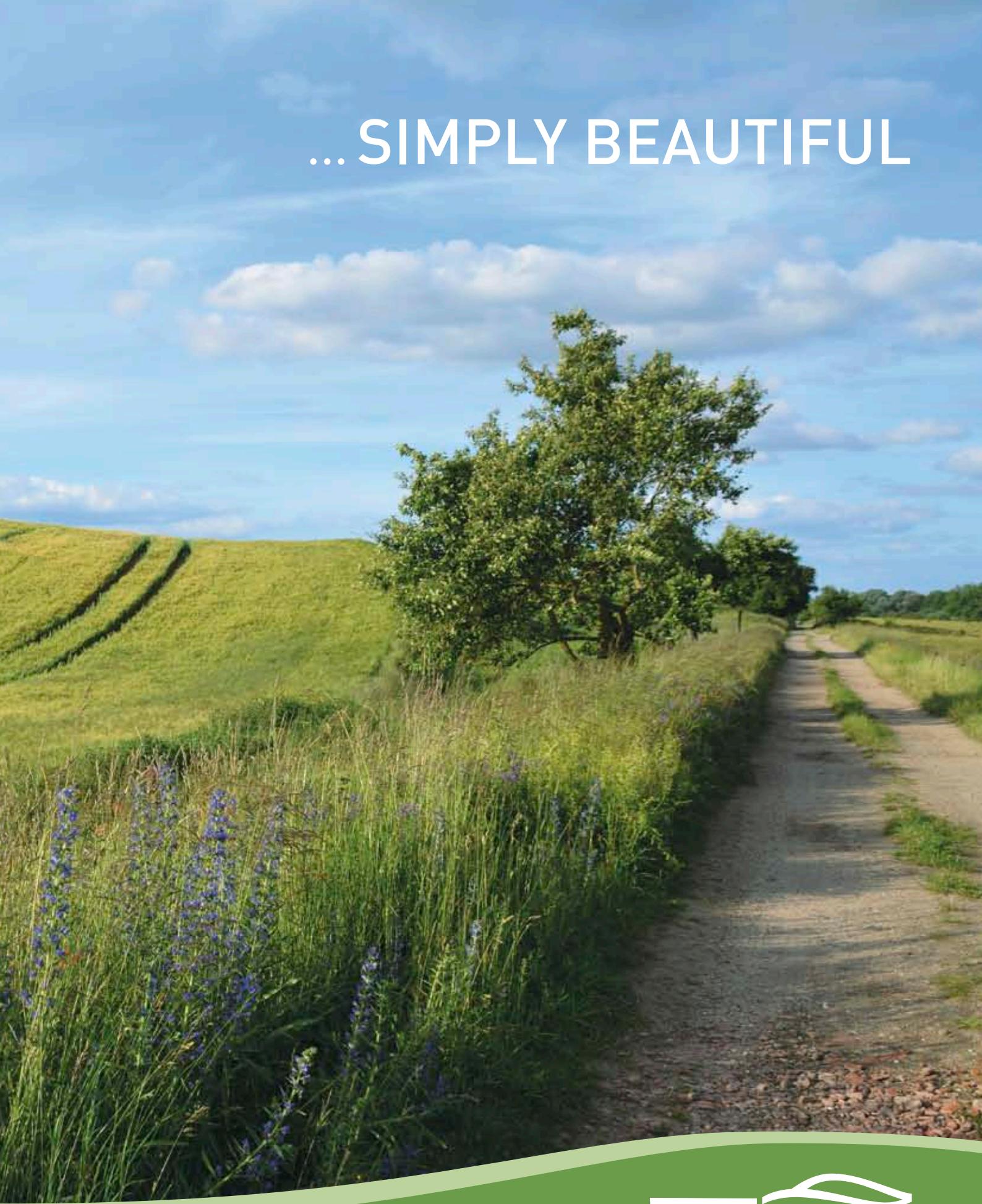


...SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL





Holidaying in the Uckermark: 1 Taking a break in the Uckermark Lakes Nature Park 2 Horses in the Uckermark meadows

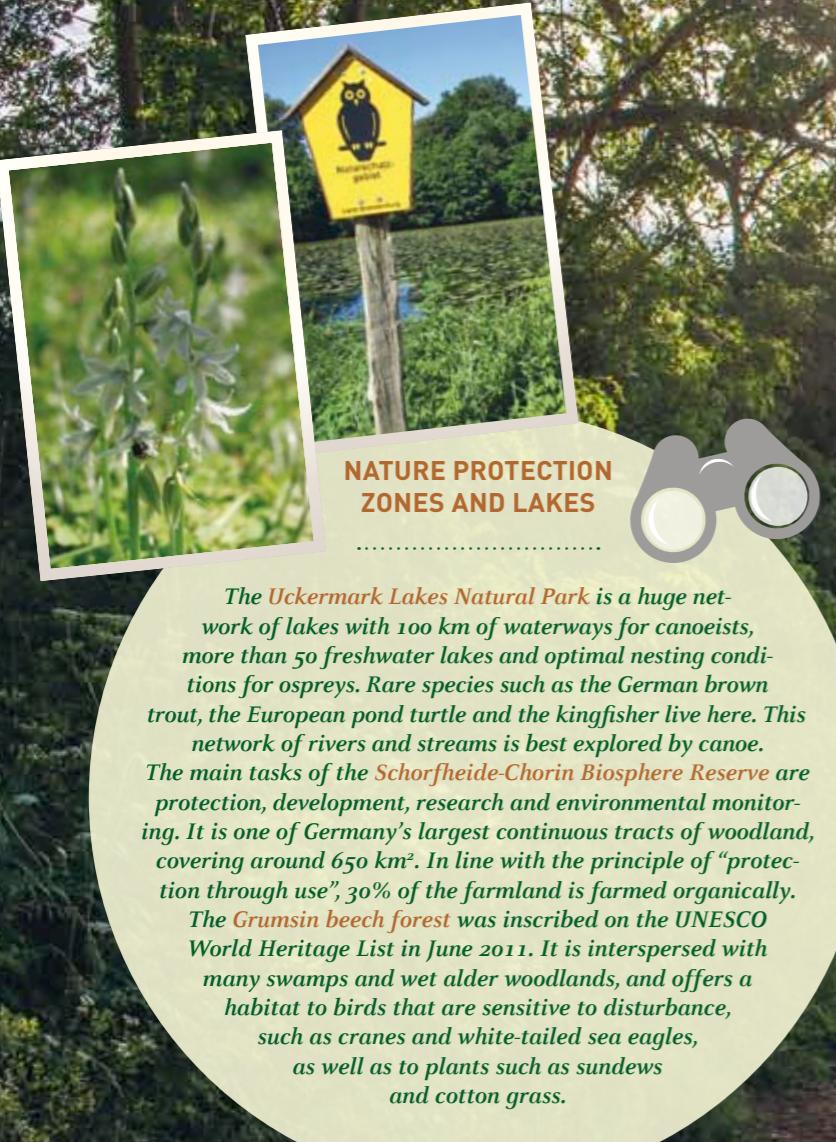
3 Relaxing with a book by the Oberuckersee lake near Potzlow 4 Discovering nature 5 Places with history 6 Regional products

Large image: Canoe trip in the Lower Oder Valley National Park – starting off near Gartz



ENJOY NATURE

Space to breathe



The Uckermark is a unique nature reserve – protected in all three categories of Germany's National Natural Landscapes (national park, nature park and biosphere reserve). The Lower Oder Valley National Park, the only national park in Germany comprising floodplains, is home to more than 145 bird species. This cross-border German-Polish protected area is ideal for bird watching, walking and expeditions.



Uckermark landscapes: 1 Poppy field near Gerswalde 2 The Schumellensee lake in Boitzenburg 3 Lower Oder Valley National Park 4 The Oberuckersee lake in Seehausen 5 Grumsin beech forest 6 Winter in the Uckermark 7 Altkünkendorf in the Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve **Large image:** Hiking along the Märkische Landweg long-distance footpath

ACTIVITIES

For nature lovers



You don't need much to have memorable experiences in the great outdoors. Walk over gentle hills, on paths through fields and meadows, or cycle along picturesque tree-lined lanes to (re-)discover the slow life. Armed with the right equipment and maps, you can canoe stress-free through the Uckermark, with an appetite for discovery and a sense of calm as your constant companions. Take a net, a magnifying glass and a bucket to keep knowledge-hungry children busy for hours.

TIPS FOR ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

- + Donkey trekking
- + Pony trekking and horse-drawn caravans
 - + Barefoot Park in Berkenlatten
- + Walk up the Spitzberg near Willmine
- + Cycle from Wolletz to Prenzlau on the Berlin-Usedom cycle route
- + Go canoeing near Boitzenburg



Outdoors in the Uckermark: 1 Pony trekking in winter 2 Walking to the ruined castle of Gerswalde 3 Swimming in the Pinnower See lake
4 Cycling near Suckow 5 Fishing at the Naugartener See lake **Large image:** Kayaking in Boitzenburger Land



FARM SHOPS

In the many farm shops of the Uckermark, you'll find:

- + Fruit juices, fruit nectars and wine made at Mosterei Klimmek in Sternfelde
- + Gin, Uckermark grain spirit, fruit brandies and liqueurs from the Grumsin Brennerei distillery in Altkünkendorf
 - + Meat and sausage specialities from Gut Temmen
- + Fine foods, cheese-making demonstrations and a farm shop at the Bauernkäserei Wolters creamery in Bandelow
 - + Artisan oils from Gut Blankensee
- + Excellent ciders, fruit wines and fruit brandies from Gutshof Kraatz
 - + Regional fish and fish-smoking workshops at the "Glut & Späne" smokehouse in Gerswalde



BUY LOCAL

Fresh and flavourful

We Uckermarkers love simplicity – but not plainness. Our producers' high-quality goods are fresh, and their carbon footprints are low thanks to short farm-to-table journeys. There's a huge range of regional and seasonal produce, including fresh fish – pike, wels catfish and bleak – caught locally, organic Angus beef, smoked sausage, game from the Schorfheide, ostrich meat, organic bread, lots of different (wild) herbs, apples and pears from naturally maintained orchards, and much-loved Uckermark potatoes. This produce is used in traditional and creative recipes to make delicious sweet or savoury dishes. We believe that what's grown here should be sold, eaten and used here.

Regional food, drink and crafts:

- 1 Mobile apiary near Gustavsrüh
 - 2 Hay soup
 - 3 Bread-baking workshop in Naugarten
 - 4 Freshly smoked fish
 - 5 Artisan crafts at the Kunsthändlerhof Thomsdorf
 - 6 Farm shop and café at Gut Blankensee
- Large image:** "Glut & Späne" smokehouse in Gerswalde

RURAL CULTURE

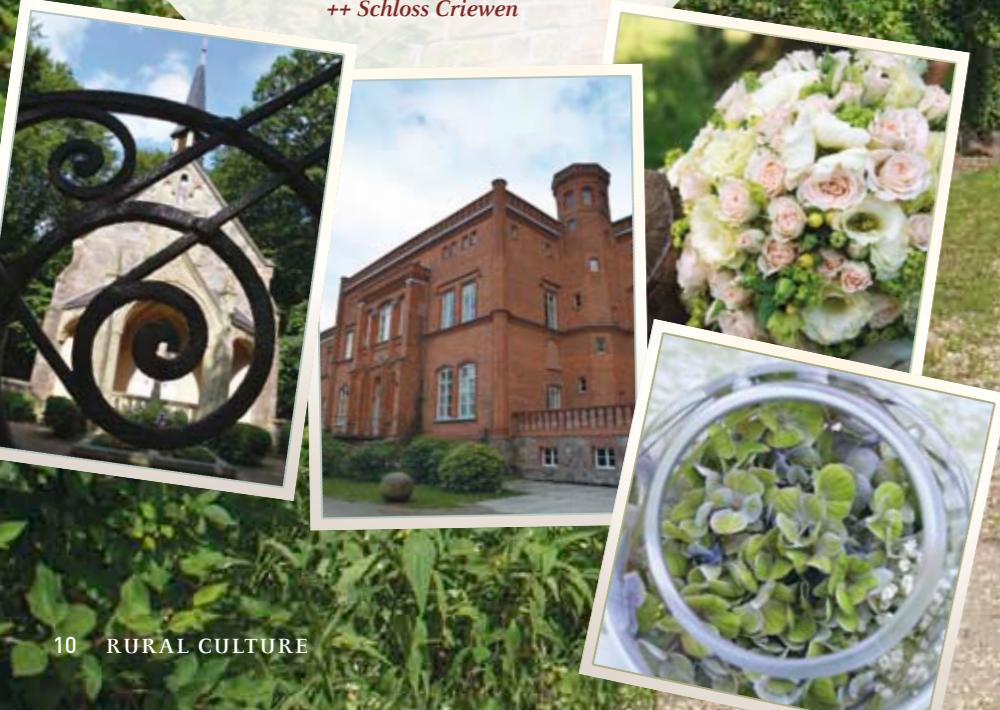
History brought to life

WEDDING BELLS IN THE UCKERMARK!

Are you looking for the perfect place to get married? There are 13 official registry offices and 25 special locations where you can tie the knot – for example, Schloss Herzfelde or the small forest chapel of Mellenau. Wedding receptions on a farm, in a converted barn, in the ballroom at Gutshof Wilsickow or at Schloss Arendsee are highly popular.

Places to marry:

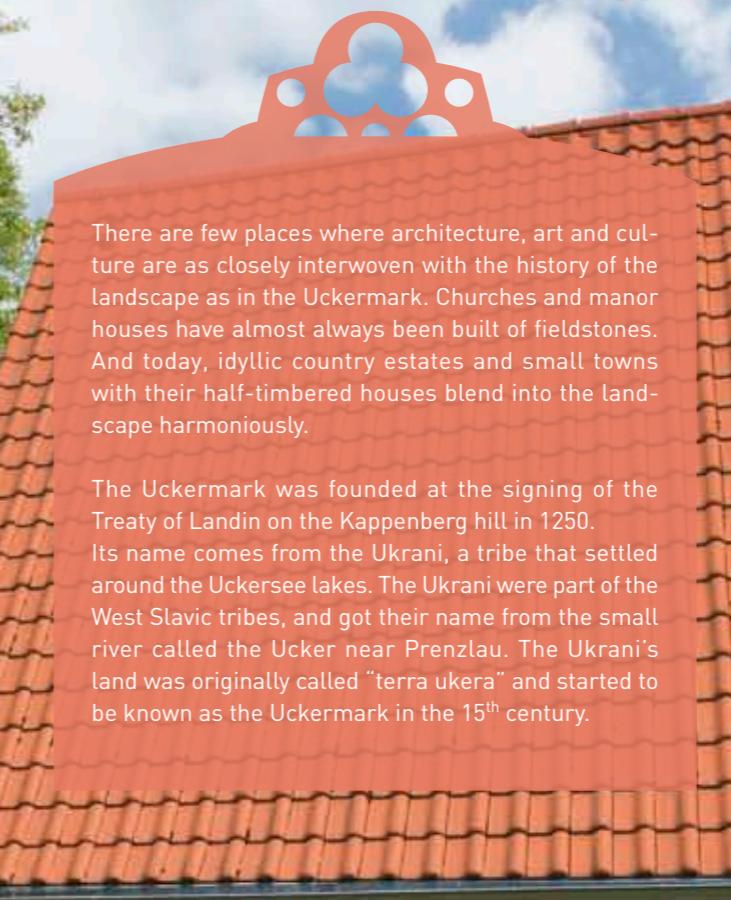
Gut Suckow ++ Schloss Boitzenburg ++
Cloister garden at the Prenzlau Dominican Abbey ++
Landhaus Arnimshain ++ Schloss Kröchlendorff
++ Berlischky Pavilion in Schwedt
++ Schloss Criewen



There are few places where architecture, art and culture are as closely interwoven with the history of the landscape as in the Uckermark. Churches and manor houses have almost always been built of fieldstones. And today, idyllic country estates and small towns with their half-timbered houses blend into the landscape harmoniously.

The Uckermark was founded at the signing of the Treaty of Landin on the Kappenberg hill in 1250. Its name comes from the Ukrani, a tribe that settled around the Uckersee lakes. The Ukrani were part of the West Slavic tribes, and got their name from the small river called the Ucker near Prenzlau. The Ukrani's land was originally called "terra ukera" and started to be known as the Uckermark in the 15th century.

- Culture in the Uckermark:**
- 1 Middle Gate Tower and Church of St Mary, Prenzlau
 - 2 Sculpture at the Berkenlatten Barefoot Park
 - 3 Kunstkammer studio in Wollschow, Brüssow
 - 4, 5 Palace, Lenné-Park and church in Kröchlendorff
 - 6 Ruins of Vierraden Castle
 - 7 Village church in Grünberg, Brüssow
 - 8 German Romanticism: Vorwerk Bülowssiege
- Large image:** Half-timbered church and house in Seehausen





Holiday architecture in the Uckermark:

- 1 Gut Fergitz
- 2 Das Schwarze Haus Pinnow
- 3 Gollmitz Water Mill
- 4 Das Sternhagener Haus
- 5 Gut Gollin Tree House
- 6 Gutshof Kraatz
- 7 Das Grüne Haus Altkünkendorf
- 8 Re:hof Rutenberg

[Large image: Villa am Trumpf Melzow](#)



RURAL IDYLLS

Fans of architecture will love these properties – simply exclusive holiday accommodation:

*Gut Fergitz ++ Das Schwarze Haus ++
Re:hof Rutenberg ++ Gut Gollin
Tree House ++ Gutshof Kraatz ++
Rote Scheune ++ Vorwerk Krewitz ++
Herrenhaus Röddelin ++
Landhaus Fredenwalde ++
Villa am Trumpf*



SPECIAL PLACES

The choice is yours



You don't necessarily expect architectural highlights in a vast, idyllic landscape. But the Uckermark never ceases to amaze – with simple, tasteful and individually designed holiday accommodation. Often, seemingly in the middle of nowhere, you'll find sophisticated functionality combined with a mixture of traditional and modern architecture. Eco building materials such as wood and cob, historical beavertail roof tiles and minimalist interior design, often contrasted with antique furniture, give each individual property its own character and create an unforgettable holiday experience.

ACROSS THE RIVER ODER

Into Poland

THE VALLEY OF LOVE

The Valley of Love ("Dolina Miłości") is a landscape park nestled between Krajnik Dolny, Krajnik Gorny and Zatoń Dolna. It lies in Poland, but is just a short distance from Schwedt – and it's a paradise for nature lovers.

The park was brought back to life as part of a European partner project between the towns of Chojna and Schwedt, and reopened in October 2011. Soon after the reopening, the restoration work won an award in the "Gepflegtes Denkmal 2011" competition for the restoration of cultural spaces and landscapes. Some 14 kilometres of labyrinthine paths cross a range of hills with small gorges, valleys and old trees.

OBSERVATION TOWER IN MESCHERIN

When you cross the border between Gryfino in Poland and Mescherin in Germany, you can't fail to notice this 15-metre-tall wooden tower. From here, you get a fantastic view across the Oder floodplains, the West Oder in the Lower Oder Valley National Park and the neighbouring town of Gryfino. The tower is easy to reach by bike on the Oder-Neisse cycle route or by canoe, by mooring at the Mescherin embankment and walking 500 metres.

THE CROOKED FOREST

Downstream, in a wood near Gryfino, you'll find the Crooked Forest ("Krzywy Las") – a grove of pine trees curved like question marks or with their trunks bent sharply just above ground level. Bizarre and unique!



GET OUT OF TOWN

Car-free and care-free

Tip The TheaterBus operates throughout the Uckermark and in Barnim, and takes passengers to and from all the evening and weekend performances of the UBS theatre in Schwedt (Uckermarkische Bühnen Schwedt) – and you just pay the standard bus fare.

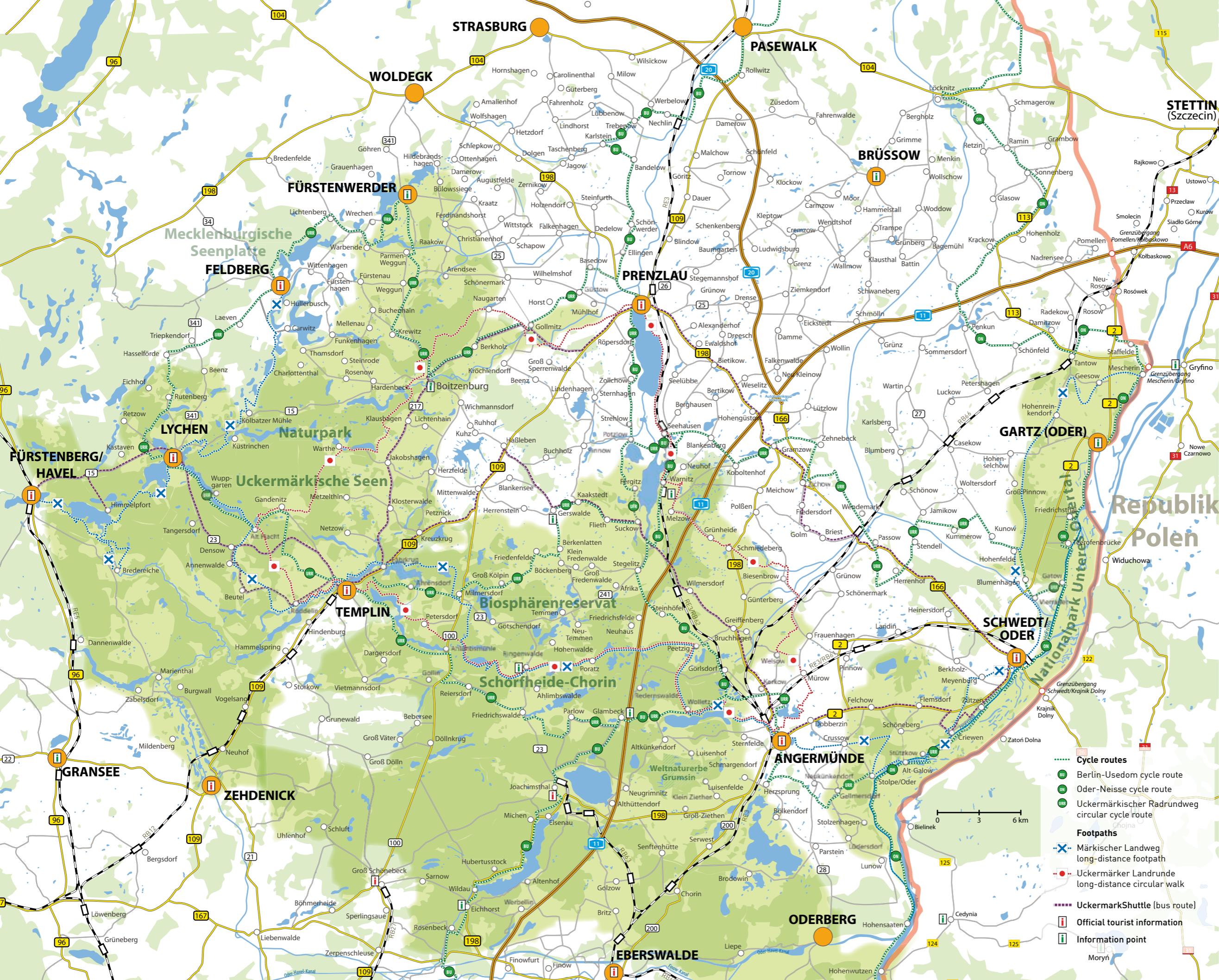


Choose an easy, relaxing way to travel. Travelling by train is climate-friendly, and towns such as Angermünde, Schwedt, Prenzlau and Templin are little more than an hour's journey from Berlin.

Once you arrive at the station, the **UckermarkShuttle** will take you to picturesque villages and interesting towns. At weekends and public holidays all year round, there are many opportunities to discover the region on sightseeing tours. From April to October, the bus has a bicycle trailer with space for up to four bikes. If you phone +49 3332 – 44 27 55 in advance,

you can order a larger trailer for up to 10 bikes.

In Angermünde, you can take the **BiberBus**. The route goes from the historic town centre to Gut Kerkow, the NABU (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union) centre Blumberger Mühle, past the paddocks at the Görlsdorf stud farm, to the Wolletzsee lido, and through woodland to the Grumsin beech forest, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The BiberBus (number 496) runs hourly from the beginning of April until October and departs from Angermünde train station.



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