

CATEGORY 2: USER-FRIENDLY GREEN AREAS AND GARDEN PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY/THE HOTEL INDUSTRY & COMMERCIAL AREAS



DANIEL BAUR / BRYUM GMBH (CH, 2017) PEAK, THE CENTRAL PARK FOR THE HOFFMANN LA-ROCHE CAMPUS, KAISERAUGST

A park with 1.100 planted trees and 80.000 shrubs – covering an area of five football fields above an underground car park: The company premises of Hoffmann-La Roche AG in Kaiseraugst in Switzerland has been given a new ecological centerpiece back in 2017. PEAK, the central park, takes over the function of a representative park complex for up to 8.000 employees and visitors and serves as an important ecological migration corridor for both flora and fauna. In the lowlands of the Rhine Valley near Basle, the area is located right at the centre of the history of settlement and culture rich in traces. The free spaces combine elements of town planning and offer diverse areas of utilisation and regeneration for humans, animals and plants alike – a wetland landscape as a place of coexistence of humans and nature, as a habitat of unpredictable disturbances, on which the dynamic cultivation concept is based. Trails and seating places in the green areas are desired and keep vegetation areas open; furthermore, the gardener prevents a climax development by cutting out and thinning plants and reins in dominating species. The park gathers 80 species of regional and partly rare wetland-specific woody plants, and 130 different shrub species include species put on the Red List, which have been deliberately extracted from seeds of the local water wetlands. Flora and fauna settle here, develop, are being pushed out, recover and form a harmony with users, thereby creating diversity rather than dominance. Here, the user is no silent observer but part of the ecosystem.

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