



GUIDED TOURS AT THE HARZHORN

What did the weapons of that time look like?

Why did the Germanic warriors choose the Harzhorn for their battlefield?

How do we know when the battle took place?

Who was victorious?

Since 2010 certified "Harzhorn Guides" show interested visitors around the expansive woodland site.

There the specially trained Guides inform about the discovery of the battlefield and the archaeological excavations and prospecting.

With the help of replica artifacts, through explaining the historical background and by recounting the supposed events of the battle itself, as reconstructed from the finds, they make history come alive.

Meeting point:

At the end of the loop at the information building. Parking space is available.



Guided tours can be booked:

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How to find us

From Hannover:

Take autobahn A7 to Exit 67 (Seesen), turn right onto the B248 towards Northeim. After approx. 6 km you will reach Ildehausen. 3 km further on turn right into the rural road. The historical site is sign-posted.

From Kassel:

Take autobahn A7 to Exit 68 (Echte), turn left onto the B445 towards Echte, and then onto the B248 towards Seesen. After approx. 6 km on to B248 turn left into the rural road. The historical site is sign-posted.

Note:

Participation in guided tours is at your own risk. Sturdy footwear and weatherproof clothing are necessary. The site is not suitable for the physically handicapped except the information center. The toilet facilities are opened during the opening hours and the guided tour.

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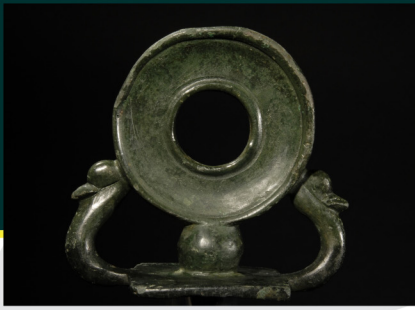


THE ROMAN BATTLE AT THE HARZHORN

ROME'S FORGOTTEN CAMPAIGN



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FIND OF THE CENTURY

In 2008 an ancient battlefield was verified at the so called Harzhorn in the foreland of the Harz Mountains. In the following years more than 2700 artifacts dating from the 3rd century AD were found. This site is one of the best preserved battlefields in Europe and a sensational discovery both historically and archaeologically.

This discovery shows that there was a dramatic incident involving Germanic warriors and the Romans more than 200 years after the crushing defeat of the Roman general Varus by the Germanic leader Arminius at Kalkriese in 9 AD.



ROME'S FORGOTTEN CAMPAIGN

A superior Roman force guided by the first soldier emperor of the Roman Empire Maximianus Thrax including infantry, cavalry and artillery brought the fight deep into the heart of free Germania.

Many Catapult bolts, three-bladed arrowheads, spearheads as well as personal equipment e.g. belt-buckle, knives, a bridle trimming and a chain mail shirt were found distributed in the forest but concentrated at several sites. Parts from carts such as linchpins, wheel hubs and harness accessories, but also fragments of slave chains or tent stakes are evidence of the baggage train.

At the Harzhorn you can find out why and how the battle took place at this site. Based upon the widespread corpus of finds the scientists are able to reconstruct the encounter of the involved parties. The pattern of distribution of the hobnails left behind from soldiers' sandals makes it possible to retrace the Roman army's route of march southwards over the pass. The impacts of Roman projectile points indicate the Germanic positions.



INFORMATION PATH AND CENTER

In the summer of 2014 a path and an information center for visitors were opened at the Harzhorn-site. You can follow the path through the forest and walk upon the site of the battlefield. At five special sites where a lot of military or personal artifacts were found you can get information about the dramatic events.

Due to the fact that no traces of the battle can now be seen in the forest, a QR-Code is placed upon the information steles. The Code can be scanned by a smartphone to obtain extra background information. In the small information center additional historical facts and replicas are presented. It is possible to find out, for instance, how heavy a chain mail could be or that a Roman helmet is not very comfortable.



Opening hours of the information center

End of March until October:

Open on Sunday from 11:00 am thru 4:00 pm.

November until March:

Open on Sunday from 1:00 pm thru 4:00 pm.

Public guided tours are offered every Sunday at 2:00pm.

Please note that not every Guide is able to speak English.