

FANCY A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE?

Over the coming years, an exciting and unique centre dedicated to discovery will be created at Nymphenburg Palace. The Museum Mensch und Natur is undergoing extensive expansion and will open with a completely new concept, under the name **BIOTOPIA – Naturkundemuseum Bayern**. As a museum of life and environmental sciences for the 21st century, our vision is a more sustainable world for all its inhabitants.

The **BIOTOPIA Lab** bridges the gap between the closure of the Museum Mensch und Natur and the opening of the new museum, and provides a fascinating insight into BIOTOPIA's new concept. Together with visitors, we explore the relationships between humans and other living beings via workshops and interactive activities, exciting exhibitions and events focused on science, art and design. Here in the Botanical Garden, inquisitive visitors of all ages are welcome!

VISITOR INFORMATION

BIOTOPIA Lab

Botanical Garden München-Nymphenburg
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CURRENT OPENING HOURS AND PROGRAMME

lab.biotopia.net

ENTRANCE FEES

- › The BIOTOPIA Lab is free of charge – a ticket for the Botanical Garden is required (free admission during the winter season)
- › For workshops and events, special rates apply.

GOOD TO KNOW

- › Barrier-free access possible
- › Suitable for all ages
- › Bilingual (German/English)

HOW TO GET THERE

- › Tram 17, Bus 143, 180 | stop Botanical Garden
- › Parking spaces opposite the Botanical Garden

SUPPORT BIOTOPIA

Under the chair of Dr. Auguste Princess of Bavaria, the Förderkreis BIOTOPIA has supported its development since its foundation in 2012. Anyone who would like to get involved with BIOTOPIA is welcome to become a member of the Förderkreis BIOTOPIA. One-time donations are also greatly appreciated. All information can be found at biotopia.net/en/support or by calling **+49 (0)89 178 61-424**.

Cultural partner 

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NEW IN MUNICH



BIOTOPIA
LAB

EXPLORE
LIFE.



PARTICIPATE, EXPLORE, DISCOVER

EXHIBITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Our exhibition area invites visitors to discover mysterious objects from the Bavarian State Natural Science Collections (SNSB), to listen to silkworms eating, and to fly over Berchtesgaden/Bavaria with the VR bird flight simulator Birdly. If you would like to find out more about the concept of BIOTOPIA and the architecture of the new building, this is the place to come.

FUNGI FOR FUTURE

With exhibits from the living world as well as design and art objects, our first pop-up exhibition explores particularly fascinating organisms that influence our nutrition, medicine and even fashion. At “Fungi for Future: The (In)visible Power of Fungi”, you can find out how sneakers are made from tinder sponge, where in the Munich subway system a mushroom farm was once located, and which fungi is believed to be the largest in the world.

WORKSHOPS AND OPEN PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

No experiments? On the contrary! In the BIOTOPIA Lab's workshop area - which includes a kitchen lab - production, cultivation and microscopy are the order of the day. On weekdays we offer stimulating workshops for small groups (registration required) and on weekends there is an open programme for visitors. Topics range from “Hunters, Gatherers & Herders - The Complex Civilisation of Ants” to “Kombucha Biodesign”.

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS

Interactive school lessons: Build a mini-biotope in a bottle, isolate your own DNA, or get to know the world of microorganisms - just a few examples of what the Lab has to offer! In line with the Bavarian curriculum, our experienced teachers organise workshops for school groups (registration required). In the Botanical Garden, school gardening groups can plant and maintain eight raised beds, including one which is barrier-free. See inside for more information.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

In the BIOTOPIA Lab, biodesigners meet zoologists, philosophers meet nutrition experts, brain researchers meet virologists, and much more! As an innovative event platform, the Lab is an open space for interdisciplinary exchange. From panel discussions and readings to science slams, we invite you to get to know life from new and unusual perspectives and to get in touch with science in an entertaining way.

We would like to thank the BayWa Foundation for its generous grant, which has made the planning, installation and operation of the BIOTOPIA Lab possible.

“In the new BIOTOPIA Lab, we invite visitors to join us in discovering life from new and unusual perspectives – to experiment, to be amazed and, of course, to learn about what BIOTOPIA is all about.”

PROF. DR. MICHAEL JOHN GORMAN
BIOTOPIA Founding Director



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BE CURIOUS DISCOVER LIFE OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMME

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We would like to support your work through the BIOTOPIA Lab's diverse range of school workshops. Observation & Understanding, Research & Production, Cooking & Cultivation: Activities designed specifically for school groups convey knowledge vividly and interactively. From microbiology and soil ecology to genetics and nutrition, an exciting museum education programme awaits children and young people from all kinds of schools. The topics are aligned to the curriculum and can be extended in a variety of ways. We are happy to accommodate special requirements and support your work on education for sustainable development (ESD).

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OBSERVATION & UNDERSTANDING

TAKE A BITE! - TEETH AND DENTAL HEALTH, BIODIVERSITY OF VERTEBRATES, NUTRITIONAL STRATEGIES

Recommended age: from 5 years | Duration: 1.5 h & 3 h | Price: 60 & 120 €
Topics: Teeth and Dental Health | Biodiversity of vertebrates | Nutritional strategies

HUMUS SAPIENS - SOIL RESEARCH FOR EVERYONE

Recommended age: from 8 years | Duration: 1.5 h & 3 h | Price: 60 & 120 €
Topics: Ecosystems, microorganisms, soil food web, material cycles

WATER WORLDS - PHYSICS AND LIFE IN THE LIQUID ELEMENT

Recommended age group: from 8 years | Duration: 3 h | Price: 120 €
Topics: Physical properties of water, aquatic life

RESEARCH & PRODUCTION

THE CODE OF LIFE - ISOLATE YOUR OWN DNA

Recommended age group: from 12 years | Duration: 3 h | Price: 120 €
Topics: Genetics, molecular biology, DNA as information carrier

THE ETERNAL GARDEN - MINI-BIOTOPE IN A BOTTLE

Recommended age group: from 4 years | Duration: 2 h | Price: 85 €
Topics: ecosystems, photosynthesis, material cycles, soil

COOKING & CULTIVATION

KOMBUCHA BIODESIGN - MAKE YOUR OWN FROM MICROBIAL BIOFILMS

Recommended age group: from 12 years | Duration: 1.5 h & 3 h |
Price: 60 & 120 € | Topics: Microorganisms, nutrition, symbiosis, biomaterials, sustainability

FUNGI4FUTURE - START YOUR OWN MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

Recommended age group: from 8 years | Duration: 1.5 h & 3 h | Price: 60 & 120 €
Topics: Microorganisms, fungi, recycling management, sustainability

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BOOKING REQUESTS

Phone: +49 (0)89 / 179 589-120, Mondays and Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Online: biotopia.net/buchungsanfrage,
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Please understand that we keep the workshop offer flexible due to potentially changing Corona regulations and may have to make short-term adjustments.

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