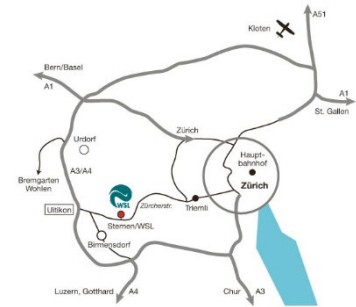


### 13. Auenökologischer Workshop/ 13th workshop on floodplain ecology at the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Switzerland



#### About WSL:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bErtGlbdrk&list=PLit-UZh4DI247u\\_JXcSgPSaoEvUSg35W3&index=8&t=6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bErtGlbdrk&list=PLit-UZh4DI247u_JXcSgPSaoEvUSg35W3&index=8&t=6s)

Way to WSL: <https://www.wsl.ch/en/about-wsl/locations/contact-and-how-to-get-there.html>

#### Program:

Wednesday, March 13: Lectures, lunch and apero at WSL, Birmensdorf

Thursday, March 14: Lectures and lunch at WSL, Birmensdorf. Followed by dinner in the city of Zurich  
(Rheinfelder Bierhallen)

Friday, March 15: Excursion to the floodplains of the river Thur(Thurauen)



Photo: <https://naturzentrum-thurauen.ch/renaturierung-der-thur>

Departure by coach from WSL Birmensdorf, guided tour through the restored "Floodplain of national importance in Switzerland, Thurauen", lunch on site, presentation of projects from hydraulic engineering and ecology as well as from the national monitoring of the "success control of biotope protection" (Wirkungskontrolle Biotopschutz Schweiz) Switzerland, return journey to Zurich.

#### Accommodation in Zurich:

As a cheap accommodation we recommend the youth hostel (good public transport connection to WSL). **We have reserved a contingent of beds in different rooms, which can be booked from November 21st, 2023 to January 21st, 2024 under the code word "Auenökologischer Workshop":**

<https://www.youthhostel.ch/de/hostels/zuerich/>

Alternative hotels along the postbus line to WSL:

Hotel Neufeld: <https://hotel-neufeld.ch/>

Hotel Leuen: <https://www.leuen.ch/hotel/>

### **Weekend excursion to Southern Switzerland**

The excursion is intended to show different watercourses in Southern Switzerland. The focus will be on (1) the near-natural sediment depositing and braided Maggia, which spectacularly crosses a granite gorge at Ponte Brolla, and (2) the side-dammed Moesa, where restored sections from different decades show a diversity of habitats.

The two-day excursion offers insights into the bedload and water regimes of the rivers as well as into the biodiversity (flora, fauna, fungi, lichens) south of the Alps.

#### **Program:**

Friday:

- Arrival in the evening by coach to Bellinzona (Ticino)
- Overnight stay in youth hostel (<https://ostellomontebello.ch/de/homepage-deutsch/>)
- Dinner at the restaurant/pizzeria Corona, Bellinzona

Saturday:

- Car trip to the Maggia (Ticino) with guided hike and short presentations on biodiversity, hydraulic engineering, research projects, etc.



Maggia at Someo, TI (photo Eric Gehring, WSL)

- Trip to the castles of Bellinzona (Ticino) with a view over the Ticino river valley, information about the changes in the alluvial area of the Ticino river.
- Dinner with local specialties at the Casa del Popolo, Bellinzona

Sunday:

- Car trip to the Moesa (Grisons) with guided tour to revitalized and naturally created stretches, information on research projects from the project "Hydraulic Engineering and Ecology" on the Moesa with visit to measuring points.
- Visit to Castello Mesocco (castle ruins, Grisons) with view over the Mesolcina (valley of the southern Grisons), view of the Moesa river landscape



River Moesa with the Castello Mesocco upstream (photo: Sabine Fink, WSL)

- Return journey to Zürich, arrival around 4pm.

**Cost estimate\* Weekend trip:**

- Travel costs (coach) approx. CHF 100.-
- two nights in Bellinzona in youth hostel Bellinzona  
incl. breakfast and visitor's tax CHF 60-100.-  
(simple rooms, prices depending on room size, single, double, quadruple rooms with/without bathroom)
- Dinner Saturday at Casa del Popolo  
with local specialities incl. drinks CHF 60.-
- Dinner Friday at the Pizzeria/Ristorante Corona at own expense
- Packed lunch/picnic for Saturday and Sunday,  
Shopping Saturday on site (market or supermarket) at own expense

\*Costs may vary depending on the number of participants.