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Travel | Reise: Swiss Path starts at Area for the Swiss Abroad



Area for the Swiss Abroad starts Swiss Path

The Area for the Swiss Abroad in Brunnen belongs to approximately 770,900 Swiss living abroad, symbolising their connection with their home country.

The site was acquired in 1988/89 by a large national and international collection campaign. It is a most beautifully situated park of 5400 square metres, right opposite the Rütli, the birthplace of Switzerland, with a wonderful view into the Urner Alps, the Rigi and across the lake towards Luzern.

Handed over to the public by the Swiss Federal Council Jean-Pascal Delamuraz on May 4, 1991, the 'Area for the Swiss Abroad' was one of the main locations during the Swiss festivities of the 700th anniversary.

On August 1, 1991, the entire Federal Council of Switzerland marked its presence

there as guests of the Swiss living abroad. Today this picturesque site can be rented for private and public events.

The Area for the Swiss Abroad is the start (or end) of this section of the Swiss Path, a 35 kilometre long hiking path around the south-eastern arm of Lake Luzern (called Lake Uri).

You begin with a boat ride from Brunnen over to the Rütli. From there you climb up a steep hillside to Seelisberg, followed by a gentle descent down to Bauen. Upon reaching the shoreline, the flat section

begins along the lake to Flüelen. On the way to Sisikon you will pass the Tells chapel and from the village, walk up to Morschach, finishing with a mild descent to Brunnen.

Walking time can be shortened by catching the boat, post or normal bus and train at several locations of the trip. The flat parts of the Swiss Path are wheelchair and pram friendly. There are also many beautiful spots along the way for grilling or a picnic to enjoy the breathtaking views. Ideally, the walk can be spread over two or three days.

Lynley Wagner

To obtain free GPS data for this tour, email: richard.wagner@swiss.org.nz
For more information about the park in Brunnen, Swiss Path and surrounding areas, visit:
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