

**Secret in the Cold War era, open to the public since 2005.
Austria's largest fortification system was turned into a museum.**

Neutral since 1955, Austria was situated between the military alliances NATO and Warsaw Pact until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. To prevent foreign troops from passing through the country, the Austrian Armed Forces erected barriers, bunkers, and field positions in crucial areas across the country.

Built between 1963 and 1995, the WURZEN/73 Blocking Position remained fully operational until 2002, and was regularly used for exercises of the ready reserve:

- Security operation at the national border (1991/SLO = case of emergency)
- Blockage of the B109 road and defence at the saddle in the case of an attack

Mind you, our visitors do not need any pre-knowledge. Right at the start, we give you a general introduction to our premises. After that, feel free to explore the 11,400 m² on your own: Experience everything yourself! We will be glad to answer your questions and be your guides!

It is not our intention to glorify the use of force, weapons, or the armed forces. On the contrary! Within the borders of today's peacefully united Europe yesterday's bunkers and weapons have, fortunately, become superfluous. However, what will Europe be like tomorrow? The future always remains uncertain. This is why we had better learn from history.

Original bunkers, connecting tunnels and fighting positions

Explore the seven anti-armour/anti-infantry bunkers that were used as command and supply structures as well as shelters for soldiers. They are connected through tunnel-like passageways, including fighting positions (in original condition).

Unique exposition of special heavy weapons systems

Display of all special heavy weapons systems that were part of the stationary weaponry of all Austrian bunkers during the Cold War. Take a look at subsurface cannons, mounted tank turrets, and decoys (camouflage facilities). View anti-infantry and anti-tank barriers, boats, as well as mobile anti-tank, anti-aircraft, and machine guns. Marvel at the grenade launchers and at the wheeled and armoured vehicles used by the Blocking troops.

Action days: "Tank Ride and Goulash from the Field Stove"

Experience the bunker premises while riding in an Infantry Fighting Vehicle. Take in your surroundings and learn that, in operations, hatches remain closed. We heartily invite you to taste our fine "cannon goulash" prepared in a genuine field stove!



Colonel Mag. Dr. Andreas Scherer & team
(last commanding officer of the WURZEN/73 Blocking Company and owner/initiator/operator of the Bunker Museum)
extends a warm welcome to all museum visitors!

- Original collection (aboveground)
- Original collection (underground)
- Original fighting- and connecting trench
- Original two-man fighting position
- Original connecting tunnel (underground)
- Museum/New 2005+ aboveground
- Museum/New 2005+ underground
- Access to the fortification system
- Observation platform with a telescope
- Maintenance area



Stationary military vehicles in the area:

- M1 Steyr 680M2 truck
- M2 M-109 (US) tank howitzer
- M3 PANDUR 6x6 APC (prototype)
- M4 DODGE WC-2 (USA) truck
- M5 BRDM-2 (SU) tank destroyer/missile
- M6 KÜRASSIER tank-hunter

Mobile military vehicles:

- Saurer/Steyr SPzA1 APC
- HAFLINGER AP700
- PINZGAUER AP712
- PUCH G - KTM250

Additions since 2005:

- A1: Dummy tank turret (wood)
- A2: Dummy tank turret (wood/metal)
- A3: Dummy tank turret (plastic)
- A4: Dummy loophole gun (plastic)
- B: Patrol motorboat of the Danube Blocking Regiment
- C1: Info container with box office- and shop area
- C2: Service container
- FA: Pre-assembled fortified position for anti-aircraft heavy machine gun
- FD: Pre-assembled fortified position/fighting position
- F1: Field kitchen M58 (under tent)
- F2: Field stove (under tent)
- GB: Trench bridge
- H4: Sentry box
- H5: Wooden camouflage hut/tank turret (gable roof)
- H6: Wooden camouflage hut/tank turret (monopitch roof)
- HK: Hemispheric armour-steel turret
- KS: Emplacement for heavy machine gun on ring mount
- K1: 2 cm infantry machine gun 65/68
- K2: 8.5 cm anti-tank gun (PaK) 52
- K3: Towed 10.6 cm recoilless anti-tank gun (PaK) 66/70
- K4: 10.6 cm recoilless anti-tank gun, fortified underground
- K5: 2 cm anti-aircraft gun (FlaK) 58
- LT: Fire water pond
- PIB: Engineer boats
- PolB: Police Boat DANUBE
- S1: Material for building infantry and rope barriers
- S2: Anti-infantry barriers
- S3: "Dragon's teeth" anti-tank obstacles
- S4: "Czech hedgehog" anti-tank obstacles
- S5: Individual "Czech hedgehogs" on carts
- S6: Ground fixture for "Czech hedgehogs"
- S7: Explosive barrier/vertical shafts (replica)
- S8: Explosive barrier/horizontal shaft (replica)
- S9: Wooden box for plug-in beams
- S10: Plug-in beam/partly activated
- S11: Anti-tank mines, placed openly
- T2: M24 tank turret with 7.5 cm tank gun
- T3: CHARIOTEER tank turret with 10.5 cm tank gun
- T4: CHARIOTEER tank turret with 8.34 cm tank gun, fortified underground
- T5: T34 tank turret with 8.5 cm tank gun
- T6: M47 tank turret with 9 cm tank gun
- WC: Latrine container
- WP: Guard (artwork/metal)
- X1: Pre-assembled squad shelter (ETERNIT)
- X2: Gun collection, including
 - a: 4 cm machine gun 55/57/stationary
 - b: T34 main battle tank, fortified
 - c: 15.5 cm heavy field gun M2
 - d: 2 cm infantry anti-aircraft gun (FlaK) 65/68
 - e: 7.62 cm anti-tank gun (PaK) 42, on loophole mount
 - f: 10.5 cm light field howitzer 18/40, on loophole mount
 - g: 10.5 cm light field howitzer 18/40, in turret mount
 - h: 12.7 mm heavy machine gun, on stationary standing mount
 - i: 8.1 cm medium grenade launcher 82
 - j: 12 cm heavy grenade launcher 86
 - k: Armour-steel tank turret for machine guns
 - l: Observation armour-steel tank turret

Original inventory until 2002 (under monumental protection):

- E/A: Access and exit
- H1: Corrugated-iron hut for firewood
- H2: Wooden hut for tools and construction equipment
- H3: Wooden camouflage hut (gable roof) for tank-turret, fortified underground
- KD: Fighting position (infantry)
- L: Latrine with pre-cast concrete cover
- T1: CENTURION tank turret with 10.5 cm tank gun
- W1: Anti-aircraft and anti-infantry bunker with tank turret for heavy machine gun and fighting position
- W2: Shelter [former anti-tank bunker with anti-tank gun (PAK) 42/loophole]
- W3: Anti-tank bunker with CENTURION Tank Turret (next to wooden camouflage hut); [until 1992 with anti-tank gun (PAK) 42/loophole]
- W4: Platoon headquarters bunker/observation post with 2 fighting positions
- W5: Company headquarters bunker (including switchboard); later used as a shelter
- W5a: Generator bunker, added to W5
- W6: Anti-tank bunker with CENTURION tank turret (under wooden camouflage hut)
- W7: Section shelter

