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Forestry Office and Agriculture Department



33,000 hectares
SPRING PROTECTIVE FORESTS



8,650 hectares
URBAN FORESTS



2,500 hectares
AGRICULTURE

THE VIENNA FORESTS

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URBAN FORESTS – THE GREEN BELT OF VIENNA

Woodland in Vienna

about 8,000 hectares
(= about 19 percent of the
land area of Vienna)



Owned by the City of Vienna
about 5,700 hectares

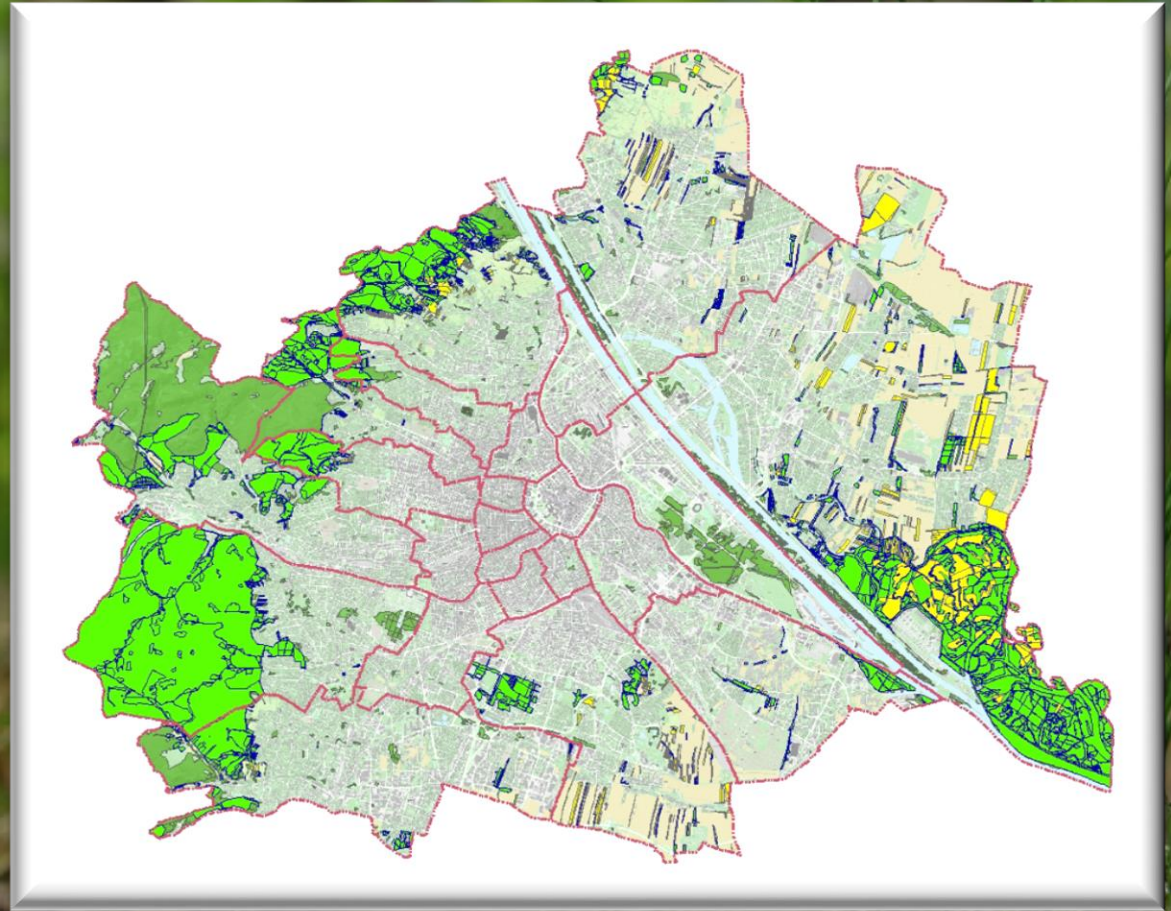


other owners
about 2,300 hectares

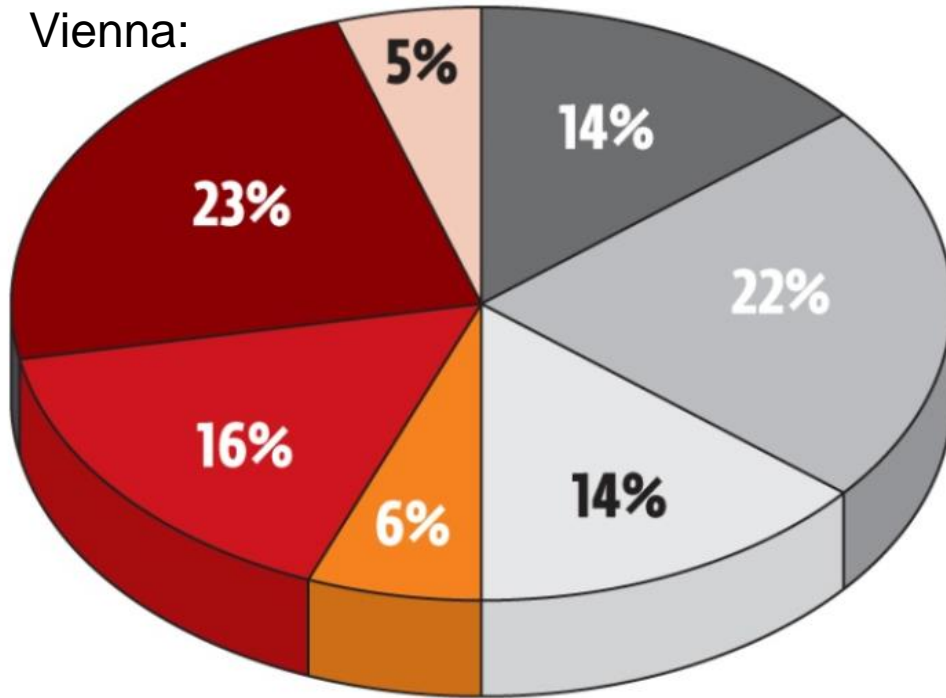
At the beginning of the
20th century the City of
Vienna decided to protect
the Vienna "Wald- und
Wiesengürtel" by law!



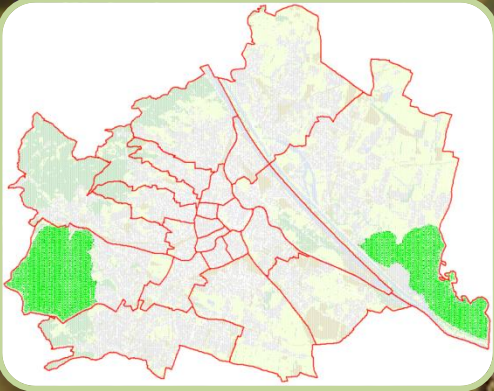
Bio-Agricultural land owned by the City of Vienna
(in Vienna)
about 1,000 hectares



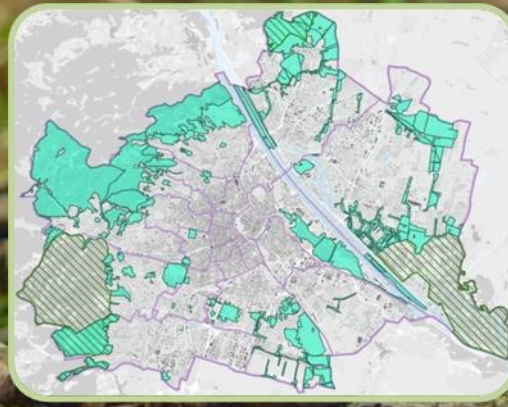
Vienna:



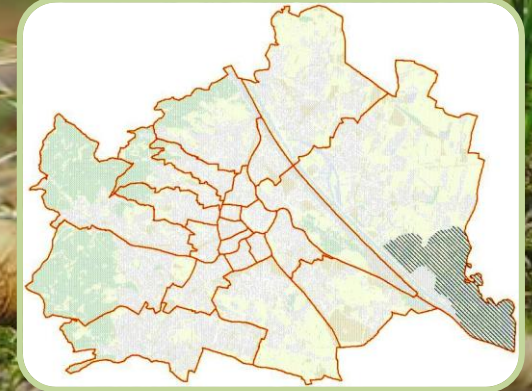
-  Meadow, forest
-  Agriculture
-  Parks and sport areas
-  Water (lakes, rivers,...)
-  Living with green
-  Residential mixed use areas industrial- and special areas
-  Areas constructed for traffic



Nature reserve



Conservation area



National park

LAINZER TIERGARTEN

Since 2005, the nature reserve Lainzer Tiergarten is part of Vienna Woods Biosphere Reserve. Over 800,000 visitors come every year in the local recreation area. The reserve has an area of 2,450 hectares and is surrounded by a wall approximately 21 km long.



River flood plains National Park Category II, IUCN recognized

Total area:
more than 9,300 hectares, of which about 65 percent lowland forest,
15 percent meadows and about 20 percent water areas

The Upper and Lower Lobau – about 3,000 hectares – are on Viennese territory.

DONAU-AUEN NATIONAL PARK



800 higher plant species
30 mammal species

100 breeding bird species
8 reptile species
13 species of amphibians
60 species of fish

City hiking trails

Eleven well-signposted city hiking trails plus the rundumadum hiking trail that completely encircle the City of Vienna invite people to experience Vienna's most beautiful landscapes. This means no less than 240 kilometres of relaxation, fun and well-being.

HIKING IN AND AROUND VIENNA



A woman with long red hair and sunglasses, wearing a red top and black pants, sits on a rock in a shallow pond. A young child in a striped shirt and blue cap stands next to her. The background features a dense line of green trees and reeds, with a city skyline including several tall glass skyscrapers under a clear blue sky.

NEW WOODLANDS

Laaerberg , Donauinsel, Wienerberg, Kellerberg, ...

The afforestation and landscaping projects implemented by the Vienna Forestry Office have gained a great deal of attention, even internationally. In the interests of the common weal, for instance, MA 49 reforested some 550 hectares of land, planting more than four million trees and shrubs in the period 1956 to 2013.

SPRING PROTECTION FORESTS

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Vienna refers pure drinking water from sources the Northern Limestone Alps:

WATER FOR VIENNA

The I. and II. Mountain Spring Pipeline provide Vienna in normal operation with 100 percent fresh spring water (daily consumption about 375,000 m³).



PRINCIPLES OF SPRING PROTECTION FOREST MANAGEMENT

The use of chemical agents (fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides) and clear cutting is not allowed in water protection zones. Old forest stands and individual old trees are deliberately left untouched, just as ecologically valuable dead wood is left in the forests.

The forest management centres additionally set great store by the protection and conservation of special habitats such as wetland biotopes, dry grassland, rough pasture and pockets of natural forest.

A special focus in the management of water protection zones is to preserve close-to-nature conditions,

CABLE CRANE

In sensitive areas, timber is harvested and removed with cable cranes or horse-drawn equipment.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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The Municipal Department 49-
Forestry Office and Urban
Agriculture is one of the biggest
environmental
education institutions in Austria!

25.000 persons are guided
in 1.000 tours per year.

The wien-LobAU National Park Centre is the visitor centre for the Viennese section of the Donau-Auen National Park.

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wien-lobAU NATIONAL PARK CENTRE

Conceived as a multi-functional information and environmental centre right beside the entrance to the Lobau nature reserve, its objective is to introduce visitors to the fascinating world of the Danube wetlands.

free



Themed walks, exhibitions, research evenings,
... bring over 20,000 guests each year the habitat Donau-Auen closer.

In a playbased programme led by the forest rangers of MA 49 they learn to understand causes and effects in nature and the ecosystem of a forest.

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OTTAKRING AND LOBAU

WOODLAND EDUCATION CENTRES

The visits are free for school children and teachers



Together enjoy nature!

Adventure walks provide visitors with the opportunity to experience the wetland habitat face to face, learn to tell the time from the position of the sun and work with a microscope.

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The range of options includes family, youth and children's camps (for school classes only) as well as „guest camps“ and „Euro camps“.

LOBAU NATIONAL PARK CAMP



The Landgut Wien
Cobenzl, an agricultural
estate managed by an
organic farmer, is a
project by MA 49 within

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the framework of EULE,
the environmental
education programme of
the City of Vienna.

THE CITY FARM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



The Lainzer Tiergarten Visitor Centre at the Lainzer Tor entrance offers visitors changing thematic exhibitions with information on this nature and wildlife reserve and its special features.

LAINZER TIERGARTEN VISITOR CENTER

The exhibition space at the Centre is open every day during the opening hours of Lainzer Tiergarten.

free





AGRICULTURE

The city of Vienna leads with approximately 2,500 hectares one of the greatest agricultural enterprises in Austria.

All acreages within Vienna (1,000 hectares) become organic-managed biologically.

COBENZL

Vienna is the only cosmopolitan city where wine is grown for commercial purposes.

VIENNA

WINERY

The "Weingut Wien Cobenzl" is cultivating about 60 hectares vineyards.

COBENZL

VIENNA

WINERY



RESEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE

The MA 49-Forestry Office and Urban Agriculture of the City of Vienna cooperates with numerous scientific institutions (Bio Forschung Austria, Universities,...).



Thank you for your attention!

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