

Press Release from the city of Wiesbaden, 9 APR 2020

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Persistent drought: City prohibits barbecues on all public barbecue areas

Walks in the woods and on green areas are not only good for everyone's health, they also offer moments of variety during the current corona situation. Wiesbadeners should only go into nature alone or in pairs, avoid larger groups and keep their distance from other passers-by. Further rules also apply.

From now on, an absolute ban on grilling applies to all public barbecue areas, which also includes gas grills or similar barbecue devices. The barbecue areas in and around the forest have already been closed due to the ongoing drought.

The city's Grünflächenamt (Green Area Department) also stresses that smoking in the forest is prohibited all year round in order to prevent forest fires. Law enforcement forces will do checks on this and the barbecue areas.

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Rules of conduct for visitors to Wiesbaden's green spaces

More and more people are taking walks in the woods and on green areas recently, especially during corona times. Unfortunately, important codes of conduct that serve to protect wildlife and rare plants are currently disregarded by many. The Wiesbaden Environmental Office therefore urges caution in the interests of nature conservation when staying in these protected areas.

In order to protect the rare plants and wild animals found in the valleys of Rabengrund, Goldsteintal, Kellersbachtal and Weilburger Tal in the best possible way, visitors to these nature reserves are also subject to very specific rules of conduct in Corona times. It is particularly important to stay on the existing paths. If you want to put a blanket on the ground to have a small picnic, place the blanket no more than 10 meters from the paths. Fenced areas may not be entered. In addition, recreational activities on the meadows, such as barbecues, ball games and cycling, are not allowed. In order to protect the game and plants, it is essential to put dogs on a leash.

Protected areas are characterized by a variety of rare plants such as orchids. These are particularly vulnerable due to their sensitivity to disturbances. For example, rare plant species have already disappeared in the Rabengrund due to incorrect behavior.

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The info hotline will be not staffed between Good Friday and Easter Monday.

During the past few days, the number of calls to the hotline has fallen significantly, especially in the evenings. The staff of the city's info hotline will answer questions about the coronavirus on weekdays between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., starting again on Tuesday, April 14. On weekends, the telephone is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The hotline number is (0611) 318080.

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