

The Bergwerkswald

Facts and history

- a small nature reserve covering 214 Acres (of about 121 football fields)
- earned its name because of past mining activities
- ore was mined here
- the landscape is very rugged with many small ponds and hills
- those resulted in part from the mining
- in part from bombings in the 2nd World War



Wildlife

- The many ponds create diverse living environments
- On limestone rocks grows 'Hirschzungenfarn' (rare and protected in Hessen)
- In the ponds lives the crested newt ('Kammolch'), an amphibian, which grows a big crest during mating season

Concerning the SDGs

- popular recreation area because of its beautiful atmosphere and closeness to the city
- a very nice place for humans, plants and animals
- Therefore, it corresponds with SDGs 3: Good Health and Well-Being, 14: Life below Water and 15: Life on Land.

Key vocabulary

word/phrase	meaning explained in English	translation
rugged	(of the landscape) not level or smooth and having rocks	zerklüftet
nature reserve	an area of land where the animals and plants are protected	Naturschutzgebiet
mining	the process of getting coal and other minerals from under the ground	Bergbau
limestone		Kalkstein
ore		Erz
crest	here: part of an animal body, that's sticking-out	Kamm

