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The green line through the museum

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This is your personal guide on your journey of discovery through the world of water. To ensure that you don't miss a thing all you have to do is to follow the Aquarius green line. At the same time you will always know exactly where you are.

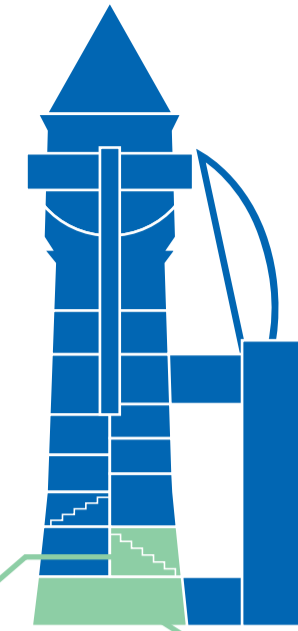
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13 Waste Water

The never-ending circulation of water is automatic. We humans take water for own uses and recirculate it in various degrees of pollution. Water is primarily turned into waste water in densely populated centres of the world. It then has to be "cleaned up" before being put back into circulation. At this station you can find out how a clarification plant works.

14 Virtual Water

The Aquarius Museum is currently presenting a loose succession of exhibition on the theme of water as a supplement to the permanent exhibition. From 2010 onwards you can immerse yourself in the theme of Virtual Water and find out what your personal water footprint looks like.

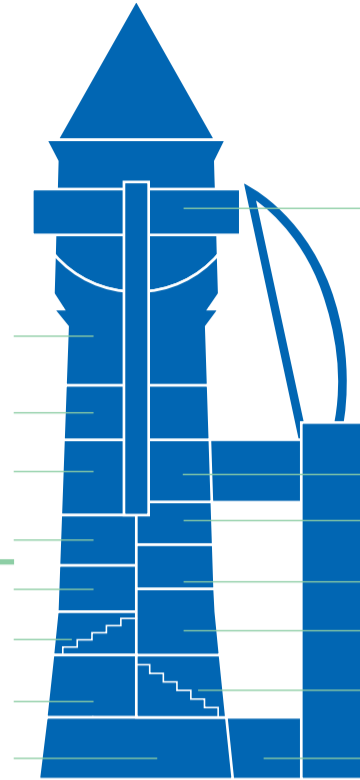
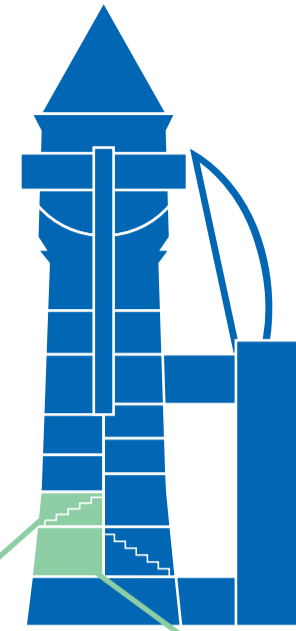


11 RWW - Past - Present - Future

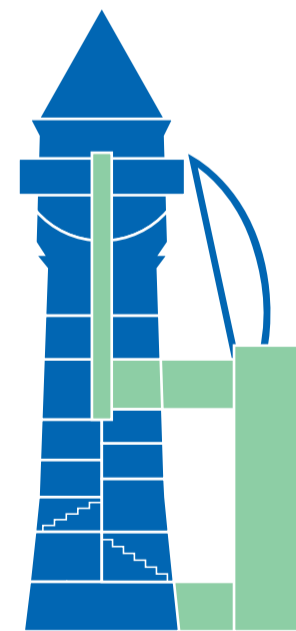
The example of the RWW Rhineland-Westphalian Waterworks Company will show you how economic progress has been boosted and completed along the Ruhr and elsewhere - to a great extent with the aid of hydraulic power. Retired RWW workers will tell you stories about their working lives.

12 Water Treatment, Regional Supplies

The central control station of a waterworks will provide you with yet another realistic simulation where you can play at being in charge of the whole process of modern drinking water supplies. You will learn about how water supplies work today and how to deal with exceptional situations like a burst pipe or a major fire in order to guarantee drinking water supplies to such a huge area.



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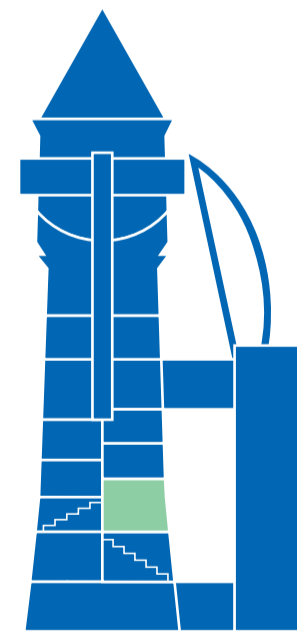


Foyer

This is where your water information route begins and ends. The lift will take you up to the exhibition, where you can collect points on your chip card. When you return to the Foyer, you can print out a certificate at the cash desk. Adjoining the rear of the foyer is the old mansion chapel, now our event room Forum.

4 The tower passage

You reach the exhibition via a glass bridge. The lift will take you up through the former water container to the highest level of the Aquarius Water Museum!

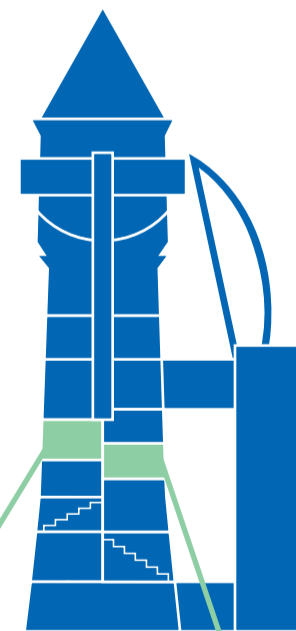


9 The Changing Face of the Ruhr

A small film archive will give you an insight into the development of industry in Mülheim an der Ruhr and the Ruhrgebiet. At the same time film documents will reveal the important role played by the river Ruhr in the history of regional water supplies and its recreational value for the local inhabitants.

10 World Water Conference, Dams

Here you can learn about the particular significance of dams and how they work. You can take personal control for delivering water from a dam. You can also set out on a journey through the world. The Zeppelin installation invites you to participate in a world water conference in Abu Dhabi. Here you can seek out water problems around the globe and discuss potential solutions with your game partners!

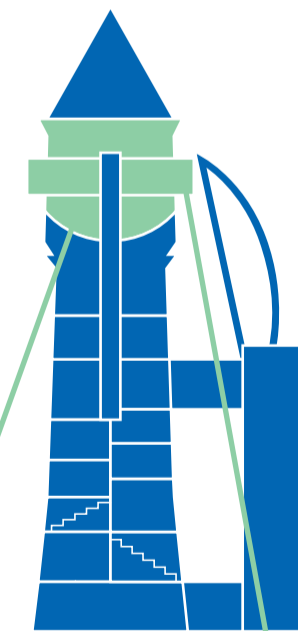


7 The Well as a Meeting Point, Baths and Bathing

Wells have always been worthy of particular protection because they are not only centres of water supplies, but also human and social communication centres. The special respect that people have for wells is often expressed in their splendid designs. Next to the wells you can find spy-holes. Here you can take a look at bathing scenes from ancient times to the present day and get a clearer idea of the importance of bathing in terms of hygiene and pleasure.

8 Water and Industrial History

Take a trip back to the start of the industrial age and find out about the central role played by water supplies in the industrial revolution! Here you can build canals, locks, drinking water pipelines and hydraulic power stations! In the computer simulation you can play at being a landscape architect and construction engineer.

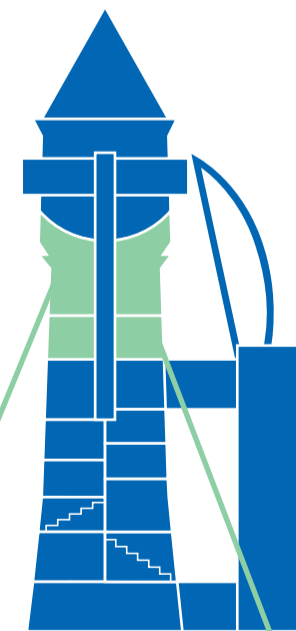


1 Water Container, Water Towers

Once 500,000 litres of water were stored in the container. Today 50,000 litres is enough to arouse your imagination as to the original function of the tower which was indispensable in providing water supplies to industry and households alike. At the computer station you can learn more about how a water tower functions. Why not try your hand at our water tower game! Here you can personally ensure that customers get the necessary water supplies by skillfully laying down the pipe lines.

1 Panorama over the Ruhr

From here, at a height of 35 metres, you can get a broad view of the fine landscape along the Ruhr, ranging from the silhouettes of Duisburg harbour, via the Oberhausen Gasometer all the way to the Ruhr heights in the south of Mülheim. A splendid view that you should enjoy to the full. The lift will take you down to the next level.



2 The Aquasphere, the Noise Pillar

Here you will be greeted by a room installation by the artist Thomas Schönauer that will give you a vivid idea of the culture and mythology of water. An audiovisual show will give you a dramatic impression of water, from the creation of Planet Earth to the present day. Images, sounds and light effects will provide you a "total experience of the Aquasphere". Take your place in the pillar and try to guess what lies behind the various water noises.

3 The Globe, the Laboratory, Ground Water

If you tap on the globe you can get to speak. It will tell you about the spectacular features of water in all four corners of the world! Computer-simulated laboratory experiments will explain natural phenomena. In addition you can learn all about the elementary significance of ground water!



5 The Source of Life

From the earliest times water has inspired all forms of artistic expression. The room installation by Thomas Schönauer uses material and form to illuminate the static features of a water source, and film to throw light on its dynamics. Two touch-screen monitors are embedded into the scenario. Here you can select films describing water as a source of life.

6 The Ruhr Valley Adventure Journey, the Ruhr Quiz

Find out more about the Ruhr valley with the "Ruhrmobile"! Your virtual journey along the Ruhr from the source to the estuary will begin as soon as you get pedalling. This is all about the past and present history of drinking water abstraction and water protection, waterways traffic and industry. It's also about producing power and ecological issues.