The tasks of the Memorial Site consist of organizing annual memorial services as well as survivors' and their relatives' visits to schools, doing historical research, and maintaining international contacts.

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Guided tours can be booked upon request.

In the year 2018 our memorial place was awarded the European heritage label together with the former concentration camp Natzweiler and with thirteen other memorial sites. These sites were satellite camps of Natzweiler. The label is a sign for cross-border work in terms of remembrance and peace.

**Directions**

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**Memorial sculpture by Siegfried Haas**

Concentration Camp Memorial Sites
Eckerwald/Schörzingen and Dautmergen-Schömberg
Eckerwald Memorial Path

The Gedenkpfad Eckerwald (Eckerwald Memorial Path) leads through a site that was erected for “Wüste 10” (“Desert 10”), an oil shale production plant, in 1944-45. It was one of ten production sites along the edge of the Swabian Jura where the National Socialists tried to extract oil form shale.

Over 1,000 prisoners were in the Schörzingen concentration camp; most of them had been active in the political resistance movements of the German-occupied countries of Europe. The conditions in the camps were catastrophic.

Every day, about 500 inmates were pushed to work in slave-like conditions to erect the “Wüste 10” site. The others worked underground in the oil production facility near the Schörzingen concentration camp.

More than 500 lives were brutally wiped out in the futile attempt to extract oil form shale.

Starting in 1987, the overgrown ruins were excavated by members of the Initiative Eckerwald and many volunteers. Plaques in the brick ruin provide extensive information on the site's history.

Schömberg Concentration Camp Cemetery

The KZ-Friedhof Schömberg (Schömberg Concentration Camp Cemetery) is a memorial and educational site. Located next to a cube with the names of the victims, four information points provide the historical background of the Schömberg and Dautmergen concentration camps, illustrating the ordeal and deaths of the prisoners who were aged between 13 and over 60.

The actual number of dead was much higher. Many sick and dying prisoners were transported off to other camps.

Entrance to the memorial path and both cemeteries is free