

Rhine Park, Duisburg

Location: Duisburg, Germany **Designer:** Atelier Loidl **Photographer:** Phillipp Obkircher **Completion date:** 2009 **Site area:** 400,000 sqm



1. New District
2. River Meadows
3. Bird Pine Groves
4. Former Sintering Walls
5. Skate Park
6. Old Water Tower
7. Conference Centre
8. Beach Balcony
9. River Café
10. River Rhine
11. Marina
12. Hotel

The subsequent use of the Thyssen-Krupp steel mill in Duisburg-Hochfeld created the opportunity to turn the property into a lively leisure park on the river, thus strengthening Duisburg's profile as a city on the Rhine. The "Rhine Park" leads the city to the river and also closes an important gap in the city planning concept of a "Green Ring".

The topography of the park landscape supports the orientation of the main paths to the future site of the promenade along the Rhine. The meadows of the park are designed as an open, lightly contoured landscape. The meadows rise from the level of the park as "floes" that ascend gently up to the station and that continue beyond the tracks. As a result, the tracks dive into the new terrain model. If the topographic relationships (incisions, prominences) between the park and the Rhine are examined, a type of folded landscape can be seen in which the tracks (which were intrusive until now) can be viewed as the comforting link in the search for the horizontal line. The folds, i.e. the interplay of varying high and low places, let a number of different spaces and utilisations develop. All the design approaches serve to strengthen the perceptibility and experience of the river landscape.

Right: Meadows ascending from the ground level of the park

