

# Welcome to ruhr-barrier-free.eu



The Railway Museum in  
Bochum-Dahlhausen (Photo: City of  
Bochum)

Even though we are now no longer European capital of culture, the cultural metropolis RUHR still has plenty of things to offer. Its 53 towns and cities will still be delighted to welcome visitors from Germany and from abroad. All of them will be eager to make sure that “inclusion” will turn out to be more than just an empty catchphrase and that people with special needs will find easy access to concerts, exhibitions, parties and other events, and that their visit will be remembered as a lasting “experience for all”.

[Click on this link for travel directions and for further assistance with the planning of your itinerary \(in German\).](#)

But the Cultural Metropolis RUHR is much more than just a calendar of performances and events; it also stands for permanent leisure attractions such as [Warner Brothers Movie World \(Bottrop\)](#), [Sea Life \(Oberhausen\)](#), [ZOOM \(Gelsenkirchen\)](#), [Legoland \(Duisburg\)](#), [Starlight Express \(Bochum\)](#), the [North Duisburg Landscape Park](#), the old [Colliery 'Zollverein' \(Essen\)](#) or the [Bochum Mining Museum](#). It stands for gastronomic variety, modern shopping facilities and sophisticated entertainment. And it stands for local recreation areas, for vast expanses of green open spaces and for attractive sport and leisure facilities.

**"For 10 per cent of the population a barrier-free environment is an absolute must – for 30 to 40 per cent it is an urgent need – and for the whole of society it simply means added convenience and quality." (From the survey "Economic impulses of accessible tourism for all", Ministry for Trade and Technology publication 2003.)**





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The present website was created in order to ensure that this wide range of attractions can also be enjoyed easily by people with disabilities, by old people, and by families with small children. For, surprisingly, the Cultural Metropolis RUHR.2010 meanwhile has an enormous range of [barrier-free facilities](#) - though few people know where they are.

We will therefore try to provide comprehensive information on all [barrier-free facilities](#) – under the main headings of ‘venues’, ‘sights’, ‘accommodation’, ‘transport’ and ‘care’.

Enjoy a barrier-free RUHR.2010

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