



Opening of the Gunskirchen Memorial Site

A place of remembrance and learning.

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

1:00 p.m., Memorial Site Gunskirchen

Official Opening Ceremony

Welcome and Introduction to the Project: **Willi Mernyi**, Chairman of the Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ)

Music: "Primo" Composed and performed by **Christoph Meier** (cello and vocals)

Welcome Address Peter Haubner, Second President of the National Council of Austria

Welcome Address Andreas Babler, Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport

Music: "Memories of the Forest" (Walderinnerungen) Composed by **Christoph Meier**, featuring texts spoken by **Merlin Großmann**

Conversation with a Survivor Avigdor Neumann, Holocaust survivor and survivor of the Gunskirchen satellite camp

Welcome Address Charlotte Herman, President of the Jewish Community of Linz

Memorial Prayer and Song

Welcome and Official Opening of the Memorial Site

Approx. 2:00 p.m.

Joint symbolic opening ceremony with concentration camp survivors, representatives of the Republic of Austria, and the Mauthausen Committee Austria.

Following that:

Guided visit of Memorial site

Visitors are invited to explore the five thematic stelae at their own pace. Historians, students, and subject experts will be present at each station to provide additional information and answer questions.

Getting there

Travelling by car

The memorial is located at Saag 1, 4650 Edt near Lambach: if travelling from Vienna (east) or from the north, the memorial is situated approximately 300 metres before your destination on the left-hand side. If travelling from the south, it is 300 metres past the destination address, heading towards Gunskirchen, on the right-hand side. Parking spaces are available near the memorial. Staff on site will direct you to a space.

Travelling by public transport

From Wels MS:

- 12:14 Bus 504 towards Stadl-Paura via Lambach to Gunskirchen B1/Nelkenstraße, approx. 17-minute walk
- 11:23 Train R2 towards Salzburg Taxham to Gunskirchen station, approx. 35-minute walk

From Linz CS:

- 11:00 am, train S2 towards Salzburg Taxham to Gunskirchen stn., approx. 35-minute walk

From Salzburg CS:

- 09:34 am, train S2 towards Linz CS to Gunskirchen railway station, approx. 35-minute walk



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The new memorial site creates an innovative, historically grounded and, at the same time, forward-looking place of remembrance. It brings to light what must never be forgotten and tells the story of the tens of thousands of people – almost exclusively Jewish men and women – who were interned here during the final weeks of the second world war and left to die in inhumane conditions.

The memorial site combines physical and digital educational resources, creates space for learning and reflection, and passes on the legacy of the survivors to future generations.

Things to bear in mind when visiting

The satellite camp memorial is situated in a wooded area. We therefore recommend wearing sturdy and comfortable footwear. We also recommend bringing sun protection or rainwear and plenty of drinking water.

For more information www.gedenkort-gunskirchen.at/en

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