

"White Gold"

theme trail

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Rügen's white gold, chalk. Discover and experience for yourself on the "White Gold" theme trail how tightly chalk is woven into Rügen's history, culture, nature and economy.



“White gold” - discover Rügen's chalk

The “White Gold” theme trail connects the most important places and topics on the Jasmund peninsula directly related to chalk. Different information boards along the way give you specific knowledge to allow you better to understand the formation of the chalk deposits and the fossils contained in them, the history of the extraction and processing of the raw chalk and its influence on the regional vegetation.



The theme trail consists of two circular routes. You can walk them in a large circuit with an overall length of 26 km or choose a single leg: the northern circuit is c. 22 km long, the southern and shorter c. 13.5 km.

For a comprehensive and special experience, we recommend doing the hike in sections and planning in a visit to the Königstuhl National Park Centre and the chalk museum in Gummanz. The Königstuhl National Park Centre is connected to the local public transport network.

Eastern section

- "Coast"

The walk on the eastern "Coast" section leads from the recommended starting point in Sassnitz through the Jasmund National Park along the chalk coast to the Königstuhl National Park Centre. The length is approximately 13 km. Transfer by public transport is available between the start and the point of arrival.

Given good weather, sturdy shoes and sure-footedness, you have the chance to hike directly along the coast and so to experience the chalk coast as the grandest geological chalk outcrop, as a window onto the history of the Earth.



The Königstuhl National Park Centre offers an interactive exhibition, which allows you to experience topics all about Rügen and the National Park and nature with all the senses. Select your favourites from 3 different audio trips through time; children can go on a very special journey through time with Mimi & Krax.

Western section

- "Inland"

The walk on the western "Inland" section leads from the recommended starting point in Sassnitz past disused chalk quarries through the inland of the Jasmund peninsula to the Gummanz chalk museum. Along the approximately 9.5 km trail, expect to find out fascinating facts about chalk quarrying, fossils, medicinal chalk and chalk flora. There is a connection by public transport between the start and the point of arrival.

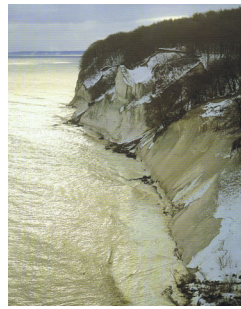
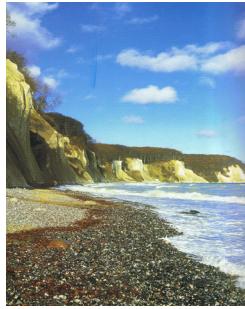


The chalk museum presents detailed and graphic information all about the chalk on Rügen. Historical chalk extraction, flora and fauna can be experienced directly in the adjacent former Gummanz chalk quarry. Many aspects that the theme trail information boards merely describe can be lived here in depth!

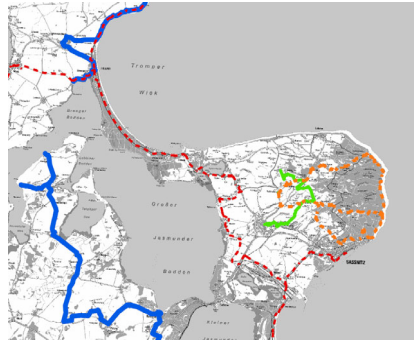


“White Gold”

- at a glance



Chalk has long become part of everyday life (agricultural lime, super rubber, medicinal chalk) and is no longer in any way the waste product of earlier flint extraction. Behind Rügen's majestic and widely famed chalk coast lurk numerous other places and sites that will bring you a touch closer to the geological and geophysical features, as well as the economic exploitation, of the chalk.



Hiking the “White Gold” theme trail will open you a fresh perspective onto Rügen's unique natural beauty and answer outstanding questions around the theme of chalk. Enjoy your walk into a different era!

FACTS in brief:

"White Gold"

On the Jasmund peninsula, North Rügen

All about:

- chalk and its links to history, nature, economy

Can be experienced in:

- large circuit -22km
- southern circuit – 13.5km
- "Coast" section – 13.4 km
- "Inland section" – 9.5 km

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