



INFORMATION

Opening hours

The Lauresham Open-Air Laboratory is open regularly from Tuesday through Sunday. On days when it is open, visitors can explore the site on their own; public tours are usually offered on weekends and holidays.

Opening hours and prices in detail always up to date on our homepage:



Groups


We kindly request larger groups (10 people or more) to book in advance using the contact details below.

Notice

Due to the presence of livestock at Lauresham, dogs are not allowed. The Open-Air Laboratory is only partially handicapped accessible.

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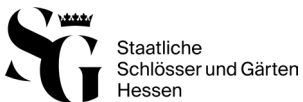


Kloster Lorsch
und Altenmünster
Welterbe seit 1991

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LAURESHAM OPEN-AIR LABORATORY


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FREILICHTLABOR LAURESHAM

The Freilichtlabor Lauresham (Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology) lies right in the heart of the extensively remodelled and expanded UNESCO World Heritage Site Lorsch Abbey, which was remodelled and greatly expanded in 2014. In the 1:1 model of a Carolingian manor, visitors have the opportunity to learn about manorialism in a vivid and accessible way. It's a complex topic, but one that is critical for our understanding of social structures in the Early Middle Ages.



Lauresham is also a forum for ongoing experimental archaeological research. A range of primitive technologies, crafts and agricultural methods from the Early Middle Ages are researched and tested here as part of day-to-day operations.



Some of our most prominent experiments include work on animal traction (e.g. ploughing), the micro-climate of the houses and exploration of the formation of ridge and furrow field systems.



The manor's buildings were constructed on the basis of the latest archaeological evidence from settlement archaeology in southern Germany. They include residential, commercial, agricultural and storage buildings, as well as a chapel. Moreover, the various types of agricultural land (fields, pastures and gardens) and livestock here, which are all similar to what you might have seen in medieval times, convey a lively picture of the day-to-day and working lives of people in the Early Middle Ages.

