# IAKS FACILITY TOUR – OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Cologne – Mülheim - Oberhausen 27 October 2025



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# **IAKS Facility Tour - Outdoor facilities**



## Why attend?

Experience three outstanding outdoor sports facilities along the Rhine and Ruhr! The tour kicks off at the training grounds of the legendary 1. FC Köln, featuring state-of-the-art hybrid turf. From there, we continue to Mülheim an der Ruhr, home to the 'Sportpark Styrum' – a modern sports and community park opened in 2022. Designed for all ages, it combines inclusive, easy-access activities with exciting and challenging options. The journey wraps up at Revierpark Oberhausen, where innovative outdoor facilities await, including a dynamic trend and fun sports area with a variety of climbing experiences.

Networking at its finest: connect with landscape architects and facility operators, and meet peers from Germany and abroad to exchange ideas on key industry challenges - all in a relaxed atmosphere.

The facility tour will take place in the run-up to aquanale/FSB trade fair duo.

## Your perfect addition to your visit at aquanale and FSB

Cologne, Germany from 28-31 October 2025





#### The travel package includes:

- Transport by coach
- Professionally guided tour in English language
- Networking lunch

## **Participation fee (incl VAT)**

IAKS members: EUR 95 Non-members: EUR 140

#### **Participants**

Operators of municipal and private sports and leisure facilities, architects, planners, investors.

#### **MONDAY 27 OCT**

08:30

departure from Cologne city centre

09:00

Tour of playing and training ground of 1. FC Köln (Geißbockheim)

10:00

Transfer to Sportpark Styrum

11:30

Tour of Sportpark Styrum

12:30

Lunch and networking

13:30

Transfer to Revierpark
Oberhausen Vonderort

14:00

Tour at Revierpark Oberhausen Vonderort

15:30

Transfer to Cologne

16:30

Drop-off at Cologne city centre (e.g. Central Station or Hotel Courtyard by Marriott)

Itinerary subject to change

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## Playing and training ground of 1. FC Köln "Geißbockheim"

https://fc.de/en/club/about-the-club/playing-and-training-ground

As part of the continuous modernization of its youth academy, the football club 1. FC Köln renewed its synthetic turf pitch.

The innovative CorePrime system from FieldTurf Tarkett was used, featuring fibers made entirely from recycled materials. The goals of this eco-friendly fiber are improved playing characteristics and durability - an important step toward greater sustainability in sports facility construction.

With PureGrain, a corn-based granulate, the infill material used offers an environmentally friendly alternative to conventional plastic granulates. PureGrain is biodegradable, prevents microplastic risks, and contributes to a better microclimate on the pitch.





## 'Sportpark Styrum' in Mülheim

## Family-friendly and multi-generational sports and neighbourhood park

https://trendsport.muelheim-ruhr.de https://issuu.com/iaks/docs/sb\_6-2022\_en/48

The sports park in Mülheim, developed with strong local involvement, transformed a former clay court into a vibrant, inclusive hub for all ages. Free, low-threshold activities invite participation while challenging elements engage advanced athletes, supported by on-site supervision. A 'sports link' connects the park to the nearby sports hall, daycare, and Stiftungspark, opening a once-closed area. Facilities include an all-weather open-air hall for team sports, streetball, interactive goal wall, and table football. 'Styrum Beach' offers volleyball, soccer, long jump, and bouldering in a dune setting with a holiday vibe. Parkour, calisthenics, climbing areas, and a bouldering hill provide varied fitness options, while paths, tracks, and natural features link spaces and encourage movement. A 500 m track connects to a school playground, while green areas offer rest, play, and ecological benefits. A redesigned playground promotes exercise for children, and schools use the park for physical education.

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## **Revierpark Vonderort**

https://freizeit.ruhr/index.php/parks-und-see/revierpark-vonderort

## Trend and fun sport arena

The centerpiece of the renovated area located in the northern park is the construction of an ellipse-shaped trend and fun sport arena. Enclosed by arena walls made of locust tree trunks, a varied climbing course was created with bouldering rocks offering challenges for both beginners and advanced climbers. The 'Spider Wall' is aimed primarily at children and younger teens. The 'Rock Arch', with its demanding overhang section, provides a greater technical climbing challenge. A range of climbing routes with permanently mounted holds allows for diverse use. Another level is offered by the 'MultiRock', which combines climbing rocks with smooth stone blocks, demanding both climbing skill and physical fitness at the highest level. All bouldering elements are made of colored concrete, ensuring both high design quality and robust appearance.

In combination with activities that promote movement and coordination - such as the outdoor trampoline, climbing forest, and seating podium - the arena has become a hotspot for physical training.

## **Boules facility**

The sports offerings are complemented by a boules area adjacent to the arena. The facility includes two boules courts, accessible benches, weather protection, and surrounding seating walls.

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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**



#### The IAKS travel package includes:

- Tour by coach
- Professionally guided tour in English language by the operators and/or architects of the respective projects
- Networking lunch

Cancellations are free of charge until 14 Oct 2025. After that, a cancellation fee of 50% will apply.

## Meeting point - 2 options

1. 8:30 Cologne city centre
Bus stop on 'Goldgasse' street (in front of Kommerz-Hotel)
The bus stop is located at the back of Cologne Central station, at the 'Breslauer Platz' exit

2. 9:00 Playing and training ground of 1. FC Köln (Geißbockheim)

How to get there: RheinEnergieSportpark Franz-Kremer-Allee 1-3 50937 Köln

Take the A4 and take the exit for Klettenberg in the direction of Köln-Innenstadt. When you get to Militärring, follow the signs marked with 'RheinEnergieSportpark/Geißbockheim' Advice for Navigation System users: Franz-Kremer-Allee is not recognized by most GPS systems. Please input Berrenrather Straße 549 into your navigation system.

## Organiser

IAKS – International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities www.iaks.sport

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Registration is open until 15 Oct 2025 Limited spaces! https://OutdoorOct2025.eventbrite.com

