

# Steinesmühle Guest House, Laubach.

## House description & room layout

The stairs in the parking lot lead to the entrance area and forecourt of the guest house. Through the main entrance you enter the half-timbered rooms of the former mill building of the Steinesmühle. On the left-hand side of the first floor is the laundry room with two toilets and the fully equipped self-catering kitchen. To the right of the corridor is the lounge and dining room. From here you can access the spacious terrace in the inner courtyard and from there to the campfire area.



## First floor



Dining room

Kitchen



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Sitting area

However, if you go up the stairs, you come to the second floor of the mill building. There are three sleeping units here. The first room has two single beds and a pull-out sofa bed. In the second room, four or five people can sleep in a bunk bed, two single beds and a pull-out bed. The 7-bed room consists of five single beds and a separate room with two single beds. On the second floor of the house, another five people can sleep in single beds. There is a bathroom with shower on both floors.

## Second floor of the mill building



Bedroom connected to the master bedroom



Bedroom 2



Large room



Room 1



In the separate outbuilding, once across the courtyard, there is a 50 m<sup>2</sup> room on the second floor. The mattresses in this room can be used for sitting, meditating or as a dormitory. There are further sleeping places in a room on the first floor of the outbuilding (double bed). Another two or three people can sleep in the "sparrow quarters" above the hall. is also a bathroom with shower in the annexe.

## Outbuilding



Group room



outbuilding from outside



Group room, room downstairs

## Our house compact

The Steinesmühle guest house offers:

- 22 beds in 6 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms+ 1 washroom
- Large, well-equipped kitchen
- Lounge 30m<sup>2</sup>
- Hall in the outbuilding 50m<sup>2</sup>
- Covered terrace
- Barbecue and fire area
- Play and tent meadow
- Children's play area with slide
- Small boat for navigating the weather
- Table tennis table

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# Historical facts about the Steinesmühle

## The Steines

*"If you follow the course of the weather from the south of Münster, you come to a short valley called the Steines. (...) In 1906, it was still a quiet, idyllic spot of land with slopes that were close together. The boundary to the north was formed by a steep slope strewn with huge boulders, on which juniper bushes, dog roses, heather and lush green grass grew - an ideal grazing area, which the shepherd visited almost daily with his herd. At the top of the slope, the country road from Münster to Nieder-Bessingen, lined with a row of poplars, ran the Laubach - Lich road. A path branched off here, which delighted many a hiker with its beautiful view of the Steines valley."*

The Steinesmühle is first mentioned in court documents dating back to 1602. These documents contain rulings on the lawful distribution of water use at the time and the correct interpretation of the water rights of the surrounding mills on the Eschersbach and Wetter. At that time, there countless mills along the streams that competed for the shared water. Some of the mills still exist today. However, only traces or indications of others can still be found. It can be assumed that the mill mentioned at the time must have been a single, simple mill building with outbuildings grinding flour. The expansion of the mill complex in its current square shape, however, can only be dated to the end of the Thirty Years' War (1618 -1648). To protect against marauding hordes and to secure the bridge at the confluence of the Wetter and Eschersbach rivers, the closed design was chosen, as it still exists almost completely today. In addition to the actual mill operation for grinding grain into flour, the water power was also used to operate a sawmill in a second building. This use continued until the first third of the 20th century. Parts of the main mill building, the mill itself and the sawmill itself were demolished and burnt down in the years after the Second World War. Part of the main mill building, which now houses the guest house, was rebuilt in the following years and the water power was only used to generate electricity. When, around 1966, the millrace began to carry less and less water due to sedimentation, the mill was no longer able to produce its own electricity. An electricity connection was provided by OVAG. Since 1978, the association "Soziale und pädagogische Maßnahmen Steinesmühle e.V." has used the premises of the mill building for its socio-educational work. When the groundwater level sank in 1985 due to blasting in the nearby quarry, the Steinesmühle was given access to the local water supply network.





## Youthful memories

*"For the boys of Münster, there was nothing better than letting tires hurtle down the northern slope [of the Stein] and watching them jump over boulders and land in the stream below. For hours they amused themselves with this game. Over and over again (...). On the opposite southern side of the valley, a long strip of meadow stretched along the Wetter river. In the background were spruce and beech trees - the so-called paper forest, through which, along the Papiergraben, a wonderful forest path led from the Steinsmühle at the entrance to the valley near Münster past the Papiermühle to Ober-Bessingen. A rock face along this path provided nesting opportunities for countless colorful kingfishers.*

Sources (from the archives of the town of Münster)