

## Volmepark Hagen

**Location:** Hagen, Germany **Designer:** Büro Drecker, Architect E.Stückemann  
**Photographer:** Peter Drecker **Completion date:** 2008 **Site area:** 11,000 sqm



1. Skate Park
2. Playing Field
3. Esplanade
4. Perron
5. Playground with Rope Garden
6. Volme River
7. Sur-terrain
8. Playground
9. Sunbathing Area with Concrete Steps
10. Floristic Plant Association

The River Volme is the main body of flowing water that crosses the City of Hagen. The development of a continuous green corridor along the River Volme is essential to the town-planning. The associated park "Volmepark" is part of this green corridor and is located between two existing bridge constructions in north-south alignment.

Concerning the green corridor structure, the final project design aims at a longitudinal alignment according to the river's form. A so-called "sur-terrain" gives the opportunity to linger above the surface of the river Volme. The construction almost levitates and corresponds to the planned perron placed on the opposite bank. The archaic character of the structures in combination with the invisibility of the supporting constructions transforms the ordinary waterfront into a poetic stage over water. The esplanades and the removal of groves close to the wall allow the visitor a direct contact to the brink of the river. The "sur-terrain" as well as the perron in combination with the esplanades unite different elements of the area and give people opportunities to interact with the river.

In the southern sunbathing area steps are formed in the grass in a longitudinal alignment to sustain the topography of the river ashore and even the difference in altitude between the river and the street. The playing area north of the River Volme will be rearranged. Several elements and amply sandpit areas will offer playing opportunities to children of different stages of life.

Right: Sur-terrain

