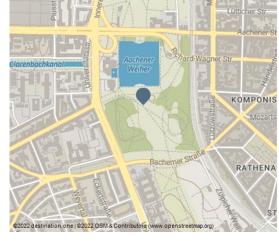




Kölner Grüngürtel

Park/gardens





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In the 20s, the City of Cologne created the "Inneren und Äußeren Grüngürtel", the inner and outer green belt, on the premises of former fortresses. The Innere Grüngürtel begins at the Flora in the borough of Riehl. It covers the boroughs of Mauenheim and Ehrenfeld as well as the university campuses up to Luxemburger Straße street. Buildings of this semi-circle were creatively incorporated into the natural settings.

The Äußere Grüngürtel is crossed by the Militärring "military ring". Everywhere you find walking trails and bicycle paths, at Decksteiner Weiher pond you can go canoeing. A restaurant is also available.

Large park areas invite to practice sports at the open air, such as jogging, Nordic Walking or biking. Of course, you may just nestle in the green having a picnic or a barbecue in the evening.

Likewise, the right banks of the river Rhine is scattered with many green spaces to stroll around or relax. The Merheimer Heide heathland is ideal for an excursion with children. The Poller Wiesen parks offer a stunning view of the city and the Cathedral. Parties are regularly celebrated here.

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