

The UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch

The seven municipalities making up the Entlebuch region joined forces in 2001 to create Switzerland's first UNESCO biosphere reserve in accordance with the Seville Strategy and, in 2008, the first Regional Nature Park of national importance. The aim of the UNESCO

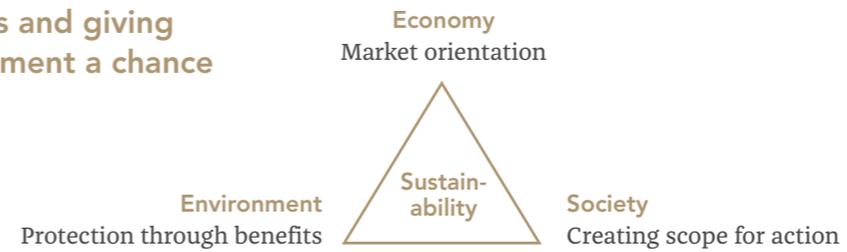
Biosphere Entlebuch is to preserve biodiversity (conservation function), promote sustainable regional development (developmental function) and provide environmental education, research and environmental monitoring (logistic support function) as the region evolves.

A blessing for us all – that's the UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch.

The World Network of Biosphere Reserves

The World Network of Biosphere Reserves comprises model regions that pursue sustainability goals at an ecological, economic and social level. The common basis are the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Creating perspectives and giving the sustainable movement a chance



“Welcome to the Entlebuch, a place for people and nature.”



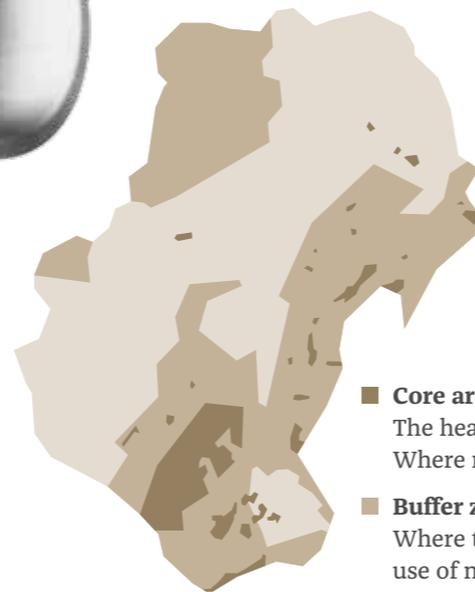
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A blessing for all

Zonation



- **Core area (8%)**
The heart of the biosphere. Where nature takes priority.
- **Buffer zone (42%)**
Where there is a sustainable use of natural resources.
- **Transition area (50%)**
Where people are free to develop.

Key areas

- ▷ **Nature and culture** Moorland and karst as characteristic habitats, living traditions
- ▷ **Regional economy** “Echt Entlebuch”, the protected regional brand with 500-plus exceptional products, Biosphäre Markt AG



- ▷ **Tourism** Visitor experiences and marketing pool
- ▷ **Education and science** Excursions, courses, schools and research projects
- ▷ **Management and communication** Participation and cooperation model, UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch as a protected umbrella brand

In brief

- Municipalities:** Doppleschwand, Entlebuch, Escholzmatt-Marbach, Flüfli, Hasle, Romoos and Schüpfheim
- Surface area:** 394 km² (1% of the surface area of Switzerland), 50% of which is protected
- Inhabitants:** 17,000
- Persons in work:** 8,600
- Overnight stays by visitors:** 250,000 per year
- Number of tourists:** approx. 900,000 per year
- Farms:** 850
- Clubs/associations:** 400
- Organizing institution:** UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch Municipal Association

Milestones



UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch: world of discovery



Details of accommodation/restaurants and further information at www.biosphaere.ch

Transport

- Railway
- PostBus
- Cogwheel railway/aerial cableway/ chairlift

A paradise for hiking, biking and excursions

The UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch is home to signposted summer footpaths (almost 700km), winter footpaths (60km), snowshoe trails (30km), national cycle, e-bike and MTB trails (280km), and offers more than 50 excursions annually across the biosphere.

Natural treasures

- 1 Moorland
- 2 Karst area
- 3 Floodplains
- 4 Game reserve

Visitor experiences

- 5 Gold panning Romoos/Doppleschwand
- 6 Zyberliland, Romoos
- 7 Köhlerei, Romoos
- 8 Energy experience, Entlebuch
- 9 Entlebucherhaus, Schüpfheim
- 10 Place of power/pilgrimage, Heiligkreuz
- 11 Herb garden, Escholzmatt
- 12 Kneipp installation, Schwandalpweiher Flühli
- 13 Mooraculum, Rossweid
- 14 Family activities
- 15 Biosphere gastro partners

Activities

- 16 Oberberg Observatory, Schüpfheim
- 17 Tennis
- 18 Suspension bridge/waterfall, Chessiloch
- 19 Paragliding, Marbach
- 20 Karting, Marbachegg
- 21 Swimming pools
- 22 High rope park, Sörenberg
- 23 Mountain lake fishing, Eisee
- 24 Tobogganing, Rischli
- 25 Bikeboarding, Rossweid
- 26 Golf course, Flühli
- 27 Mountain biking

Snow sports

- 28 Alpine skiing
- 29 Sledging
- 30 Cross-country skiing