The Neeracherried Nature Reserve
Covering an area of 260 acres, the Neeracherried is one of Switzerland’s last extensive fens. Surrounded by intensively cultivated agricultural land, these wetlands offer a habitat for innumerable species of fauna and flora.

The Neeracherried Nature Reserve Centre, which is operated by SVS/BirdLife Switzerland, is specially designed to allow visitors to explore the wetlands as a habitat from every angle. We offer the following activities:

Permanent exhibition: The Wetland Habitat
Our permanent exhibition gives visitors the chance to learn about the marshland at various exciting, interactive stations. Here, you can find detailed information about most of the animals and plants living in the wetlands and about the history of the landscape. There are observation tips for a visit to the walkway, a cave for children to explore and much more.

Special exhibition
See our annual programme (available only in German).

Video presentation (in German):
Fascinating shots of a year in the Neeracherried.
Duration: 12 minutes

Guided group tours
Groups of any kind are very welcome at the Nature Reserve Centre any day except Monday. The topic and duration of the tour are arranged individually. Resource packs (in German) are available for school classes of any age. Examples of guided tour charges: CHF 160.00 for clubs and societies (2 hours), CHF 190.00 for companies (2 hours).

Contact: Phone: 044 858 13 00, Fax: 044 858 15 20, E-Mail: neeracherried@birdlife.ch

For detailed information and latest sightings, visit www.birdlife.ch/neeracherried
The Swiss Association for the Protection of Birds SVS/Birdlife Switzerland

SVS/BirdLife Switzerland was responsible for setting up the Neeracherried Nature Reserve Centre and now runs it on behalf of the the nature conservation office of the canton of Zurich. SVS/BirdLife Switzerland, an umbrella organisation comprising 500 local sections, 18 cantonal associations and 2 national organisations, has 60,000 members. This versatile conservation association implements concrete conservation projects in Switzerland and supports international biodiversity initiatives. SVS/BirdLife Switzerland operates a second nature reserve at La Sauge on Lake Neuchâtel, near Berne. We welcome new members!

How to get here

By public transport from Zurich Main Station:
Take the S5 train to Oberglatt departing at 7 minutes past the hour and arriving in Oberglatt at 23 minutes past the hour. Then take the 510 bus (signed Stadel) departing at 26 minutes past the hour and arriving at Riedt bei Neerach at 36 minutes past the hour. The Nature Conservation Centre is just 5 minutes on foot from the Riedt bei Neerach bus-stop.

By public transport from Winterthur or Bülach:
Take the S41 train from Winterthur departing at 36 minutes past the hour and arriving in Bülach at 55 minutes past the hour. Then take the 515 bus (signed Stadel) departing at 4 minutes past the hour and arriving at Neerach Post at 15 minutes past the hour. Then take the 510 bus (signed Flughafen) departing at 16 minutes past the hour and the arriving at Riedt bei Neerach at 20 minutes past the hour.

By car:
From Zurich: via Rümlang, Oberglatt, Niederglatt
From Winterthur: via Bülach and Höri

BirdLife Switzerland’s conservation projects in the Neeracherried

SVS/BirdLife Switzerland has realised some pioneering nature conservation projects in the Neeracherried in cooperation with AlA (the Swiss society of ornithology and bird protection), the nature conservation office of the canton of Zurich, the municipality of Neerach and other partners.

Since Scottish Highland Cattle were brought in to graze in the Neeracherried, various birds, including the Northern Lapwing and the Snipe, have started to rest in the wetlands again. Renatured in 2000/2001, the grasslands known as the Dorfwisen have now become home to various species, including 20 different kinds of dragonfly and damselfly. And with the help of an artificial nesting site, the Common Kingfisher should also be able to breed in the area again.

Welcome to the Neeracherried Nature Reserve Centre

© SVS/BirdLife Switzerland, February 2009.
Translated into English by students at the Institute of Translation and Interpreting, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences. Picture Red Kite: Patrick Donini.