



## Ancient Beech Forests

The largest contiguous beech forest along the Baltic Sea coast is found in the national park. Approx. 800 years ago, beeches successfully invaded the Jasmund Peninsula, aided by their ability to regenerate under a closed canopy and their flexible crown architecture. While beeches remain the dominant tree species of the peninsular forest, such plant communities are now rare in other parts of Europe. Other tree species on Jasmund, such as maple, elm or ash, establish only in temporary forest gaps or on special substrates. More than 100 bogs and streams are scattered throughout the forest.

## UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site – Jasmund's Crown Jewel

An especially valuable old forest ecosystem can be found in the well-protected, inner regions of the national park. Together with four other German beech forests, the old forest on Jasmund was placed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO on 25th June 2011. As a whole, the Natural Heritage site „Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany“ is representative of evolutionary processes occurring in terrestrial ecosystems following the last glaciation.

[www.weltnaturerbe-Buchenwälder.de/en.html](http://www.weltnaturerbe-Buchenwälder.de/en.html)

## To find out more...

### *National Park Center KÖNIGSSTUHL*

Here you can visit Rügen's most famous vantage point – the 117 metre high chalk cliff called Königsstuhl. We also recommend the visitor exhibitions where you can learn all about the hidden treasures of Jasmund.

[www.koenigsstuhl.com](http://www.koenigsstuhl.com)

### *Chalk Museum Gummanz*

This museum is designed for all who wish to learn more about the chalk, stones and fossils of Rügen. Exhibits tell of historical chalk mining on Jasmund and describe life in the Cretaceous shallow seas that gave rise to today's chalk cliffs. A nature trail leads to the Small Königsstuhl, which offers a wonderful view of Rügen.

[www.kreidemuseum.de](http://www.kreidemuseum.de)

## Thank you!

We are happy to see the visitors of Jasmund National Park treat nature with care and respect.

Please be cautious, as mother nature is sometimes unpredictable: you may encounter fallen branches, rockslides or landslides while exploring the park.

Your National Park Team

[www.nationalpark-jasmund.de](http://www.nationalpark-jasmund.de)

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## Welcome to Jasmund National Park

Enchanted beech forests and a stunning coastline are the main attractions of Germany's smallest national park. Whether you explore on your own or join a ranger on a guided tour, there are endless treasures to discover in this unique wilderness.

National parks are the last refuges for untouched nature. Here, wild animal and plant species can follow the laws of nature, interact, and complete their life cycles without human interference. Nature is left to its own devices.

## White Chalk Cliffs at the Sea

The brilliant white cliffs of Jasmund's coast are unparalleled in Germany. Especially after heavy rains, the chalk can begin to crumble and erode the steep cliffs. During the winter, water within the sediments freezes and expands, causing the surface layers of the chalk to break away. This erosion keeps the chalk cliffs looking freshly polished and radiantly white.

