Harz without frontiers – On Harz border paths through nature and history

The Harz border path

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They can be seen from the Rabenklippen View from the Heinrich-Heine-Way to the dam of river Ecker Hornburg

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Storm damage to the plywood of the former inner-German border.

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Along historic borders

The Green Belt can be experienced here with a particular focus on specific market locations, such as a bird observatory station. But there are also places, where the Green Belt has already actively disappeared due to the intensive agricultural use, especially in the densely-wooded region. In this densely-wooded region, agriculture is usually carried out in fields surrounded by extensive forest. However, in recent years, there has been a marked increase in the use of grassland and wet meadows in the Green Belt. By means of landscape management, this should result in the development of the Green Belt and an improvement in its economic situation. The Green Belt is the major element of the Green Belt. From the north, the "Brocken" – in the middle of the Harz – towers up nearly 1,000 metres over the North German plain in Goethe’s “Faust” or Heine’s “Harzreise”. The unu-

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The Green Belt, the valuable habitat area along the former German border, is today a part of the national heritage for every German citizen. A unique network of natural landscapes has developed here. Nature has largely taken over the area, only occasionally interrupted by a few border fortifications which are reminders of the division of Europe. Today the Green Belt is a unique natural experience: it is a living monument to European history. A unique natural experience: the Green Belt can be preserved.

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