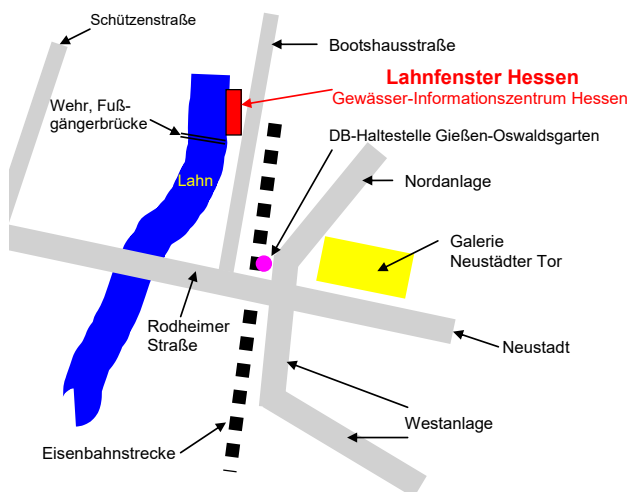


Further Information

Group tours may be scheduled upon request. A boat landing directly across the river also allows for self guided/group led boat tours, featuring riverside views of the Lahnfenster, the Lahn, and the surrounding area. Additional information may also be found on the display plaques and a touch kiosk, where visitors can get daily information about the river Lahn and its inhabitants.



You are also welcome to visit our homepage:

<https://rp-giessen.hessen.de/natur/lahnfenster-hessen>

Find more videos and images on facebook:

www.facebook.com/lahnfenster.giessen

Book your guided tour here :

<https://beteiligungsportal.hessen.de/portal/rpgi/beteiligung/themen/1005593>



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Buisness Hours

Depending on the weather, the Lahnfenster is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the end of March to October, as well as on all Hessian holidays and public holidays (except Good Friday).

Friday:

(March, September, October)	15 - 18 Uhr
(from April to August)	15 - 19 Uhr

Saturday, Sunday, Holiday:

13 - 18 Uhr

and during the Hessian holidays additionally

Monday to Thursday:	13 - 18 Uhr
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Admission is free!

Further information about the Regierungspräsidium Gießen can be found on our website.



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A look into the river



■ The Facility

In 2007, at the weir near the Klinkelsche Mill in central Gießen, a new Fish Ladder ("Fischaufstieg") was opened with an adjoining observation room that offers a view into the underwater world of the Lahn – Das Lahnfenster (The Lahn Window). The weir stands six and a half feet tall (approximately two meters), causing an insurmountable hindrance to the free movement of fish and other aquatic life. It is important for some aquatic species to have this free movement, in order to visit spawning grounds for example.

The Fish Ladder is designed for fish and other organisms. They can locate it by sensing the outflowing current ("Lockströmung"). After entering, the fish follows its winding contours, ultimately circumnavigating the dam. Organisms are then free to continue with their migration to spawning grounds to propagate.

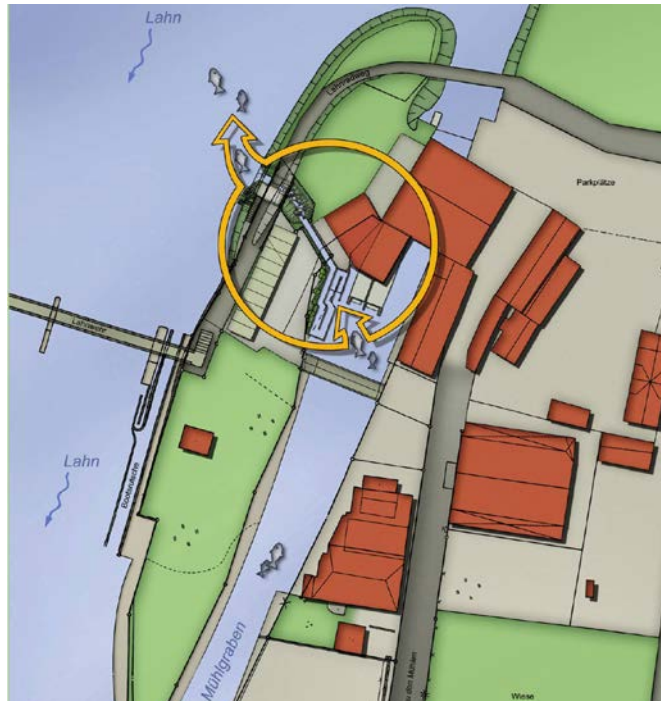


Picture above: Common Nase | © RP Gießen



■ The Observation Room

The observation room is approximately 400 ft², and offers a glimpse into the Lahn's underwater world through windows facing into the Lahn and Fish Ladder. Visitors are able to observe fish migrations and aquatic life in a natural, pure environment. Several windows also look into shallower water demonstrating where young fish congregate to feed and find protection.



Picture above: Roach with Juvenile fish | © RP Gießen



With patience and a little luck one can see a variety of fish at the Lahnfenster, including: Sea Trout (Meerforellen), common Barbel (Barben), Perch (Barsche), and Pike (Hechte). A variety of crabs also lend themselves to frequent sightings as they move about on the riverbed and settle near the viewing windows.

What else does the Lahnfenster offer?

- Exhibits on the Lahn River
- Information on the Lahn, the Fish Ladder, the surrounding region and various fish species as well as the European Water Framework Directive
- Digital media covering the Lahn's aquatic life and related water ecology issues
- Extracurricular learning opportunities (ex: school classes for students, etc.)



Picture above: Brown Trout | © RP Gießen