Regierungspräsidium Gießen





A look into the river

Lahnfenster Hessen

at the Klinkelschen Mill in Gießen







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The Facility

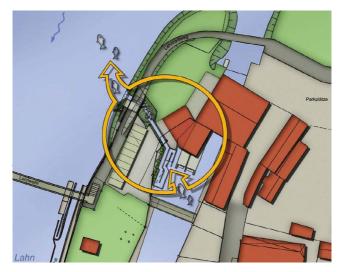
In 2007, at the weir near the Klinkelsche Mill in central Giessen, a new Fish Ladder ("Fischaufstieg") was opened with an adjoining observation room that offers a view into the underwater world of the Lahn — Das Lahnfenster (The Lahn Window).



The weir stands six and a half feet tall (approximately two meters), causing an insurmountable hindrance to the free movement of fish and other aquatic life. It is important for some aquatic species to have this free movement, in order to visit spawning grounds for example.



Common Nase



The Fish Ladder is designed for fish and other organisms. They can locate it by sensing the outflowing current ("Lockströmung"). After entering, the fish follows its winding contours, ultimately circumnavigating the dam. Organisms are then free to continue with their migration to spawning grounds to propagate.

The Observation Room

The observation room is approximately 400 ft², and offers a glimpse into the Lahn's underwater world through windows facing into the Lahn and Fish Ladder. Visitors are able to observe fish migrations and aquatic life in a natural, pure environment. Several windows also look into shallower water demonstrating where young fish congregate to feed and find protection.



Roach with juvenile fish

With patience and a little luck one can see a variety of fish at the Lahnfenster, including: Sea Trout (Meerforellen), common Barbel (Barben), Perch (Barsche), and Pike (Hechte). A variety of crabs also lend themselves to frequent sightings as they move about on the riverbed and settle near the viewing windows.



What else does the Lahnfenster offer?

- Exhibits on the Lahn River
- Information on the Lahn, the Fish Ladder, the surrounding region and various fish species as well as the European Water Framework Directive
- Digital media covering the Lahn's aquatic life and related water ecology issues
- Extracurricular learning opportunities (ex: school classes for students, etc.)



Brown Trout

Business hours

Opening hours valid until Oktober 22st, 2017

Friday: 3.00 - 7:00 p.m.

Exceptions:03.03. to 24.03. and

from 03.09.2017 3:00-6:00 p.mSaturday, Sunday, Bank Holiday: 1.00-6.00 p.m.

During the holidays additionally

from Monday to Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Entrance is free!

Group tours may be scheduled upon request. A boat landing directly across the river also allows for self guided/group led boat tours, featuring riverside views of the Lahnfenster, the Lahn, and the surrounding area.

Additional information may also be found on the display plaques and a touch kiosk, where visitors can get daily information about the river Lahn and its inhabitants.



You are also welcome to visit our homepage: www.rp-giessen.hessen.de/umwelt-natur/ landwirtschaft-fischerei/lahnfenster-hessen

Find more videos and images on facebook: www.facebook.com/lahnfenster.giessen

Contract Information

Do you want to book a guided tour or do you have questions concerning the Lahnfenster and would like to get further information? The Fishery-Team is happy to speak with and assist you in any way possible:

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