NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026

Family Activities and Ideas for School

Feel like going outside and enjoying some fresh air?

Spring is on its way, and that's why we're offering you a **whole range of exciting discoveries**: listen to birdsong by a wetland, taste wild plants found throughout our forests, and marvel at the biodiversity that has found a new home in the old mines.

In this newsletter, we offer you **appointments to experience nature up close** – with family or friends – and workshops for schools and young people. **All you need is a little time and a good dose of curiosity**.

Ar Ekipp vun der Minett UNESCO Biosphere.

BIOSPHERE NEWS

What's been happening in the Minett UNESCO Biosphere?

Here is a **brief overview of recent news** from Luxembourg's only UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

The Minett Trail presented at the European Parliament

A great moment of visibility for the Minett Trail – and therefore also for our Biosphere: its landscapes, nature and heritage were featured in a sustainable tourism expo in Brussels. The Minett UNESCO Biosphere had the great honour of representing Luxembourg among all the other countries on the continent.

READ THE NEWS ABOUT THE EXPO IN BRUSSELS

A unique «Stammdëschn» in Belvaux

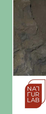
As part of our eLo project, supported by the Interreg Greater Region programme, we have immortalised life in Belvaux in a book. At the Stammdëschl at the cafein Mimmchens café, authors and residents met, and from this cultural gathering was born a book that reflects the soul of our region.

READ THE STORIES THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED

DISCOVERING THE BIOSPHERE TOGETHER

Don't miss the **next workshops from the Minett Natur an Erneiert Liler Lab**, which we are offering until the end of April.

Participation in all our workshops is **free of charge**. You just need to **register in advance**.



Bird Ringing in Schiffange

When: Saturday, 28/03/2026, 09:00-12:00
Where: Brill Nature Reserve, Schiffange
Languages: LU / DE / FR

Come and discover the Brill nature reserve – a wetland full of surprises, in the heart of a heavily urbanised area. With specialists, you will **learn to recognise and identify birds**, and you can also **see how the migratory bird ringing station works**. An ideal activity for the curious – young and old alike.

SIGN UP NOW

Cave Animals of the Minett

When: Saturday, 11/04/2026, 10:00-12:00
Where: Musée National des Mines, Rumelange
Languages: DE / EN

What if we discovered the calm and mysterious world of underground galleries? In the old mines of Rumelange, **we search for small animals adapted to life in the dark**, and we also discover how miners once extracted ore from the ground. A unique outing combining nature and local history.

SIGN UP NOW

De Bësch schmaachen – Wild Spring Plants

When: Saturday, 25/04/2026, 10:00-14:00
Where: Centre Nature a Forêt Ellergrund, Esch-sur-Alzette
Languages: LU / DE / FR

Discover, pick, cook, – then taste! At Ellergrund, we **go in search of spring plants and herbs**. We learn to recognise them, find out what can be used, and how to **turn them into delicious small dishes**. At the end, we eat and enjoy together what we have prepared with the freshly picked ingredients.

SIGN UP NOW

THE BIOSPHERE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Minett Natur an Erneiert Liler Lab is also picking up steam again for **teachers and educators**.

Turn your students into "Nature Explorers" and discover with them, in an exciting and pedagogically appropriate way, everything the Minett UNESCO Biosphere has to offer.

Outing: "Spring in the Land of the Red Soil"

For: Primary school classes
Duration: 2 hours (09:00-11:00)
Dates: 20/03, 26/03, 17/04, 21/04, 24/04
Location: Lëtzebuerken (Kayl) or Ellergrund (Esch-sur-Alzette)

A spring outing to **open the children's eyes and ears** while we observe, listen, touch, smell, – and taste – how living nature awakens from its winter sleep. By **using all our senses** and sensory moments, is a game organised so that children learn "they discover" and have with simple ideas to do good for nature.

SIGN UP A CLASS FOR THE LËTZEBUERKEN OUTING

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"Minett INK" Workshop
Designing creative posters on ecological materials

For: Young people aged 6 to 19 (Primary school, Secondary school, Maison Relais)
Duration: 2,5 to 3 hours
Dates: on request – Monday, Thursday or Friday mornings
Location: Centre Nature a Forêt Ellergrund (Esch-sur-Alzette)

A workshop for designing posters, flyers or mini-brochures about nature – **creatively and more sustainably**. The young people will discover **rheography** (a Japanese printing technique using soy-based ink) and will not only take home unique creations, but also learn more about biodiversity and responsible communication.

GET CREATIVE

Escape Game Minett

For: Young people aged 10 to 14
Duration: approximately 4 hours
Dates: on request (without a Minett Biosphere facilitator)
Location: Oasis Buller (Niederkorn) or Haard (Dudelange)

Two "Escape Games" in the heart of nature, to **learn while having fun**: riddles, exploration and discoveries around biodiversity, geology and the industrial history of the Minett. The **trail passes through an old open-cast mining area**, with various stations where puzzles must be solved as a team.

The language of the game is German and we recommend bringing 1 supervisor for every 10 young people.

BOOK A MINETT ESCAPE GAME

CREA-FUTURE: TAYLOR-MADE PROJECTS

Would you like to organise **a themed day or a longer project** around biodiversity, geology or the history of the Minett with your class or youth group?

Write to us, and **we'll build it together** – tailored to your needs and possibilities.

Here you will find examples of what such a project can look like and what can come out of it.

CONTACT US FOR A TAYLOR-MADE PROJECT