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Plaggenhütte Nordloh - favorite place

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Plaggenhütte-Apen-Nordloh

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Nordloh was first mentioned in a document in 1273, making it a very old settlement for today's municipality.

The elongated canal that connects Nordloh with Augustfehn was only built between 1871 and 1875 in order to gain both settlement areas and peat. The people who mastered this task led a poor life in so-called plague huts, which consisted of turf cut out and stacked on top of one another.

In 1999 the local citizens' association of Nordloh on the Nordloh Canal rebuilt such a small-scale Plaggenhütte, which gives an impression of the hardship of life in these dwellings. This hut is particularly reminiscent of "Oma Puls", a woman who lived in such a hut from 1823 to 1916 in Nordloh, approx. 2 km as the crow flies from the current location of the small monument. It is believed that she was expelled from the community for giving birth to an illegitimate child. Contemporary witnesses report that she lived in the hut with a dog, chickens, a goat and a pig and moved around with a handcart pulled by her dog.

Jörg Ridderbusch's work is a monument to Grandma Puls and also to the settlers who built the canals. From the gnarled branches, which take up the structure of the bark of the surrounding oaks, the artist lets vivid, beautiful and valuable leaves grow. They are a sign of a successful settlement and appreciation for the people who lived here under poor conditions and who created the basis for our life today.

This favorite place is a contemplative place that pays tribute to both the people who lived under harsh living conditions and the harsh and equally beautiful nature. Anyone who rides a bike or goes for a walk here feels the often rapid headwind, which allows you to consciously experience nature.



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Künstler Jörg Ridderbusch mit Stele



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