



# Naturfreundejugend in Wiesbaden

## Die Naturfreunde



*Description of the local chapter:* Naturfreunde und Naturfreundjugend in Wiesbaden is an association with tradition. Nevertheless we go with the times and face challenges. We stand up for nature and environmental protection, social justice, sustainable tourism, sports and culture.

*Who we are:* Naturfreunde is one of the oldest environmental organizations worldwide. They emerged from the labour movement and were founded in Vienna in 1895. In Germany, there are about 70,000 members in over 6000 local chapters.

*What do we do:* Our local chapter in Wiesbaden offers a wide range of programs for different age groups in the field of nature sports - for example hiking, climbing, paddling and skiing. There are also yoga courses that take place in our friends of nature building, the "Heidehäuschen", on the Freudenberg. The spacious outdoor area with its beautiful old trees lets you quickly leave behind the hectic pace of everyday life. There is a lot to discover here and around Freudenberg Castle at any time of the year - and so the focus is on free play, handicrafts, exploring and experiencing nature and, above all, having fun together.

However, we are not only "active" when it comes to sports, we are also politically engaged. Lectures and events on political topics take place regularly. We take a stand against racism and right-wing agitation; participating in demonstrations is another activity. Music and culture are also close to our hearts: every year in June, our "Bergfest" concert with live music takes place on the outdoor grounds; in winter, our house concerts provide an ideal atmosphere.

We offer young people the opportunity to get involved with us. We welcome creative new ideas for our program. In close cooperation with the Landesjugendverband (state youth organisation), we organise events on site if required. The traditional tent camp at Whitsun is open to all interested people. Our "Stärkenberater\*in" is a new venture. Young adults have the opportunity to be trained as assistants in conflict resolution.



We also have a group for children aged 5-10 years. It meets every second Wednesday of the month and is supervised by two group leaders.

*How can I participate?*

Do you have a passion for nature, want to get involved with other people and have fun doing so? Are you are interested in youth political work and want to get involved in environmental protection, social justice and human rights? Then simply get in touch with us!

Our website provides an overview of all current events. You can also find information about the children's group.

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Naturfreunde (Friends of Nature) is one of the oldest environmental organisations in the world