

Press Release of the Hartmannswillerkopf National Monument Committee

Hartmannswillerkopf – Vieil Armand Memorial Season 2017

The site will open on May 1st, 2017.

The Hartmannswillerkopf crypt will be opened free of charge and every day from May 1st till August 2nd, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. then from 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

The French-German Historial of WWI will have its grand opening on August 3rd, 2017. The visit schedule will then be adapted.

Access to the site through Uffholtz, Wattwiller or Route of the Ridges

The French-German Historial

This new institution is the result of collaboration between the Scientific Council of the Committee and its two presidents, French specialist Nicolas Offenstadt and German scholar Gerd Krumeich (PhD), the curator, the numerous co-financers and partners and the charity workers. It will provide a wide view of the events of WWI, through history, memory and education, while leaving a central place for Hartmannswillerkopf. Thus, the visitor will be able to figure out, in the Historial, what really happened on this particular battlefield.

Further than just a local vision, the exposition will always try and seize the duality of French-German friendship, from an individual level as soon as the war ended, when veterans gathered on the battlefield, to international ceremonies, such as the one, on August 3rd, 2014, when the French and German presidents jointly laid the foundation stone of the soon-to-open Historial. The historical discourse of this interpretation center will rely on human speech, which will be highlighted by visual and audiovisual devices, as well as artefacts with a high symbolic level.

Practical information

The public opening will take place on August 3rd, 2017. It will then be open every day until November 12th, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during high season (Aug 3rd – Sep 21st), and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., during low season (Sep 22nd – Nov 12th).

Individual entrance will cost 5 €, 4€ per person for groups (10 people or more, on reservation) and 3€ for academic groups. Guided tours will be on demand, by contacting the Monument Committee on +33 (0)3 89 20 10 68. Tours are free for children under 10. The Historial is a member of the MuseumsPassMusées. Each holder of this trinational cultural passport will benefit from its conditions and advantages.

As part of the grand opening, the guides will offer, on August 3rd and 4th, free guided tours of this new interpretation center. The entrance fee will still be payable. Don't miss the exposition *Vivre en temps de guerre – Menschen im Krieg* in the temporary space until the end of the year. Other punctual events, such as a conference cycle, will be put into place throughout the season.

Guided tours

Detailed guided tours of this French-German site will be organized by the National Committee in French, German and English. These will show you the battlefield as well as the national necropolis, the historic trail and the crypt.

Free discovery tours will also be available, every Wednesday in July and August. Meeting point is in front of the crypt at 2:00 p.m. (duration: 2 hours). Please keep in mind that Hartmannswillerkopf is 950 meters in altitude, so suitable clothing and strong shoes should be worn.

Paid guided tours can be booked on: +33 (0)3 89 20 45 82

Call for donations

The Hartmannswillerkopf National Monument Committee is calling for donations in order to continue its important work on this historical site. Donations should be sent to „Comité du Monument National du Hartmannswillerkopf, 1 rue Camille Schlumberger – 68006 Colmar CEDEX“. We thank you in advance!

For more information : <http://www.memorial-hwk.eu>.

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