

## Münster Parks -- All-Weather Zoo, Aasee, Botanical Garden

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Münster is a green city that provides many opportunities for rest and relaxation in a natural environment.

### All-Weather Zoo

The All-Weather Zoo is an extremely popular Münster nature park. The Zoo became famous during a brief stint as the setting of the docu-soap called *Pinguin, Löwe & Co.*

The All-Weather Zoo is also notable for its namesake. The walkways are all covered, meaning you can enjoy this animal refuge rain or shine.

Some things to enjoy include the Dolphinarium, the Africaneum with its gorillas and a meerkat viewing spot. There's also elephants, orangutans and a children's horse park that offers pony rides.

With over 4,000 animals and plenty of picnic areas, the Zoo is the perfect way to spend a fun day out with the family.

### Aasee

This Münster nature park is the recreation destination for this green city. The Aasee's main attraction is, of course, the lake itself. You can enjoy boat rides, swimming, sailing classes and other fun water activities. But that's not all this park has to offer.

The Aasee was named Europe's most beautiful park of 2009. Come see for yourself as you stroll along its picturesque promenades. Bring your bike to this cycling-friendly park and head out onto one of the trails. There's even plenty of room to go inline skating with over 900,000 square meters of green space.

And when you've had enough of physical activity for the day, you can relax at one of the many lakeside restaurants or coffeehouses. You are certain to have a full day of fun during your time at the Aasee.

## **Botanical Garden**

The Botanical Garden is another great way to experience Münster parks.

This garden is actually a part of the local university and used as a research facility for scientists and botanists there. But that doesn't mean that others can't enjoy the beauty of this nature park.

The Botanical Garden is a popular destination for those seeking an escape from city life.