Gemenc Forest

Access is limited to protected and specially protected areas therefore the forest, parks, trails, forest school, forest railway and boats operated by Gemenc Co. Ltd. are at your service to discover the area in an organized way in order to protect natural resources.

Pörböly Ecotourism Centre

- 46° 11′ 59,68″, 18° 49′ 34,67″

Services:

• Accommodation • Bike rental • Canoe tours in Gemenc forest, on distributaries of the Danube • Boat trips • Forest hikes on foot, bicycle, horse carriage • Forest school events, summer camps • Café and souvenir shop • Guided tour



- Reception building (café, souvenir shop, ticket office, nursery room, sales office)
- 2. Reception
- 3. Parking lot
- 4. Conference room
- **5.** Exhibition: Treasures of Gemenc: life in the floodplain forest

- 6. Pond
- 7. Forest school
- 8. Restaurant / Kitchen
- 9. Outdoor classroom
- **10.** Handicraft activity point
- 11. Guesthouse
- 12. Playground

Treasures of Gemenc Exhibition

Open from 1st April to 31st October

Opening hours: Weekends and holidays: 10:00-17:00

Weekdays: 10:00-15:00

Sites along the track of Gemenc Forest Railway

Gemenc Forest Railway, the only floodplain forest railway in Hungary, leaves from Pörböly Ecotourism Centre. Its track follows the river beds of Danube and Sió in the Gemenc forest. On its 30 km track, you can reach Malomtelelő on weekdays, and Keselyűs and Gemenc- Dunapart stations on weekends.

1. Wildlife observation

- 46° 12′ 20.12″. 18° 49′ 57.00″

The observation point of Nagyrezét is reachable on foot from Pörböly Ecotourism Centre in 15 minutes. You can see boars and red deers on 2 hectares of fenced forest area.

2. Nagyrezét

- 46° 12′ 39,25″, 18° 50′ 19,75″

Gemenc Apiary Collection:

A path leading from Pörböly Ecotourism Centre takes you to the Apiary Collection. Glass beehives let you take a glimpse at the life of bees and you can get acquainted with the equipments of a beekeeper.

Open from 1st May to 27th September.

Opening hours: Weekends and holidays: 10:00 - 17:00 Weekdays: Only for groups by appointment in the mornings.

3. Nyárilegelő

- 46° 13′ 26,52″, 18° 51′ 50,82″

At this stop, from the high banks of Rezéti-Duna you have a great view on the biggest distributary in Gemenc and to the gorgeous willow grove of Veránka island. This is the point where the forest railway track meets the Alföld Blue Trail. This is also the starting point of canoe tours.

4. Lassi

- 46° 14′ 13.15″. 18° 51′ 26.23″

7 km from Pörböly, at the stop of Lassi, you can check out the Fishing Exhibition with diorama, sand table of the flood basin and a workshop for making fishing nets. A park, forest playground, rain shelters and a fire ring are at your service. This stop is reachable by the forest railway all year.

Fishing exhibition

Open from 1st April to 27th September.

Opening hours: Weekends and holidays: 10:00 – 17:00

Weekdays: For groups by appointment.

5. Malomtelelő

- 46° 14′ 55.36″. 18° 51′ 24.81″

The 2km long Molnárka path, marked by blue cross, leading from this stop to Lassi will introduce you to the flora and fauna of Gemenc forest and the changes of Danube's bed. An observation tower 200 meters from this stop offers you a glimpse of special protected birds living on the periodic lake or game grazing on the marsh. This stop is accessible all year by the railway forest.

6. Gemenc-Dunapart

- 46° 19′ 14,49″, 18° 54′ 29,99″

1.5 hours from Pörböly or 20 minutes from Keselyűs, a forest playground is awaiting children at the riverside. From this stop, a path is leading you to the lakeside of Forgó-tó. Discover the lake's hidden flora and fauna from the bird observation point. This stop is accessible by forest railway from 1st April to 1st November on Saturday, Sunday and on holidays.

7. Keselyűs

- 46° 19′ 46,17″, 18° 51′ 06,15″

The reception building at Keselyűs, on the bank of Holt-Sió, has a ticket office and a café. A trail leading right next to this building is taking through a wonderful hardwood gallery forest to present floodplain forestry and wildlife management and the famous bird of Gemenc, the black stork. Resting points and rain shelters are available along the trail. This stop is accessible by forest railway from 1st April to 1st November on Saturday, Sunday and on holidays.

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If you need help

Phone numbers of reception points:



Reception, Pörböly: 06/30-862-7782, 06/30-537-2987 **Ecotourism Centre, Pörböly:** 06/74-491-483

Reception, Keselyűs: 06/74-311-833, 06/30-538-3139



When hiking in Gemenc forest, be prepared to not having signal all the time. However you can try to call help by mobile phone following the below instructions:

Switch the device off and on, and type 112 instead of your PIN code. This makes

the device connect automatically to the strongest network in the area and calls the emergency number.

If you can make a call, tell your name together with the following information: what happened, when and where and whether anyone is injured.

In case your phone cannot find the signal, change your position and try again.

If you are unable to get help by phone, go to the nearest inhabited area or you can find information at the stops of the forest railway.

Dear Visitor!



Please keep the forest clean!

Do not throw away packaging of your food or drinks

Waste bins are available in the forest, but you can do most for the environment if you take your trash home and place it in selective waste bins.



