



on the earth take part in the preservation program, including the Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve. The mandatory tasks for the biosphere reserve in the framework of the MAB program are sustainable regional development, ecologically-compatible land use, education for sustainable development, research, and ecosystem environment observation. Ecological agriculture, nature tourism, and networking in regional economic cycles are practical examples. Cultural offerings such as the Choriner Musiksommer (Chorin Music Summer) and the Glambeck concerts round out the diversity of life in the biosphere reserve.

Diversity

The quiet, sparsely populated land, the transition between expansive forests and wide, open landscapes, the wealth of the landscape's various structures within a limited geographic area form the foundation for an abundance of animal and plant species. After melting 10,000 to 15,000 years ago, the glaciers of the last glaciation left behind a richly structured landscape – a great textbook of the ice age. White-tailed eagles, osprey, lesser-spotted eagles breed in the pristine forests.



The abundance of wetlands in these forested areas is the ideal habitat for black storks and cranes. A white storks breed in almost every village in the biosphere reserve. Beavers and European otters are common throughout the entire reserve. Amphibian and reptile species whose stocks are endangered in Germany are found in the biosphere reserve in well developed populations with large numbers of species. Of special note are the European adder, the European pond terrapin, the European fire-bellied toad, and the European tree frog. The beauty of the landscape is revealed in the open view from atop many hills – whether from Rummelsberg near Brodowin, the heights on the south shore of Wolletzsee near Altkünkendorf, from the Spitzberg on Sabinensee near Willmine, or from the Pechberg near Voßberg.

Observing Nature

In the buffer area (Reserve Zone II), which is identified as a nature preserve, the protection of habitats and species on these 24,103 hectare is the highest priority. All forms of use

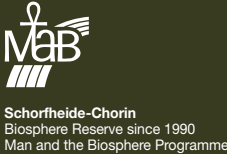


are oriented toward this goal. The diversity of rare species, especially those that have died out elsewhere, demand a maximum of respect from the visitors to the biosphere reserve as well. These areas are well sign-posted. When hiking through the nature preserve areas one must stay on the paths. Only the cautious visitor will the plants and animals offer the possibility of unparalleled nature observations.

An area of 3,911 hectares is identified as core area (Reserve Zone I). These areas are also clearly marked. Entering the core areas is not allowed. In these areas nature is supposed to develop without the influence of people. Pristine forest habitats, moors, and lakes are included in the core areas. At regional events the nature watch informs the public about the biosphere reserve and offers tours to visitors who would like to learn more about the area. In environmental education centers, such as the Field, Forest, and Meadow School of Groß Fredenwalde (Greater Fredenwalde), the WaldSolarHeim (ForestSolarHome) Eberswalde, or the Nature Center Dölln, children and youths can experience nature. Observation towers in four places allow for extensive observation especially of birds in a comfortable, unintrusive manner. They are located on Parsteinsee, Oberuckersee, Grimnitzsee, and Mellnsee. The nature preserve in the biosphere reserve uses old buildings or new facilities to send out signals in order to transmit its ideas, plans, and matters to inhabitants and visitors via public relations and environmental education in the most various ways.

The exhibitions in the InfoZentrum Blumberger Muhle, in the Schorfheide Game Park, and in the Haus der Naturpflege (House of Nature Care) in Bad Freienwalde offer clear, informative resources. The friends of the biosphere reserve, Kulturlandschaft Uckermark e.V. (Cultural Landscape Uckermark), support the work of the administration of the reserve and facilitate many projects for sustainable, ecologically-compatible land use.

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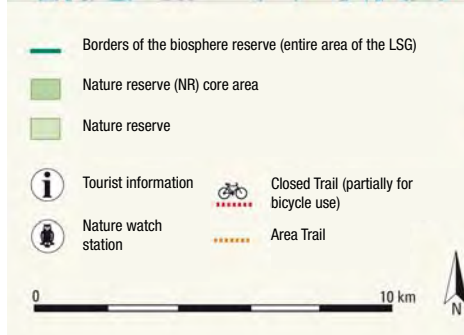


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The boat lift in Niederfinow is a technical monument and an attraction. In the 1930s it replaced the former staircase lock of the Oder Havel Canal and bridged the 36 meter elevation difference between the end of the canal and the breach of the Niederoder (the Lower Oder River).



Ökodorf Brodowin (Brodowin Ecovillage) – the village is located between seven lakes on the Chorin terminal moraine. In this community the organic farming is conducted according to the specifications of the DEMETER Association.

Resembling a tree stump the Information and Nature Experience Center of the NABU is located in the biosphere reserve where the Blumberger Mühle (Blumberg Mill) once stood. A visit to this tree house offers surprises inside and leads through the tree to swaying moor paths, meadow huts, and wood bridges in a lush landscape that, in spring, becomes the great concert hall of the toads and frogs.



The »Uckermärkische Rundweg« in the north of the biosphere reserve leads through the Uckermark hill country in which fields, meadows, forests, and lakes weave into ever changing scenes.

PLACES	OFFERINGS									
		Information	Accommodations	Learning path/learn- ing place	Bicycle rental	Riding/charabanc	Camping area	Swimming	Museum/gallery	Monument
Altenhof		•	•		•		•			•
Althüttendorf		•	•	•				•	•	•
Altkünkendorf		•	•	•	•			•	•	
Brodowin		•	•	•		•	•	•		•
Chorin		•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Eichhorst		•	•	•			•	•		•
Friedenfelde		•	•					•	•	
Friedrichswalde			•			•		•		
Gerswalde		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Groß Fredenwalde		•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Groß Schönebeck		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Groß Väter		•	•		•	•		•		
Groß Ziethen		•	•	•					•	•
Hohenwutzen		•	•					•		
Joachimsthal		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Liepe		•	•	•						•
Niederfinow		•	•		•		•			
Oderberg		•	•	•					•	•
Parlow-Glambeck		•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Ringenwalde		•	•	•	•	•		•		•
Schiffmühle		•	•	•				•	•	•
Stegeltz		•	•		•			•	•	
Temmen		•	•	•				•		
Vietmannsdorf		•	•	•		•	•			
Warnitz		•	•	•				•		
Wolletz		•	•	•				•		

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