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Garden of Diversity

Gardening in Vienna

We invite everyone in Vienna with an interest in urban gardening, finding out about the foundations that make up our nutrition, or those who would like to learn about sustainable gardening, to contact Garteln in Wien. The Garteln in Wien service and information center was established at Bio Forschung Austria, founded on behalf of the City of Vienna office of Forestry and Urban Agriculture.

More Information:

www.garteln-in-wien.at (in German and English)
www.bioforschung.at
www.wien.gv.at/umwelt-klimaschutz/garteln.html

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Gardening Connects

Offers

„Gardening in Vienna:
Bio Forschung Austria will show you how!”

All those who do not have a garden themselves are offered an opportunity to participate in various projects and discover the joy of gardening.
I am happy to present this great project because gardening is good for the climate and connects people.
I wish everyone lots of fun!”

-Jürgen Czernohorszky

City Councilor for Climate, Environment, Democracy and Personnel



An **amazing wealth of food plants** is waiting to be discovered at Bio Forschung Austria's Garden of Diversity. A **wide variety of near-natural habitats**, such as species-rich meadows, fallows, hedges of native woody plants, deadwood objects and a wetland biotope, enable a high level of biodiversity in a relatively small area.



Another highlight is the **Root Arena**, the largest of its kind in Europe. Through a glass pane, watch the root system of different plants growing in the ground right before your eyes.



Bio-Gartel Kurs – Organic Gardening Course

Take a class offering theoretical and practical instructions on the basics of organic vegetable gardening. In five sessions, we teach how to choose fitting seeds, care for plants and improve soil fertility, as well as how to support beneficial insects.

Guided Garden Tours

Learn fascinating facts about promoting biodiversity in your garden on a free guided visit. You will get to know a variety of food plants, and even get a chance to look into the ground at the Root Arena.

School Workshops

In a two- to three-hour workshop, pupils can immerse themselves in a variety of topics such as the secret life of soil or beneficial insects. They can use microscopes and conduct small experiments to explore life in the garden. Dates by appointment.



Garteln in Wien – Gardening in Vienna



Bio Forschung Austria is a **non-profit, non-university research institute**, supported by the City of Vienna office for Climate, Forestry and Agriculture (MA 49). The institute conducts research for the development and improvement of **sustainable and ecologically oriented agriculture**. Bio Forschung Austria has many years of experience with fundamental ecological research and the **implementation of its results in agricultural practice**. Our work focuses on **soil health** and **humus**, organic farming and biological plant protection, **circular economy** and **compost, sustainable nutrition**, and the **protection of climate and nature**.

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Opening hours for garden visits:

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am–5 pm, Fri. 9 am–3 pm
The Root Arena can only be visited on a guided tour!

Registration and upcoming events:

www.bioforschung.at/veranstaltungen

DIY GARDENING



www.garteln-in-wien.at



Vegetable Plots for Rent

People in Vienna who want to grow their own vegetables during the summer season can rent vegetable plots (20-80 m²) from organic farmers. Clients take over the care and harvest of vegetables on the pre-cultivated parcel from May to October. Some locations and providers offer support through advice and practical assistance.

Gardening in Public Housing

There are three different types of gardens in Vienna's public housing. Plant beds are small patches of soil on the grounds of the housing complex which are looked after by individual tenants. Mobile beds are raised beds in the courtyard of the community building. They are set up on tenants' request and maintained either by individuals or groups. The third type are community gardens.

Garteln ums Eck

(Gardening Around the Corner)

Committed residents who want to increase biodiversity in their neighborhood can do so by adopting small green spaces (up to 50 m²) in their immediate vicinity with the Garteln ums Eck (= Gardening Around the Corner) program.

Garden Initiatives for Children

There are several initiatives for the youngest among urban gardeners. Created with a child-aged audience in mind, a selection of workshops, guided tours and birthday parties provide an opportunity for hands-on learning in the garden. Further activities are offered through the Eule Wien, Schule am Bauernhof and Bio macht Schule programs.

Obststadt Wien (Fruit City Vienna)

The association Obststadt Wien plants fruit trees in Vienna's public spaces in cooperation with residents and the City of Vienna. Volunteering residents can become fruit tree patrons, who plant and care for the trees while they are young and need irrigation. Anybody can harvest their fruits in accordance with the fair use principle. Furthermore, there are multiple online tools which map publicly accessible fruit trees and publish their locations.



Community Gardens

Neighborhood residents participate actively and jointly in horticulture in community gardens. Vegetables, herbs, as well as social cohesion all have a chance of flourishing here. People of all ages and backgrounds meet and get to know each other – and, through the joy of gardening, are rewarded with fresh food and enriched connections. Some of these projects are supported through organizations such as GB*, the Lokale Agenda 21 and Gartenpolylog.



Community-Made Agriculture

People who want to take responsibility for their food into their own hands, seeking independence from food chains, might cooperate to build up their own network of community-made agriculture. They endeavor to subsist on their own garden of vegetables, herbs, and sometimes even fruit while also using the garden as a political and socio-economic statement.

Greening of Buildings

Greening buildings contributes significantly to improving the urban climate. In addition to cooling the ambient air, the use of species-rich and structured plantings on roofs and facades creates new habitats. The City of Vienna subsidizes the construction of greening on buildings.

Sharing Your Garden

People with and without gardens are brought together through the Austria-wide initiative Meine.Deine.Gartenzeit (My. Your.Garden Time) where both these groups are encouraged to participate in shared gardening happiness. The principle is quite simple: Some offer a garden to spend time in, others are looking for one...

WWOOF - Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms

Those who would like to take a sneak peek into life on an organic farm can do so by participating in the WWOOF initiative. Volunteers help their hosts with daily tasks and receive professional guidance, free accommodation and meals instead of financial compensation.

Organic Agriculture Themed Educational Trails in Vienna

Several educational trails have been laid out designed to raise awareness of the topic of organic farming in the city among the people of Vienna, and to inspire children. The organic farming theme trail at Eßlinger Furt offers a vivid exhibit providing family- and child-friendly explanations of organic farming. They point out the importance of mowing meadows and provide information about the agricultural products currently being grown in the fields. As part of the SYM: BIO project, in cooperation with the Cobenzl estate, a biodiversity trail was created right next to the show farm located in Vienna's foothills. On a walk along the different stations, you will learn about biodiversity while enjoying a panoramic view of Vienna.

Buying Vegetables

As an alternative to growing your own vegetables, you can also buy fresh greens at the Viennese markets or have a fully stocked Bio-Kisterl (organic farm share boxes) delivered to your home every week.

The model of community-supported agriculture offers vegetable delivery for one season from a local farm for a membership fee. Choose between obtaining your vegetables in a ready-packed box or taking your pick from an assortment provided on location. Members of FoodCoops self-organize and buy vegetables directly from regional producers. MILA, Austria's first participatory supermarket, is currently being set up in Vienna.

