

Regulations for the Use of the Grounds of Turmhügelburg in Lütjenburg

The castle

The Turmhügelburg of Lütjenburg is the historical reconstruction of a medieval defense system, with high value being placed on authenticity in the construction and material use.

The "Society of the Friends of the Medieval Castle in Lütjenburg e.V." have set themselves the goal to operate the plant in this sense, to expand and to fill it as "Lively museum" with life.



The concept

The association organizes - usually three - events each year on the theme of the Middle Ages with different focuses. Medieval activists are encouraged or invited to participate. Medieval day visitors are always welcome. In addition, private medieval events and camp weeks may be held on the grounds of the castle. These are to be registered with the association. The groups commit themselves to a high level of their own representation. In addition, the facility is open for school events with a medieval background (project days) as well as for medieval workshops and meetings of all kinds organized by the board. Commercial events or camp sites that do not serve a medieval atmosphere are not welcome. Organized guided tours are possible after registration.

The goal

With their presence, all users of the facility take on high responsibility for themselves, the complex and the set goal: to make medieval life in all its facets visible to everyone and above all to make it experienceable. Therefore a high degree of authenticity is to be expected. Incorrect temporal classifications of things, circumstances, and customs should therefore always be dispensed with in the interest of the cause. It is quite obvious that costumes and equipment from the fantasy area can by no means be accepted. The aim of the facility is to always be reflected in the appearance of the individual to people from outside.

The rules

1. Construction

- Before the events the club creates a storage plan. Any requests for placement should be indicated upon registration.

A change in the storage plan on the set-up day is generally not possible.

- The set-up must be completed at the beginning of the event.
- Cars, mobile homes and trailers have no place in the plant. After loading and unloading on the terrain, they should be parked on storage areas, preferably in the neighboring commercial area.
- On the basis of the weather conditions prevailing here, a storm-proof securing of the tents is to be striven for. The club accepts no liability for damages. Private users are therefore advised to buy liability insurance.
- The tents belong to the privacy of the individual. A closed tent is to be respected - especially by visitors. In open tents, however, the "inner life" should also correspond to the historical picture.

2. Cleanliness and hygiene

- For every medieval "resident" it must be self-evident to keep the camp and toilets always clean.
- Nature is not a toilet. Toilets as well as drinking and washing water are available in the

entrance building.

- The water in the moat and the well has no drinking water quality.
- Used straw can be disposed of in the designated place.
- At events, garbage must be separated and disposed of in the containers provided.
- Outside of official events, garbage is to be taken home to dispose.
- Food residues must not be buried.

3. Camp

- The preparation of food within the terrain over an open fire is possible. The association will keep corresponding stocks of firewood at the cost price. The user is responsible for crushing.
- Existing camp fireplaces must be used, if necessary, additional ones have to be secured in accordance with the association.
- All campers are responsible for the fire protection - fire buckets or fire extinguishers (not visible to visitors) have to be at the ready. Burning candles and fire must not be left unattended. Straw and other readily combustible materials must be stored at a sufficient distance from the fire.
- Pets are allowed. When booking please indicate them. Each holder is responsible for what his pet has left behind. It is necessary to take appropriate care that visitors walk through the terrain and in the vicinity of the terrain also livestock are kept.
- Respectful social intercourse and continuous handling of the facility is self-evident for everybody.

4. Presentation

- A high degree of authenticity is expected in the display.
- Garments, tents and equipment shall correspond to the time represented.
- Children should also be given authentic equipment - with appropriate concessions; but children who are interested in the life of the Middle Ages and who have not yet been clad so perfectly may not be excluded. The tents should be open especially to these children.
- The use of non-medieval everyday objects should be avoided or performed outside the view of the visitors. Food must be refilled in contemporary containers.
- Smoking should only take place outside the camp and not in the courtyard and in front of the tents.
- Telephone calls must not be made during events.

5. Combats and Shows

- Only slash and bar weapons are permitted for show battles. These include sword, ax, sax and spear.
- Long-range weapons, such as bows, crossbows, and skids, must not be used during combat.
- The perimeter of the weapon must at least be 2 mm wide and must be trimmed in such a way that penetration into the braided chain of 8 mm inside diameter is excluded.
- Damaged or non-deburred weapons must not be used.
- Shields must not have sharp edges or protruding mandrels.
- The minimum fitting protection in hand-to-hand combat consists of body protection (at least Gambeson / chain shirt), head protection (at least padded chain hood or leather helmet) and gloves. Additional protection, e.g. of the lower limbs and shins, is recommended.
- Fighters who do not carry the minimum body protection may not participate in hand-to-hand combat.
- Minors may not participate in fighting.
- Basically dangerous objects (knives, ..) must not be carried along.
- Participation in a combat under alcohol or drug influence is not permitted.
- Non-combatants are not combated!
- Each fighter is responsible for not endangering spectators.
- Moreover, the general rules, as e.g. described in "Codex Belli", must be observed during the free fight.
- An exact temporal assignment must also be observed in the case of the show equipment..

6. Abuse

- Any use of illicit narcotics (drugs) is prohibited in the Turmhügelburg area.
- Alcohol - to an appropriate degree - should only be served in contemporary drinking vessels. Excessive consumption of alcohol is undesirable
- The association reserves the right to intervene. Prohibitions are an unnecessary burdens on the climate. In the interest of understanding coexistence, users are expected to make the claims and objectives of the facility their own and act accordingly. This is to ensure that medieval "visitors" like to use the Turmhügelburg as "their" own facility.

7. Safety and liability

- Every camp has to provide sufficient extinguishing means, such as fire extinguishers and filled fire buckets. These must be presented if requested by the organizer.
- Open fire must not be left unattended.
- Flammable objects shall be stored at a sufficient distance from the fire.
- Fire accelerators (petrol, spirit, etc.) must not be used.
- Gas bottles and gas-operated devices are not permitted in the camps.
- Arch and ax ranges must be set up and blocked off in a way to prevent visitors and participants from being endangered.
- Tents, sun sails and other storage equipment must be erected in a storm-proof manner. If necessary, they should temporarily be dismantled.
- Combats must only be carried out on areas approved by the organizer.
- Combats with visitors are not allowed.
- In addition, the rules set out in point 5 apply to shows.
- The demonstration and use of tools must be carried out in such a way that visitors are not endangered. Unauthorized use by visitors (children!) Is to be excluded.
- In principle, each participant is liable for any material damage or personal injury. Taking out a private liability insurance is strongly advised!

Carrying weapons

It is forbidden to carry slashing and stabbing weapons, including swords, daggers, spears, lances, axes and knives with a blade length of more than 12 cm. However, there are exceptions, e.g. for "theatrical performances and similar performances". Whether this is also applicable to medieval events cannot be clearly detected in the Weapons Act.

The authorized administrative body, the Office for Security and Order, Veterinary Affairs and Municipal Inspectorate of the district of Plön, adopted the following position: (extract)

"... Turmhügelburg is the medieval centre of Schleswig-Holstein with a focus on the 13th century and is to be seen as a living museum. Punches and knives such as swords, axes and knives inevitably belong to the costumes of the performers.

The mediaeval plays can therefore be seen as equally worthy respected performances. Section 42 para. 4 no. 1 WaffG. For events on the grounds of the Turmhügelburg in Lütjenburg, there is no need for an exemption for carrying those weapons as mentioned above.

It is worth pointing out that this classification of medieval events at Turmhügelburg i.S.d. § 42 WaffG is a discretionary decision and mediaeval markets elsewhere may well require permission.

Bows themselves do not fall under the provisions of the Weapons Act. The carrying of bow and arrow for shooting at targets, however in turn, is covered by the weapons laws, but is free of permission in the framework of customary care services and thus on medieval events at the Turmhügelburg.

So-called decora weapons (for example a sword with blunted tip and blade) are not subject to the provisions of the arms right. The use of these weapons does not require any permission.

Finally, I can inform you that you do not need permission neither for slashing and impacting weapons, nor for one-hand knives and fixed knives with a blade length of more than 12 cm on the grounds of the Turmhügelburg in Lütjenburg at medieval events.

Nevertheless, it must be noted that transport of weapons to the Turmhügelburg must be carried out in closed containers or pockets. Third parties must not have direct access to the weapons. ... "

Thus carrying medieval weapons on the grounds of the Turmhügelburg by members of the registered groups is therefore permitted. Secure transport of the weapons to the storage on the premises, and their safe storage there have to be ensured by the weapon carriers.

The reservation

For all medieval groups planning is necessary because the available space is limited. Date requests are to be discussed with the association. Confirmations will be issued according to the receipt of the applications. Groups should make their reservations according to their time and group of people. Exceptions are possible. Simultaneous scheduling of groups outside the events require concessions on all sides. The association will provide information on fees for toilets, water, wood, waste disposal if required. Please send an e-mail to:
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