

# NATURBAD RIEHEN

## NATURAL SWIMMING POOL RIEHEN



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## VARIED WATER EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYBODY

The Natural Swimming Pool Riehen fits perfectly into the picturesque landscape of the region. Thanks to its modern design and environmentally friendly technology, it has become one of the most favored local attractions since its opening in 2014.

The Natural Swimming Pool Riehen offers a wide range of bathing experiences for everyone: A paddling pool with sparkling fountains and aquatic toys for the youngest guests, a playing pool with a pebble beach area for older children, and a water slide and separate diving pool for advanced swimmers. There are also various game-opportunities available in the dry area. Last but not least, the cozy café *Pier4125* adds to that holiday feeling at home.

### Lots of Space to Swim, Play, and Relax

An expansive dry area of 5'000 m<sup>2</sup> surrounds the total of 1'000 m<sup>2</sup> of pools. Be it on the lawn, on the sun terrace or on the wooden platform along the pool – guests can have a lie down, sit together, or play games. The swimming pool's functionality differs in no way from conventional swimming pools.

The following swimming areas are mostly accessible for handicapped people:

**Paddle pool** (max. water depth 0.25 m)

**Non-swimmer basin** (max. water depth 1.35 m)

**25-metre swimmer pool** with 4 lanes  
(max. water depth 2.20 m)

**Diving pool** with 3-metre diving tower and 1-metre diving board (max. water depth 3.70 m)

The cosy café with indoor and outdoor seating is also accessible from the pavement for a stop-over of cyclists and walkers. The culinary offerings round off the facilities' services.

### Additional areas for year round activities

On the opposite side of the natural pool, public facilities such as a barbeque place, public toilets, a beach volleyball court, table tennis, and the revitalised "Weilmühle" pond invite for sports, leisure and relaxation. Pool guests can use the outside facilities during their stay and return back into the pool area at any time.

# TECHNOLOGY FOSTERING ECOLOGY: HOW NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS WORK

Natural pools are outdoor pools which harness ecological water purification processes. Unlike conventional pools, which use chlorine, natural pools apply bio-mechanical processes in alignment to nature's ability to self-cleanse its waters.

A natural pool, however, is not just an ordinary water body like a lake or a river. In a specific water purification system, modern technologies provide a steady quality of crystal clear water, allowing a sight depth of a minimum of two metres. The purity of the water must correspond to strict quality standards of the Federal Office of Public Health (BAG).

## A natural cycle for clean swimming water

A natural pool is divided into two zones: the swimming area and the regeneration zone for the water purification process. In this area, the swimming water is cleaned and clarified.

"Used" swimming water is drained through the soil, which is bedded with greenery and water plants. The water gets filtered by good bacteria, microorganisms and aquatic plants, which thereafter use the nutrients for their own growth. It is then pumped through skimmers (just as it is done in conventional pools), which trap and extract particles like pollen, hair or grease from the water surface. In the Natural Swimming Pool Riehen, the cleaning process is enhanced through a secondary filter that is located across the road. The sanitised and clear swimming water is then pumped back into the swimming basin, accomplishing the circuit.

## Body and soul in harmony – Recovery for skin and eyes

Because the Natural Swimming Pool operates without the use of any chemicals, the water is not only pleasant in its odour, but it also prevents skin reactions as well as red and itchy eyes. People with sensitive skin or allergic reactions can therefore enjoy a peaceful and carefree stay in the pool. The water feels soft and pleasant.

For more information and a schematic representation of the water purification system, consult our website: [www.naturbadriehen.ch](http://www.naturbadriehen.ch)



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EXPERIENCE

The architecture office "Herzog & de Meuron" are in charge of the whole architecture in the pool. They won a contest back in the late 1970s for a new swimming pool in Riehen and have repeatedly been engaged with the project ever since.

The premises enclose a café, changing rooms, and a cash desk. It is entirely built of untreated larch wood. Seating and lying areas along the wooden side wall, the racks leading to the basins, as well as the wooden terrace provide an attractive space of timeless elegance.

## A merngence of beauty and technique

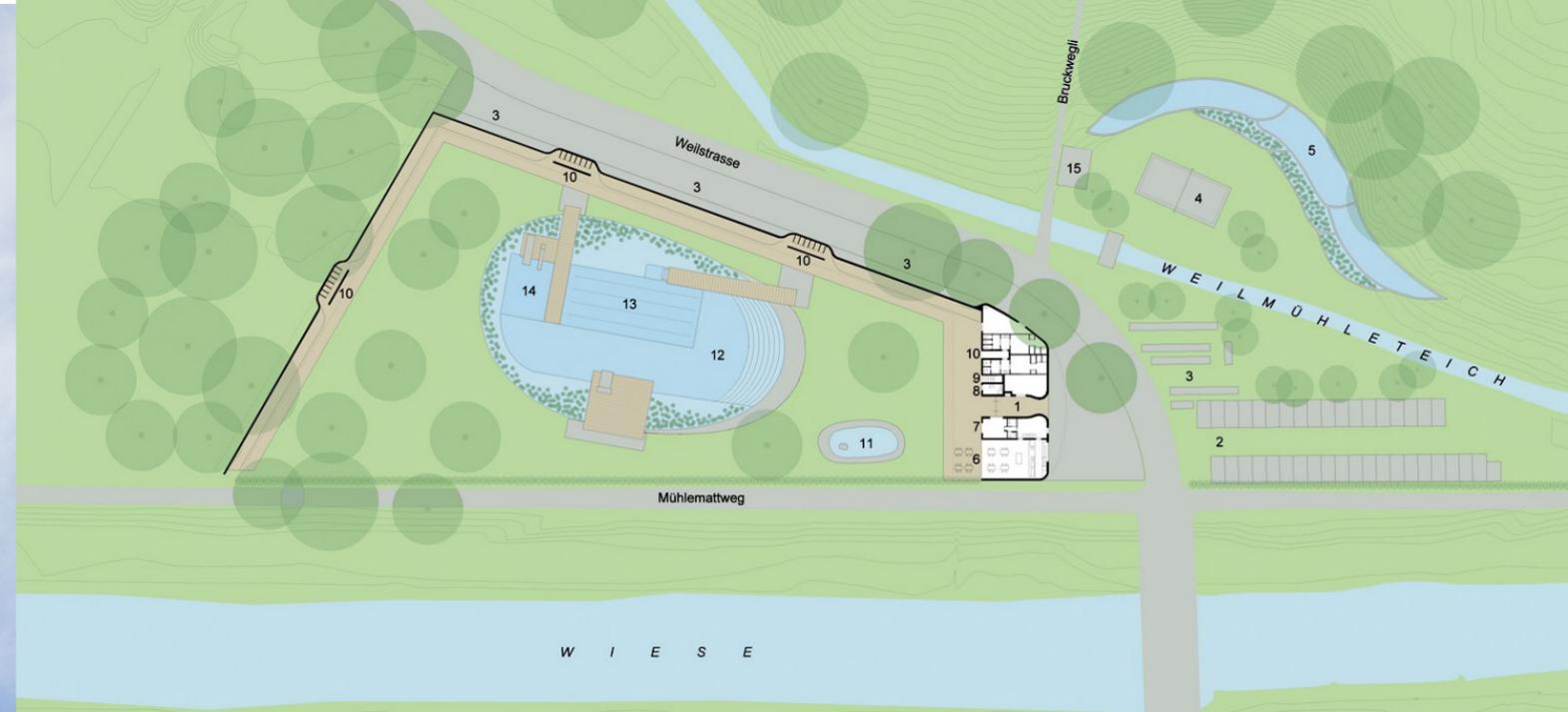
The swimming basin appears as a coherent, nature-like and overgrown swimming pond, which allows guests to forget about the underlying technology. Due to the organic shapes, the filter system, which is located outside of the pool area, merges with the picturesque surrounding landscape and reminds of Asiatic terraced rice paddies.

The Natural Swimming Pool Riehen received the GOLD award by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Internationale Vereinigung Sport- und Freizeiteinrichtungen (IAKS) for exemplary sports and leisure facilities.



# NATURE RELAXATION FUN SPORTS

The Natural Swimming Pool Riehen is an attractive swimming pool with a modern infrastructure. It is targeted at families with children and allures with its pretty medium-sized dimensions and familiar atmosphere.



- 1 Entrance
- 2 Car Park
- 3 Bicycle parking
- 4 Beach volleyball
- 5 Filter system
- 6 Café / Restaurant
- 7 First aid / cash desk
- 8 Handicapped toilets
- 9 Stairs to sun terrace
- 10 Changing rooms / showers
- 11 Paddle pool
- 12 Non-swimmer pool
- 13 Swimmer pool (25m)
- 14 Diving pool
- 15 Public toilets

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### How to get there

The best way to reach us is by tram n° 6 (tram stop “Weilstrasse”), which requires a short 5-minute walk, or by SWEG Bus n° 16 (every 30 min.), or by bike through the “Langen Erlen”. On Sundays and public holidays, the BVB Taxi (“Ruftaxi”) is available and takes you straight from the bus and tram stop “Riehen Dorf” to the swimming pool and back. You need a valid TNW ticket. For car drivers there are limited parking spaces with costs available. Please use public transportation or the public car park “Zentrum” in the village.

### Opening hours

The season lasts from mid-May until mid-September. The exact dates are published on our website:

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