

NATIONAL PARK · GERMANY · SAXONY

# Saxon Switzerland

*at a glance*

Sandstone towers, gorges and more than a hundred viewpoints, about 40 kilometres (25 mi) east of Dresden and reached directly by train.

76

PERCENT

of the park has been a quiet zone since 2021, without steering interventions

168

VERTEBRATE SPECIES

recorded in the national park

457

FLOWERING PLANTS

species, also recorded in the national park

172

KM<sup>2</sup>

of natural area together with Bohemian Switzerland National Park (66 sq mi)

## BEFORE YOU GO



### Stay on the trails

The park authority puts it plainly: entering the terrain is only allowed on the existing trails.



### Come by train, not by car

The park authority explicitly recommends public transport, because the hikers' car parks in the national park region fill up quickly.



### By train to Bad Schandau

Bad Schandau national park station is a EuroCity stop with direct trains from Berlin, Leipzig, Freiburg, Prague, Brussels, Budapest, Graz ...



### Boofen only from mid-June to January

Boofen, sleeping under rock overhangs, is allowed from 16 June to 31 January, and only in connection with rock climbing.



### Dogs on a lead at all times

Dogs must always be kept on a lead. This applies throughout the national park without exception.



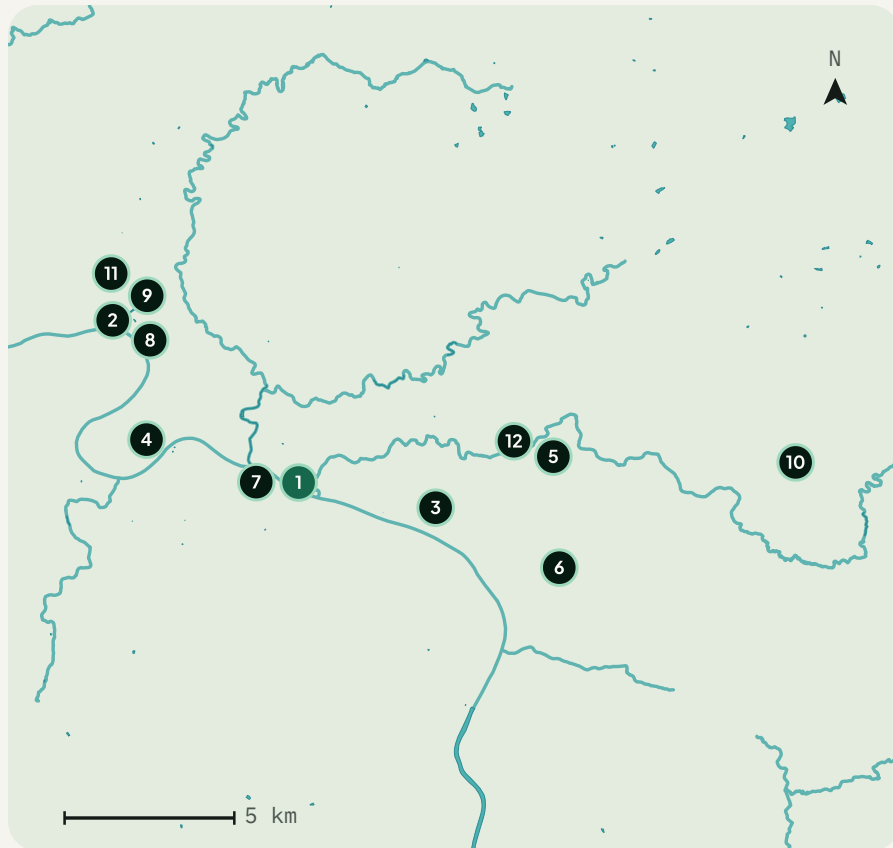
### Cycling only on cycle routes

Cycling is only allowed on the designated cycle routes. The network of hiking trails is not automatically open to bikes.



### Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:  
[nationalparksatlas.com/en/germany/saxon-switzerland](https://nationalparksatlas.com/en/germany/saxon-switzerland)



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#### THINGS TO DO

##### The Bastei

One of the best-known natural monuments of Saxon Switzerland: a group of rocks high above the Elbe, linked by ...

##### Understanding the trail markings

Blue stands for long-distance, red for regional, green and yellow for local trails.

##### Climbing only on approved summits

Climbing is only permitted on the approved climbing summits.

##### The Saxon climbing rules

Chalk is prohibited, climbing is allowed only on dry rock, and protection gear may not be used as a handhold ...

[More on the park page](#)



##### The Schrammsteine

A long, deeply fissured group of rocks east of Bad Schandau, directly above the Elbe valley.

##### Malerweg and Forststeig

The Malerweg (Painters' Way) runs for 116 kilometres (72 mi) through the national park region, with nights in ...

##### Lilienstein with children

A family nature trail of the park authority leads around and up the Lilienstein: 4.3 kilometres (2.7 mi) from ...

##### 9,350 hectares in two parts

The national park covers 9,350 hectares (23,100 acres), split into a front and a rear section, both on the ...

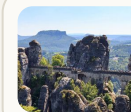
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