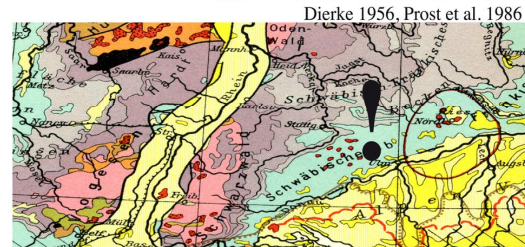




# The biggest thing around



## Excursion to the Nördlinger Ries

To give you another scale of landscape development, a whole day excursion will go to the Nördlinger-Ries-Crater.

It is an example of a cosmic catastrophe in the Middle Miocene and of landscape regeneration afterwards. Two key sites /outcrops will explain the different features of the meteorite impact:

- Wengenhausen for the enigmatic formations
- Alte Bürg for the ignimbrite like sediments

A visit of the Ries-Crater-Museum at Nördlingen is to put it into the cosmic as well as into the regional context. The museum is still one of the best scientific museums in the European – here also planetary – scale.

This also will give chance to look to the town of Nördlingen, a famous example of a wealthy medieval town which became marginalised in later periods. Moreover, the excursion will touch different archaeological sites from the Palaeolithic age on.

### Abfahrt Schöntal

8.00

- Steinbruch Wengenhausen
- Steinbruch Alte Bürg
- Riegelberg: röm. Villa Rustica, Ofnet-caves, guided tour to today scarce arable plant communities (Kalkäcker mit Adonisröschen-Gesellschaften)
- Aufenthalt Nördlingen, Stadt und Rieskrater-Museum

### Ankunft Schöntal

19.00

Transport by bus. Excursion fees: 20 Euro. Payment at the reception desk.

Please bring solid shoes.

You also should arrange your accommodation in accordance to this excursion (nights 14. to 15. and 15. to 16. of July)

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For more information and pictures see: <http://www.geopark-ries.de/index.php/>  
<http://www.natur-ostwuerttemberg.de/utzmemmingen.html>