

MEDIA INFORMATION BILSTER BERG





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BILSTER BERG – From Vision to Reality

On June 1, 2013, the day had finally come. After a planning and approval phase of nearly seven years and a construction phase lasting almost 20 months, BILSTER BERG officially opened. It was the first new racetrack in Western Germany to open in over 80 years.

However, the 4.2-kilometer-long asphalt track was never meant to be a racing circuit, even though it was designed and built by Formula 1 architect Hermann Tilke. Automobile manufacturers often rent the BILSTER BERG as a test and presentation track, and due to the track's white label principle, it is also a popular venue for product presentations and film crews.

BILSTER BERG also includes an off-road course, a club house, and a restaurant run by local restaurateur Thorsten Federschmid, as well as a driving dynamics' testing area.

From a NATO ammunition depot to a racetrack

In 1993, the British Army of the Rhine closed its ammunition depot, which had been opened 19 years earlier. The 86-hectare property returned to the Federal Republic of Germany and its previous owner, Johann Friedrich Freiherr von der Borch. Together with Marcus Graf von Oeynhausen-Sierstorpff, von der Borch took a bicycle tour around the grounds in April 2005. The idea of building a racetrack was born.

In March 2006, current Managing Director Hans-Jürgen von Glasenapp and his team began the project development. Formula 1 circuit architect Hermann Tilke was skeptical at first, but a visit to the site changed his mind, and he drafted an initial track plan. Moreover, two-time World Rally champion Walter Röhrl helped the team to develop a challenging circuit layout by contributing his extensive expertise and volunteering as a test driver.

Financing without public funds

In the following years, the project attracted more than 180 private investors. Thus, the 34 million euros budgeted for the project could be financed entirely without public funds. Just as it had been intended in the plan from the very beginning.

The construction permit and operation license were issued in August 2011, and the foundation was laid on September 27. The construction period lasted 20 months and involved a total of 200 construction workers. The track was finished in April 2013, and the official opening took place on June 1, 2013. In 2023, BILSTER BERG celebrated its 10-year-anniversary with, among other events, an Open House event which 2,500 people attended.



One Track – Countless Possibilities

Even without being a racetrack, BILSTER BERG offers versatility, whether as a perfect setting for a product launch, as a test track, for a track day, or as a photo and film set.

The heart of BILSTER BERG is the 4.2-kilometer-long asphalt track. Walter Röhrl called it the world's most emotional racetrack. With 44 crests and dips, 19 curves, a 26 percent downward gradient and a 21 percent incline, the circuit has a greater height difference per kilometer than the legendary Nordschleife of the Nürburgring.



Two for One

The track can be split into a 1.8-kilometer Westschleife (West track) and a 2.4-kilometer Ostschleife (East track). This allows two groups to use the track independently, including separate entrances.

Two separate paddocks, the upper paddock measuring 9,000 m² and the lower measuring 6,500 m², can also be used independently of one another. Each paddock has its own pit lane with four pit buildings. In addition, there are 19 rental halls, all of which are equipped with sanitary facilities, electricity, and water connections. This makes them suitable for a wide range of corporate events.

An off-road course with obstacles and a driver saftey course with skid training

A separate, five-kilometer-long off-road course offers a number of obstacles for off-road vehicles such as traverses, water ditches and a 100% downward gradient.

For driver safety and perfection training, BILSTER BERG offers a 320×60 -meter floodable dynamic track. This area can be used to simulate various driving situations and train drivers how to handle them.

Outside of the car

The modern clubhouse on the Westschleife offers a 360° view of the pristine Teutoburg Forest. At TURN ONE, the restaurant on the Ostschleife terrace, visitors can let an exciting day come to an end with delicious food and drinks.

BILSTER BERG – Facts & Figures



INVESTMENTS	CONSTRUCTION MEASURES	ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES			
EUR 34 million total volume	20-month construction period with 200 construction workers	400 big trees planted (oaks, hazels, lindens, wild pears, maples, etc.)			
EUR 8 million in start-up costs					
EUR 27 million in construction costs, of which	400,000 m³ of excavated soil	20,000 small trees and bushes planted (field maples, sycamores, wild cherries, blackthorns, hawthorns, etc.) 6,100 m ² of orchid-rich rough pastureland preserved			
EUR 15 million went to regional contractors	80,000 m ³ of crushed stones				
180 shareholders	4,500 m ³ of concrete	20 galloway cattle			
RACETRACK	25,000 m ³ of sand/gravel	40 dormouse boxes			
4.2 km track (divisible into east and west loop)	22,500 m³ of asphalt	2 pond biotopes for great crested newts			
	700 metric tons of steel				
2.4 km east loop	55,000 m of pipes / pipelines	 100 replacement bat roosts 2 bat houses and 1 bat hill 21 beehives looked after by the Hensel beekeeping company who produce the popular BILSTER BERG ,racing' honey from the 			
1.8 km west loop	4,400 m of drainage channels				
10 to 12 m track width	86,000 m of cables				
19 curves	25,000 m of crash barriers	flower nectar			
44 crests and dips		4 mapped burial mounds (historic preservation)			
26% downhill gradient	50,000 tires as tire walls (held together with 250,000 screws)	Over 3,700 photovoltaic panels installed on over 26 roofs of			
21% uphill gradient	8,500 m of fences BILSTER BERG buildings				
70 m height difference	AREA & FACILITIES				
Ĵ	86 hectares of fenced-in grounds with driving modules				
204 m cumulative height difference	106 hectares of ecological compensation land outside of the fenced-in area				
28 track marshals	8 pit halls with a size of 380 or 570 m², 19 rental halls with a size of 380 m²				
26 HD cameras & digital race control	9,000 m² upper paddock, 6,500 m² lower paddock				



The BILSTER BERG – Environmental protection and sustainability

Environmental management system

The BILSTER BERG has made protecting and preserving of the natural habitats around BILSTER BERG its basic principle. To ensure this, the environmental management system DIN EN ISO 14001 was implemented in 2012, which was replaced by the DIN EN ISO 14001:2015 in 2017. Internal and external environmental audits document the continued development of BILSTER BERG, focusing not only on species' protection, but also on topics such as C02 reduction, handling of hazardous substances, sound monitoring, resource consumption, and much more.

As part of the environmental management system, 100 hectares of ecological compensation areas for flora and fauna were created. This area is divided into 46 hectares of CEF (Continuous Ecological Functionality) and 54 hectares of forest area. Additionally, 20 Galloway cattle, various species of bats and frogs, hazel dormice, and about 60 bird species feel at home here. A mapped orchid meadow is assisted in pollination by our 20 beehives. With about 1,000,000 million happy bees, BILSTER BERG thus contributes to preserving species on the Red List.



Future developments

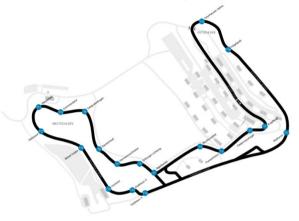
Furthermore, BILSTER BERG relies exclusively on 100% renewable energies (including some neighboring wind turbines), making the electricity consumption climate-neutral. At the beginning of 2024, the installation of photovoltaic panels on 26 roofs of BILSTER BERG buildings was completed and put into operation. In addition to energy from wind power, BILSTER BERG now obtains around 1.5 megawatts of power from these solar modules, making it the largest surplus feed-in photovoltaic rooftop system of all European racetracks.

"Environmental protection is an important goal in our company. The effort to protect the environment is an obligation for our company towards our customers, business partners, fellow human beings, and future generations," says Hans-Jürgen von Glasenapp, Managing Director at BILSTER BERG. "The results of active environmental protection at BILSTER BERG are very satisfactory. It was the right decision to take the more complex route to protect our environment from the outset. And thanks to the large number of compensatory activities that we intend to further expand in the future, there is absolutely no contradiction between this and our work as a test and presentation track."



Nomen est omen? - Our unusual curve names

Have you ever driven on a racetrack? If you have, you will know that most of the curves have names. Often named after defining features of the region or famous race drivers, curves like Blanchimont, Rascasse, Müllenbachschleife or Schumacher-S are well known even outside the world of motorsports. Not so at BILSTER BERG where the names of its curves reflect the racetrack's history, mainly as a former military base...



T1 Kugelkopf (Bullet) – Since BILSTER BERG is located on a former British ammunition depot and the first curve is bullet-shaped, the name is quite self-explanatory.

T2 Fledermaushügel (Bat Hill) – BILSTER BERG is home to a large number of bats. This part of the grounds also includes a hill that serves as a hibernation roost for the bats.

T3 Pumpenhaus (Pump House) – BILSTER BERG has its own water source. The pump house pumps water throughout the entire property and into the track's extinguishing pipe system.

T4 Munitionsfeld (Ammunition Field) – The name of this long section refers to the fact that the area was used as an ammunition depot, which was operated by the British Army of the Rhine until 1993.

T5 Jägerbuche (Hunter's Beech) – The track is surrounded by many old beech trees and, initially, a hunting hide as well.

T6 Driburger Lichtung (Driburg Clearing) – This curve was named as a tribute to the town of Bad Driburg.

T7 Hermannsschneise (Hermann's Path) -

This section is dedicated to racetrack architect Hermann Tilke...

T8 Sauwechsel (Boars' Crossing) – ...who encountered a horde of wild boars at exactly this spot the first time he visited BILSTER BERG.

T9 Telegrafenbogen (Telegraph Bend) – This curve is located close to the Oeyenhausen telegraph station, which sent optical telegraph signals between Berlin and Koblenz from 1833 to 1849 and still stands to this day.

T10 Kommandatur (Command Headquaters) – Former site of the British command center. Today, this is where BILSTER BERG's state-ofthe-art administration building, the heart of the racetrack, is located.

T11 Mausefalle (Mousetrap) – Inspired by the legendary *Streif* downhill ski course in Kitzbühel, BILSTER BERG also has a mousetrap, the most treacherous section of the track with the steepest downhill gradient of 26 percent and the biggest compression.

T12 Steilwand (Steep Climb) – After the Mousetrap with its 26 percent downhill gradient, drivers are immediately faced with a steep climb with an incline of 21 percent.

T13 Bilster Kuppe (Bilster Peak) – After the climb, drivers arrive at Bilster Peak. This section name describes the fact that drivers are unable to see what comes next.

T14 Hochsitz (Perch) – During the project development phase, this spot was home to a five-meter-high observation tower with excellent views of the entire area.

T15 & T16 Clubhaus-S (Clubhouse-S) – The S-curve winds past BILSTER BERG's modern clubhouse.

Pömbser Höhe (Pömbsen Plateau) – This is the longest straight section of the track, located near the village of Pömbsen.

T17 Mutkurve (Courage Bend) – This impressive blind bend with a slight downhill gradient and right tilt demands a great deal of courage from even the most experienced drivers.

Nieheimer Senke (Nieheim Dip) – The dip is the lowest point of the circuit and points in the direction of the town of Nieheim.

T18 Hügelgrab (Burial Mound) – It is believed that there are five to seven burial mounds in this part of the track. The area is protected accordingly.

T19 Oeynhausen-Kehre (Oeynhausen Turn) – The track's last loop points in the direction of the neighboring village of Bad Oeynhausen.





The BILSTER BERG – Over the years 1970 - 2011

2008

2006

Graf Oevnhausen brings Hans-

to look after the project

development. In addition, an

Jürgen von Glasenapp, the current

Managing Director, to Bad Driburg

application to change the regional

plan is submitted in the spring and

in September, the regional council

approves the altered land-use plan.

The first shareholders are found in April. In October, Walter Röhrl, two-time World Rally champion, supports the project and offers advice regarding the track layout.

Closure of the depot and return of the land to the Federal Republic of Germ that returns it to the prev owner Johann Friedrich Freiherr von Borch.	Numerous discussion any, and presentations are	Start of the teo management b	by Hans- h from bmp
June 1970 – 1974 Nove	mber 2004	January 2009	
	Oeynhausen and n von der Borch	First shareholder meetin at Gräflicher Park in	g August – September 2011 The Höxter administrative district issues the

construction permits and operating license. Groundbreaking and cornerstone ceremony on September 27, 2011.

The Higher Regional Court of Münster dismisses the case brought by a farmer from Nieheim against the

approval of the construction plans. The construction

construction under the supervision of experts regarding

the legal requirements for the conservation of species

plan is finalized. Land is cleared in preparation for

Fall 2010

Start of the implementation of ecological compensation measures by landscape architects Kortemeier Brokmann Landschaftsarchitekten GmbH and Dr. Thomas Esser from the Cologne Office of Faunistics. Application for construction permits and operation license submitted in accordance with the German Federal Emission Control Act (BImSchG).

Spring 2011

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Vears Bi Rhine start the construction of an ammunition depot and commissioning of what was, at the time, the most state-of-the-art ammunition depot in Western Europe.

meet Hermann Tilke in Aachen

April 2004

Marcus Graf von Oevnhausen-Sierstorpff and Johann Friedrich Freiherr von der Borch visit the abandoned property of the former ammunition depot while on a cycling trip. The idea of building a racetrack is born and they start developing the initial concept.

Bad Driburg with three shareholders.

The BILSTER BERG – Over the years 2012 – 2016

January – February 2012

The banks withdraw their financial support due to the Temporary withdrawal of the operating license. That's why the shareholders decide to completely fund the project with equity capital.

August – October 2012

After withdrawal of the petition for special operating days, the Höxter administrative district issues a change authorization. The Minden Administrative Court confirms the change authorization and dismisses complaints from local residents with no possibility to appeal. The complaints did not demonstrate a sufficient legal basis. The request for immediate enforcement in terms of operation is granted.

March 2013

laws.

April 2013

Official track

of activities at

BII STER BERG.

approval and start

Calibration test runs

for partial approval

in accordance with

emission control

2013

BILSTER BERG is chosen as the "Track of the Year" at the "Professional MotorSport World Expo", the annual trade fair in Cologne.

December 2013

Certification for the environmental management system DIN EN ISO 14001.

2015

BILSTER BERG receives the environmental award from the German Motorsports Federation (DMSB) and the second change permit for operational improvements is applied for (3dB increase).

2016

The environmental management system is adapted to the requirements of DIN ISO 14001:2015 with external expert support.

November 9, 2016

The Minden Administrative Court dismisses another complaint by residents against BILSTER BERG.

November 2011

Temporary withdrawal of the operating license by the Minden Administrative Court based on necessary improvements to the soundproofing concept. During this time, construction work was permitted to continue.



May 2012

The Higher Administrative Court in Münster dismisses the motion to uphold the suspension of construction work.

Spring 2014

Donkervoort Automobilien B.V. expands to Germany with a subsidiary at BILSTER BERG. In addition, the first driver training program, now known as 'Racetrack Training', was held in April 2014.

May 31 - June 2, 2013

Grand opening of BILSTER BERG. 40,000 visitors attend the open house day.

May 19, 2016

BILSTER BERG appeals against the judgement of the Regional Court in Paderborn in the legal dispute against the company group of Count Oeynhausen-Sierstorpff and the Count himself. BILSTER BERG asks the former managing director and managing partner Graft von Oeynhausen-Sierstorpff to repay project management services.

May 23, 2016

New brand identity with an online magazine putting the customer at the center of operations. New slogan: "Driving Business", "Ihr Business ist unser Antrieb." ("Your business fuels us.") Six new service pillars are proposed: Driving Experiences, Product Launches, Tests, Track Days as well as Photo & Film Set and Training Location.





Der BILSTER BERG – Over the years 2017 - 2021

November 23, 2017 The Making-Of of the latest INFINITI commercial at BILSTER BERG.	October 7, 2018 For the second time, the cycling pros of	Spring 2020		
The commercial of NISSAN's luxury brand is shot during two days by a crew of 80 people and broadcast nationwide in the USA. he third mit for ovements.	"Müller - Die lila Logistik Rad Bundesliga" face the challenge of the BILSTER BERG. Around 1,200 visitors and cycling pros are at the track on this day.	The Covid-related locko cancellation of nearly a from March to April 202 again at BILSTER BERC Cancellations of events for by postponements.	Il events in the period 20. Things get rolling	June 2021 Covid cases decrease, vaccination rates increase: looser regulations by the regional state government make events at BILSTER BERG possible again.

June 28. 2017

Application for the amendment permit operational improve

ഗ January 2017 BILSTER BERG achieves the DIN EN ISO 14001:2015 certificate. Over the

2017

The ADAC Ostwestfalen-Lippe e.V. organizes the "BILSTER BERG Trophy" at BILSTER BERG for the first time.

Late summer 2017

German TV presenter Joko Winterscheidt races against Formula 1-driver Nico Hülkenberg at BILSTER BERG. The horsepower duel can be seen in Joko's show "Beginner versus Winner".

2019

New types of events, such as "Fitness on Track", the first running event with around 2.000 professional and amateur runners, and the first open-air drive-in cinema at BILSTER BERG take place. In collaboration with RaceRoom and Sector3, a digital version of BILSTER BERG for the RaceRoom online game is also created over the course of the year, and with it the first "BILSTER BERG BATTLE" - racing online.

Summer 2020

Due to Covid, the BILSTER BERG team is implementing cost-cutting measures, including short-time work and the takeover of services previouely executed by external contractors

2018

The "Performance Expo 2018", the in-house exhibition of Schwenker, attracted 2,500 people to the BILSTER BERG, the highest number of visitors since its opening.

January 2021

The Federal Court of Justice confirms the non-admission of the appeal in the legal dispute with Marcus Graf von Oeynhausen-Sierstorpff and his company group.

Spring 2021

The start of the trackday season is postponed due to the ongoing Covid lockdown. Opening of a TÜV Nord test station at BILSTER BERG. This is a first for a racetrack in Germany. The inspection center is operated and managed by local company Classic & Speed GmbH.

Der BILSTER BERG – Over the years 2022 – until now 2023

BILSTER BERG celebrates its 10th anniversary. After the opening event in 2013, BILSTER BERG organizes an Open Door Day for the second time. All local residents and interested parties are invited. Nearly 2,500 people attend.

Summer 2022

Filming with Walter Böhrl. Tim Schrick and Benny Leuchter at BILSTER BERG.At the beginning of August, Continental-Film shoot the second part of the film Manta-Manta on the BILSTER BERG track.

August 2024

The 3rd Röhrl Classic stops at BILSTER BERG and the 'Porsche Electrified' customer event brings an additional 1,200 participants to the presentation of the new all-electric Macan to the 'BEBG'.

March 2022

The BILSTER BERG erFahren event is brought back to life, after being put on pause for nearly 2.5 years.

April 2022

Charging facilities for electric vehicles are available for the first time and are to be expanded in the future. In addition, the planning and implementation of the installation of photovoltaic panels on around 20 roofs of the old munitions halls is underway.

December 2023

Final judgement after eight years in the legal dispute with Marcus Graf von Oevnhausen-Sierstorpff and his company group. The higher regional court Hamm orders Marcus Graf von Oeynhausen-Sierstorpff to repay 1.9 million euros to BILSTER BERG.

December 2024

Launch of the new merchandise collection 'BII STER BERG x Walter Röhrl-Edition'

January 2024

The photovoltaic system, which was installed on the roofs of 26 of the former ammunition halls and other buildings, starts operating. In addition to energy from wind power, BILSTER BERG now obtains around 1.5 megawatts of power from these solar modules. This makes it the largest surplus feed-in photovoltaic rooftop system of all European racetracks.







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