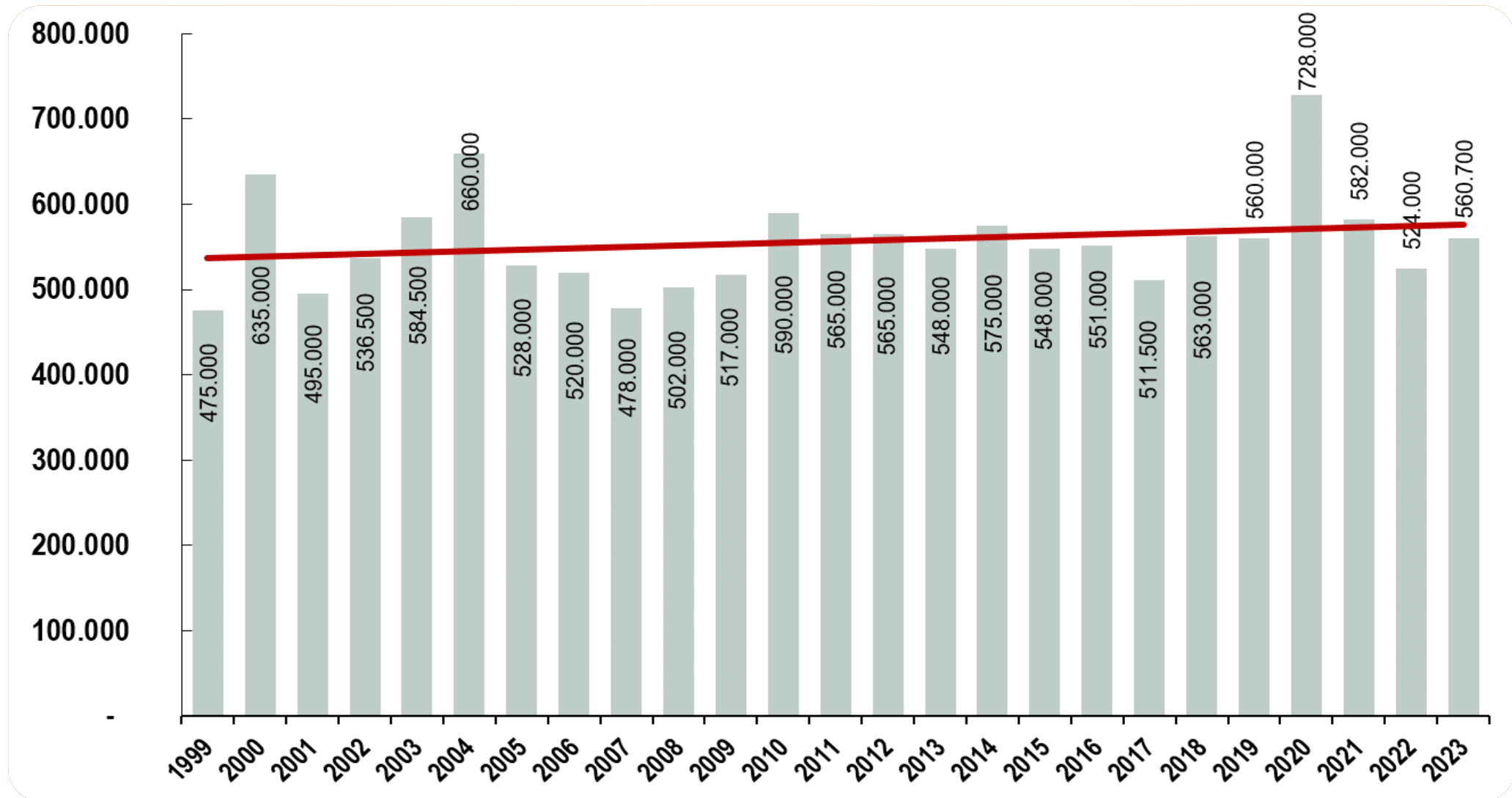




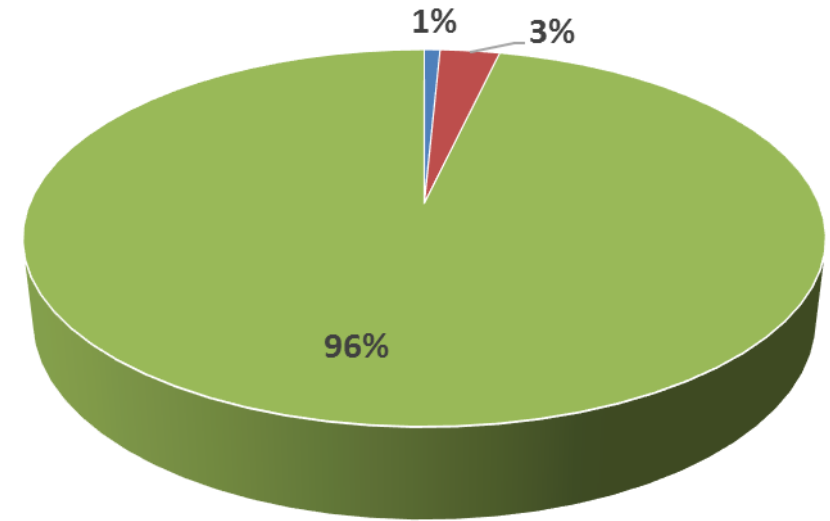
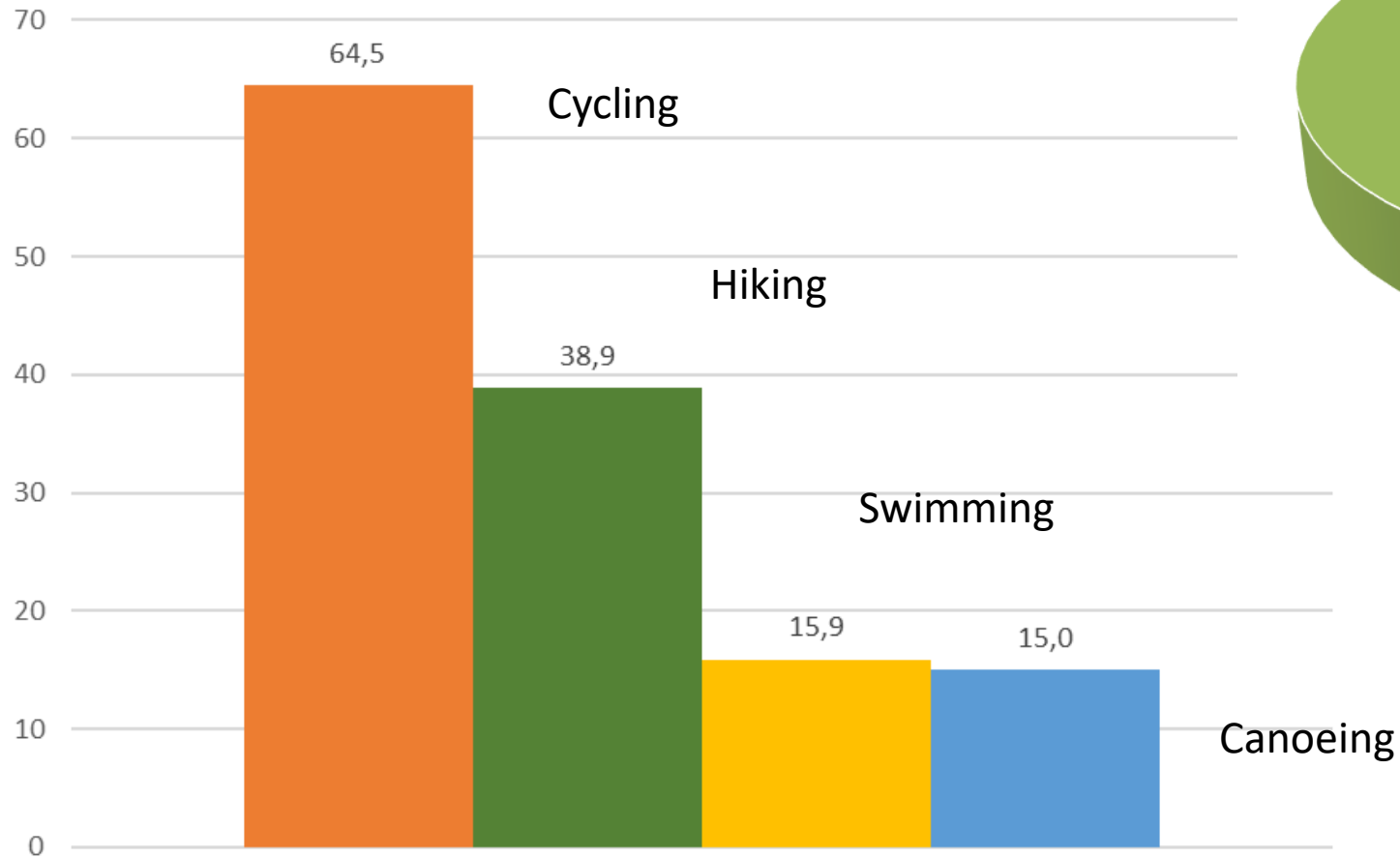


- Nationalparkgrenze
- Eingangsbereich
- Nationalpark-Information
- Tourist-Information
- Sehenswürdigkeit
- Bundesstraße
- Eisenbahn mit Bahnhof
- Schranke
- Bus 619 zum Welterbe
- dat Bus
- Nationalpark-Ticket:
- Buslinie
- Schiffslinien

Amount of visitors Müritz National Park since 1999



Visitor activities



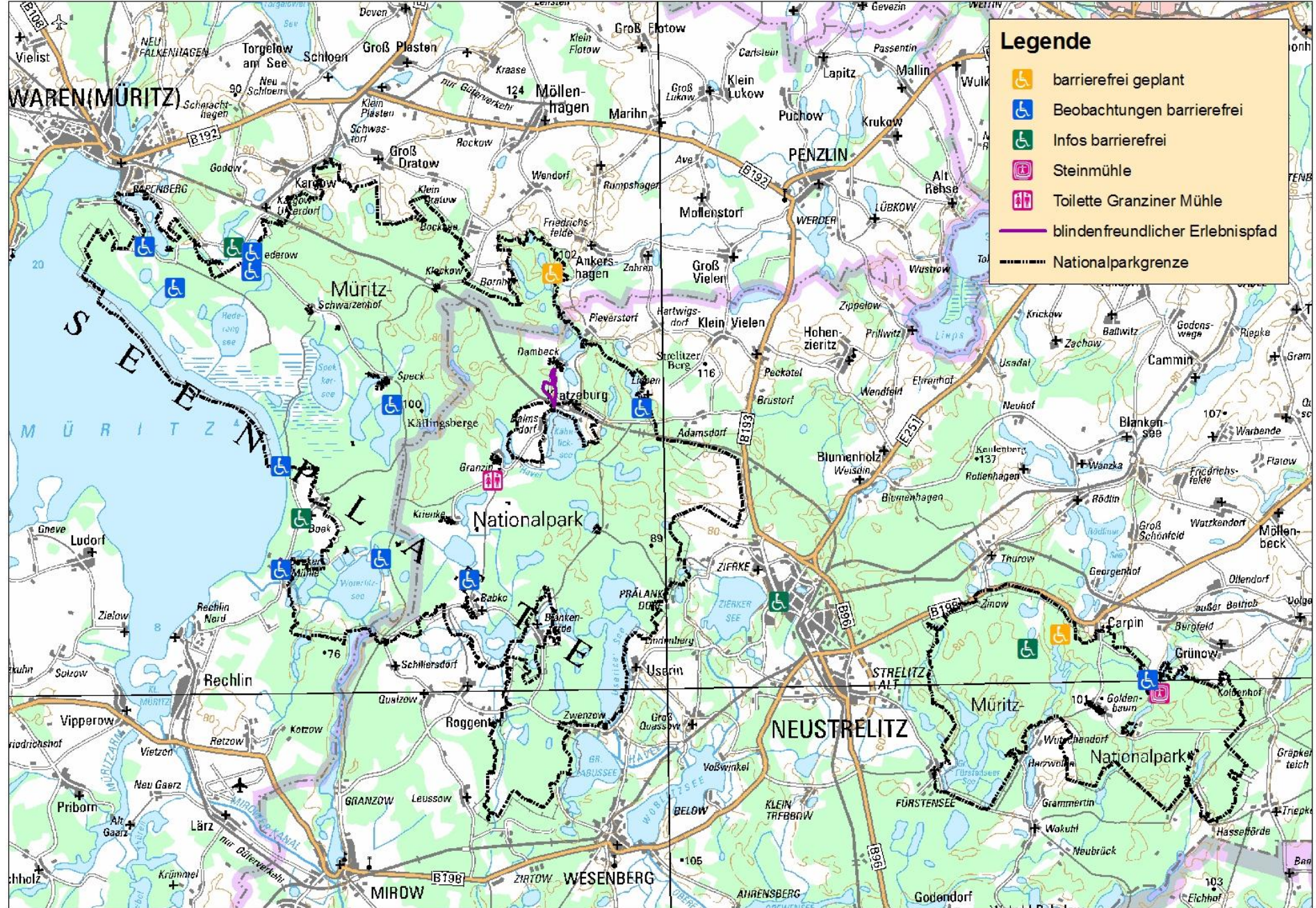
1% Ranger tours
3 % external guides
96% Individual visitors

Visitor facilities without barriers

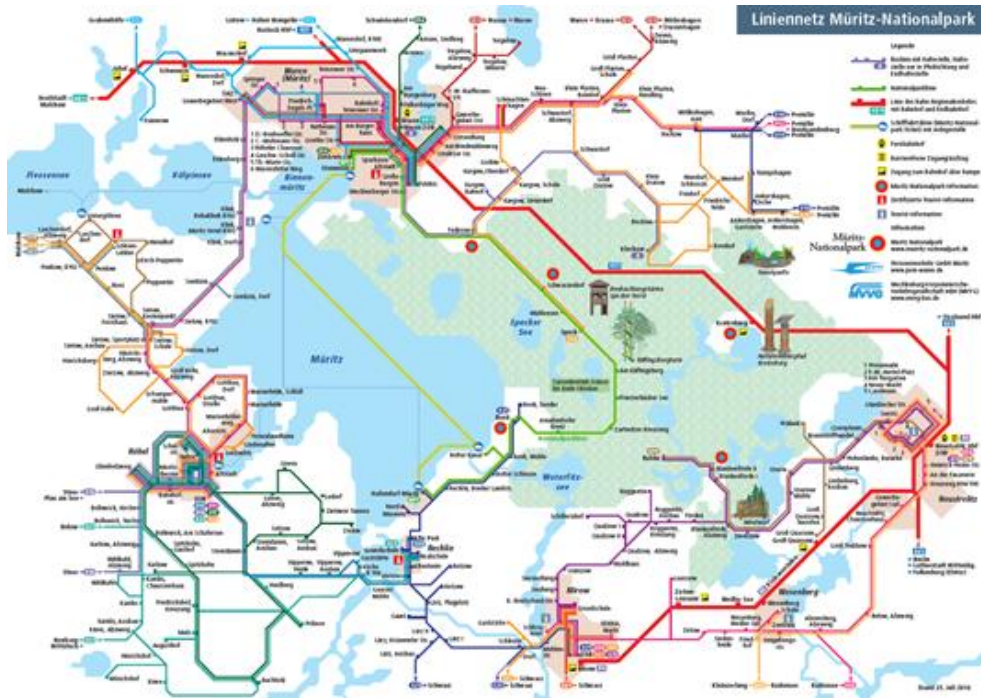
- Distance to the parking lot – 1 km
- In total 10 visitor platforms for wheelchairs

Opening for a wheelchair friendly coach





Since April 2018 - Müritz Rundum: Mobility for free for overnight guests in 5 municipalities around the lake



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Müritz rundum
Mobil ohne Auto



Since 2011
Serrahn
Beech forest

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Alte Buchenwälder
und Buchenurwälder
der Karpaten und
anderer Regionen Europas



IM REICH DER BUCHEN

IN THE REALM OF THE BEECH

Deutschland ist von **Natur aus Buchenland**. Die europäischen Buchenwälder sind erdgeschichtlich sehr jung und weltweit einzigartig. Aufgrund der Landnutzung durch uns Menschen sind sie heute selten und daher besonders schützenswert. Die Buchenwälder bei Serrahn sind seit 2011 Teil des UNESCO-Welterbes. Gemeinsam mit vier anderen deutschen Buchenwaldgebieten und Urwäldern in der Ukraine und der Slowakei bilden sie das UNESCO-Weltnaturerbe „Buchenurwälder der Karpaten und Alte Buchenwälder Deutschlands“. Werfen Sie einen Blick hinter die Kulissen dieses Waldes und erfahren Sie mehr über seine Geschichte, Hintergründe und Besonderheiten.

Germany is **by nature a country of beech trees**. In terrestrial terms, the European beech forests are very young and unique to this part of the world. Because of the way people have put the land to use, however, beech forests are rare today and, therefore, all the more worthy of our protection. Since 2011, the beech forests of Serrahn have been part of the UNESCO World Heritage. Together with four other German beech forests and the primeval forests of Ukraine and Slovakia, they are the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site "Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany". Look behind the curtain and learn more about the history and uniqueness of these forests.



Manor house Boek – National Park exhibition





The access to the exhibition in Boek will be barrier-free, and the exhibition is accessible for people with mobility impairments.

- Basics: understandable texts, color contrasts, large font sizes
- Addressing all senses: seeing, hearing, touching
- Use of digital tools to further increase accessibility, especially for visually impaired people

Thanks for your attention!
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