Ballenberg

In the Swiss Open-Air Museum Ballenberg, people from all over the world can experience how life was in former times. 250 farmyard animals roam free. The open-air museum, a unique location amid the Alps in the upper Aar Valley; is open from 14 April to 31 October.

Opening times
From 14 April to 30 June: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (from 1 July to 31 October: 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Ballenberg Fan
In Ballenberg the looms and mills are rattling away in full swing. As you walk through the museum you will be able to admire the spinning wheels, looms, and wooden plows. In the Smallholder's House with Pottery from Unterseen, Berne (1051) you can see the potter, when he's at work, offer his products. Visit the pharmacy in the Craftsman's House for more information on the medical products of former times. They are on sale at the pharmacy. In the Glassblower’s House from Fribourg, Fribourg (1652) you can see how glass is made. Ballenberg is a world of culture. Visit the pottery in the “Nico’s Ceramic Arts” house in the Farmstead from Villars-Bramard, Vaud (331). Visit the East entrance near the lilly pond. There you can see the best pieces from the museum's porcelain collection.

Food and drink

Taverns
“Schnepfels” – a tavern between the moors - of the Spreuer family
“Rainier” – in the Farmhouse from Oberentfelden, Argovia (221)
“Pamela” – in the Farmhouse from Novazzano, Ticino (851)
“Gisela” – in the Farmhouse from Kandersteg, Berne (1361)

Picnic areas and barbecue areas
Throughout the museum grounds there are tables and benches for your use. Some areas are equipped with firewood and lighting. Buy your picnic food at the General Shop.

Shopping
Homemade products and handicrafts
On sale: a selection from Farmstead: Brunnen (341) for the“Foxtrail”- special tip.
“Circus Trailer Snack” at the East entrance for Ballenberg fans
In the store there is a unique selection of craftsman’s items, souvenirs, and fine foods.

TIP
“Foxtrail” is a fun trail for children with numerous secret locations and secret tasks. It's a treasure hunt in Switzerland. Test your brainpower as you go round the right track. That's “Foxtrail”, the most exciting treasure hunt in Switzerland. You can also participate as a “fox” and discover new things along the way. The “Foxtrail” does not require any specific knowledge or age.