

THE SCHÖNINGEN SPEARS

Attention! It is a worldwide sensation! Since the discovery of the Schöningen Spears the history of mankind is being rewritten. Based on the findings from the worldwide unique archaeological complex around the 300,000 year old spears, we have a better understanding today of how our predecessors of Homo heidelbergensis lived. They open a window into the Palaeolithic Age and answer the significant question: "Where do we come from?"

- **The Schöningen Spears are among the ten most important palaeolithic findings of humankind.**



- **In a fascinating way the paläon reflects the surroundings in its outer skin.**



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OPENING HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Thursday 9 am to 8 pm
Weekends and public holidays 10 am to 6 pm

ADMISSION FEE

Adults Euro 9.50, reduced rate Euro 6,00
Children 6 years or older Euro 6,00
Groups Euro 7,00 per person, reduced rate Euro 4,00

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DIRECTIONS

The paläon – Research and Experience Centre Schöningen Spears is located in Schöningen at the country road 652. Please enter the address below into your navigation system: Paläon 1, 38364 Schöningen (GPS coordinates: N 52.12728 E 10.99308).

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Welcome to the paläon – the fascinating archaeological experience centre! Experience exciting stories all around the worldwide sensation of the Schöningen Spears – approximately 300,000 years old and thus the oldest preserved hunting weapons of mankind.

Discover the prehistoric man in you!



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THE PALÄON

An impressive exhibition, a journey through time, a research centre – in paläon, history is an experience. The vibrant exhibition opens an exciting look about 300,000 years back into the past.

- **Worldwide unique: The original Schöningen Spears can only be seen in the paläon nearby their archaeological site.**

The paläon is located directly on the Schöningen open-cast mine, where the spears were discovered in 1994 and excavations are still going on today. It uniquely combines the exciting experience of the Palaeolithic Age with cutting-edge archaeological research. Your visit is rounded off by the aesthetic fusion of world-class modern architecture and palaeolithic designed landscape.

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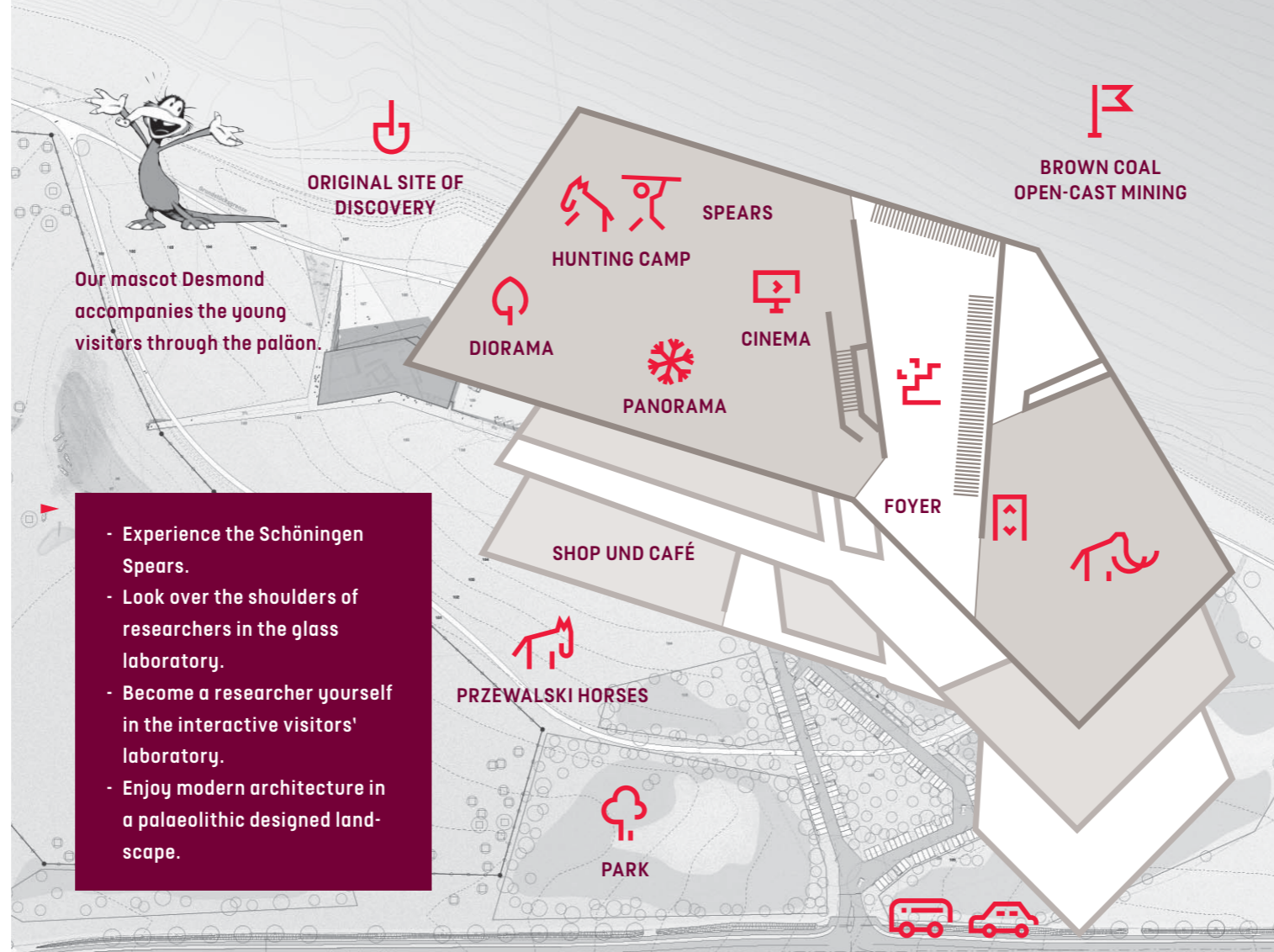
THE EXHIBITION

Forest elephants, rhinos and cave lions – right in the heart of Germany. What sounds amazing, was reality about 300,000 years ago. The paläon takes visitors into this world and shows the everyday life of our predecessors, who had lived and hunted in Schöningen at that time. The prehistoric man had skills that were not previously thought possible: planned action, communication abilities, technological know-how, sophisticated hunting strategies and a complex social structure.

By means of interactive stations, multimedia presentations, artistically staged elements, experiments and, of course, original findings it is made clear: The prehistoric man is closer to us than we thought!



► **Exhibition concept by the Lower Saxony State Office for the Preservation of Monuments.**



THE PARK

All around the paläon you can immerse yourself in palaeolithic nature. Watch the Przewalski horses roam the steppes. On the experience trail with interactive stations, children can become hunters and enjoy themselves in the playground. A café with a sun terrace provides space for pleasure and relaxation.

THE EVENT LOCATION

Celebrate with your guests in the extraordinary ambience of the paläon. We make your event a very special experience – also all exclusive after office hours. Whether it is a company party, a wedding, a birthday or a conference – the paläon is looking forward seeing you!

THE PALÄON AS A CLASSROOM

How school can be fun! In the paläon young visitors get to know the history of mankind from its most exciting side. The curriculum includes exciting hands-on activities: test the spear replica as a javelin at the throw station, take a close look at fossils in the visitors' laboratory or take a culinary journey through time. Learn within the perspective of “yesterday” for “today” and “tomorrow” in the paläon.



GROUP OFFERS

Regardless of whether you are planning a family or company outing – in the paläon you can let a customized programme be put together from eventful activity offers and thematic tours. Find out more about permanent exhibition, outdoor area or the nearby excavation. Please feel free to contact us!