

“ WHICH BIRD WITH A WINGSPAN OF UP TO 2.9 M HAS ALREADY CIRCLED ABOVE THE KOLISKOWARTE OBSERVATION POINT? ”

- A: Bearded vulture
- B: Common buzzard
- C: Red kite
- D: Eagle owl



Please use the grey stamp!

“ The **HONEY BUZZARD** mainly eats the eggs and larvae of wasps. ”



Please use the white stamp!



You are right,
it was the
BEARDED VULTURE!



The bearded vulture is one of the largest flying birds in the world. Once it has reached maturity, the tips of its wings are almost three metres apart. Together with the similarly-sized black vulture, the two are the largest birds of prey in Europe. The bearded vulture has also found a home in Hollabrunn Forest (2016). Such a large bird is an impressive sight when it circles around in the sky.



WELCOME TO THE KOLISKOWARTE OBSERVATION POINT



The lowest floor of the forest, the basement, is called the **SOIL LAYER**. This is where earthworms and centipedes crawl, and it is also the playground of lichens, mosses and small mushrooms.



The **HERB LAYER** is the ground floor of the forest and accommodates beetles, woodlice and snails, but also mice and hedgehogs.



In the **SHRUB LAYER** of the forest larger mammals such as foxes, deer and wild boar romp about. Songbirds search here for berries.



The fourth and last floor is the **TREE LAYER**. Here you will find cave-dwelling animals like woodpeckers, squirrels and dormice just as much as songbirds, who hide in the treetops.

THE LAYERS OF THE FOREST

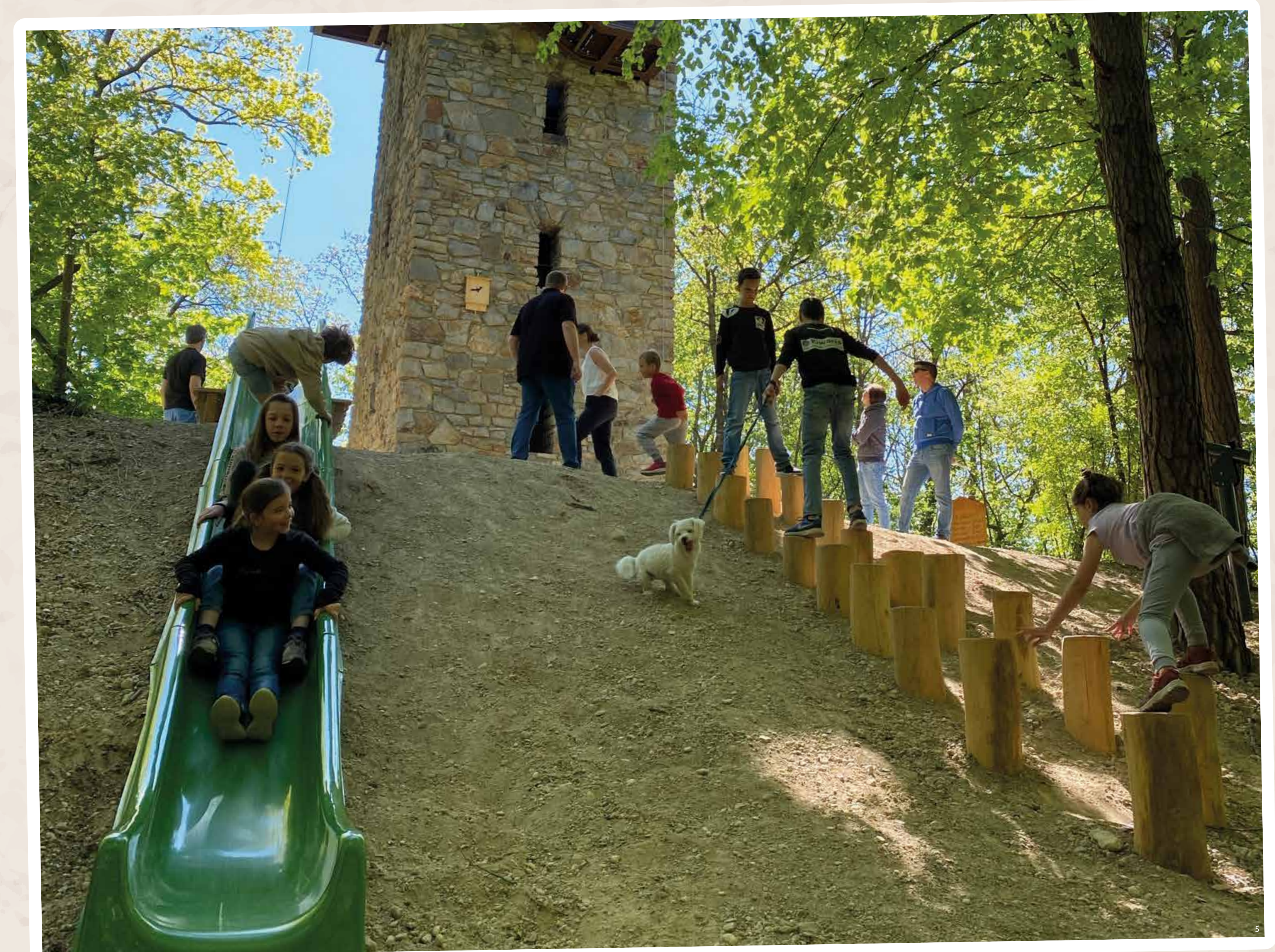
It is not just the Koliskowarte observation point that has several floors. Also the forest consists of different layers. In a structurally-diverse forest there will be more species in the layers and they will differ even more from each other.

Thus, when you are close to the ground, you encounter completely different creatures than in the shrub layer just above it, or in the treetops right at the top of the ecosystem.



As a honey buzzard, I can easily explore the different floors of the forest. Playfully, I rise from the floor of the forest and ascend into the air, passing shrubs, young trees and finally the treetops as I go.

5 viewing telescopes are set up here at the Koliskowarte observation point. Each one focuses on a different layer of the forest. The question is can you find all of them? But remember, there are 5 viewing telescopes. Because also examining the top floor of the forest is well worthwhile in any case.



You can enjoy playing in the small playground and slide down the slope on the chute. There are also benches to take a short break and have a snack. The daring amongst you can undertake climbing attempts on the TOPROPE facility.



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