

Cologne & Campus with children

We understand that a conference during Pentecost holiday week is a challenge for families. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer childcare during the conference, however, we warmly welcome children of all ages! If you are on campus with children, please show them how to find our information point in the lecture hall building. The colourful »contact bananas« in the middle of Albertus-Magnus-Platz may also be a good meeting point if you happen to lose sight of each other.

Cologne is a very friendly city and many of the activities in our Travel Kit are great for children. You can also find lots of tips online, for example [here](#). There are many beautiful places around the campus for children of all ages, and for their carers as well. We have compiled (and some of us tested over years) these here.

The university campus is located directly on the »inner green belt« (Innerer Grüngürtel). This means that when you stand at the back of the main building, you are already on a large green lawn. People and animals (especially dogs) play here.

Playgrounds

From this lawn and with the main building behind you, head to the right to reach the closest playground on campus. You will need to cross a road only used by trams and bicycles, but please take care. There is plenty of space at the playground and the lawns – and above all, peace and quiet and shelter from the sun.

Walk from campus: 5 minutes

For children: play and run around, green space

For carers: peace and quiet



When you follow the tram tracks to the right, across the main Universitätsstrasse, and to the next station »Weyertal«, you will come into the centre of the neighbourhood by turning to the left (street named »Weyertal«). There are numerous cafés and playgrounds and there are table tennis tables and sports fields – for football and basketball, for example, at »De-Noël-Platz«.

Walk from campus: 10 minutes

For children: Slides, swings, sports field

For carers: Cafés and small shops around; a fantastic bookshop, a small shop selling Moroccan pottery

For summer evenings: beer garden and children's playground



»Rathenauplatz« is about a 15-minute walk from the campus. There is a welcoming beer garden here with a large children's playground right next door. When the weather is warm, children can play with water and sand and build things while their carers sit at a nearby table.



Continue exploring the neighbourhood of »Sülz«



From De-Noël-Platz, you can continue walking down the street, Nikolausstrasse. When you turn left onto Gustavstrasse, you will see a church ahead. This is Nikolausplatz and there is a playground hidden behind the church. If you turn right at Berrenrather Strasse before reaching the church and walk a few steps, you will find yourself in front of an ice cream shop (»Keiserlich«).

Located: Nikolausplatz

Walk from Campus: 15-20 minutes

For children: Ice cream & playground

For carers: a lot of little shops around (books, clothes) and excellent little snack bars, cafes and take aways all around here

Beethovenpark



Beethovenpark begins at the »end« of Berrenrather Strasse (Neuenhöfer Allee/ Platz der Kinderrechte): a local recreation area with another large playground at its entrance. Inside the park, you will find large lawns where people play ball, and at the end, a bridge that leads to the Football Club Cologne training ground and Decksteiner Weiher. It takes about 45 minutes to walk around the pond. At the northern end of the



pond, there is a café by the water, a boat rental and a mini golf course. If you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, this is the place to be.

Exploring Lindenthal



The campus is located in the »Lindenthal« neighbourhood. Stand in front of the main building, walk to the right down Universitätsstrasse, then turn left onto Dürener Strasse and after about 10 minutes you will be in the middle of the neighbourhood. This street has bakeries and shops. At the end of the street is the city forest, on the corner of Gürtel/Dürener Strasse (another 10-minute walk). In the middle of the forest there is a boat rental service at a small lake and a petting zoo with donkeys, deer, lambs and other animals. It is a wonderful place to go for long walks.

Destination: Dürener Straße/ Gürtel (20 minutes)

Opening Times Lindenthal Petting Zoo: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.





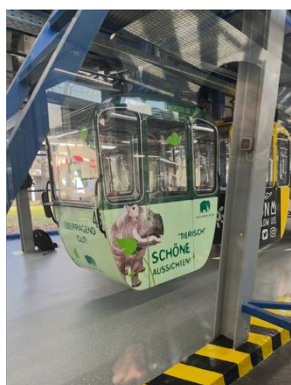
Towards the city centre

With the back of the main building behind you, you can walk to the left, passing a large playground, to arrive at the Aachener Weiher in around 20 minutes. Here is a small lake with impressively large Canadian geese. The [Museum of East Asian Art](#) is also located here. If you are suffering from the summer heat, you can admire Tanaka Ryohei's magnificent etchings and feel the cold snow weighing heavily on the Japanese thatched roofs. And if you like art, you and the

children can marvel at what can be created with those sophisticated etching techniques.

relaxed walk: approx. 20 minutes to »Aachener Weiher«

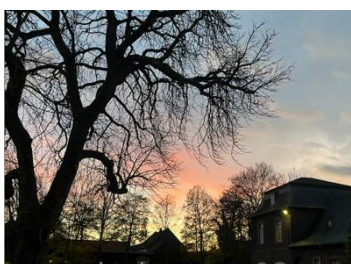
Zoo, Flora & Cologne from above



It is very easy to get from the University campus to the Zoo and the Botanical Gardens. With the main entrance to the main building behind you, walk along Universitätsstrasse to the left until you reach the tram stop for line 18 (Weisshausstrasse) and take the tram to the Zoo/Flora stop. On one side is the [Zoo](#) and the [Flora](#) (Botanical Garden – for those who prefer plants to animals). On the other side is a real highlight:

a cable car across the Rhine. You can take it one way and walk back to the city centre along the beautiful banks of the Rhine – or ride there and back and enjoy the view twice...

A (1/2) day trip: »Schloss Wahn« (Wahn Castle) and the »Wahner Heide«



The Theatre Collection team has collaborated with students on a wonderful exhibition for the conference and would like to invite children of all ages. »Hall of Fame. Hall of Fools« presents treasures and materials related to carnival in the beautiful Wahn Castle, which was built in the 18th century. If the little ones get tired of hearing »Please don't touch«, there is a very nice trip you can take from here: the [Wahner Heide](#) is not far away – and with a little luck, you may even see some animals there...



Destination Schloss Wahn: station »Porz Wahn« (+ 5 minute-walk), S 12 and S 19 (20 minutes from Cologne main station)

Destination Wahner Heide: Troisdorf (S 12 and S 19)