

WWOOF - Willing Workers On Organic Farms

Ein Erfahrungsbericht von Fabien

I've spent two weeks on Hof Harwege, and it is as welcoming and well-run as I'd hoped for. Heiner Harwege runs his farm with an energetic, well-humored, and practised hand, and after 18 years hosting WWOOFers, he has a remarkable knack for keeping people busy and sweating without letting them get miserable. As a city slicker I am thrilled by the dirt, the rigor, and the quaintness of the strawberry picking, hay-laying, pipe-laying, hog-feeding, and cucumber-training.

As a landscape painter I'm kept busy after work amid the quiet, shallow, wide-open hills, lonely copses of trees, vast cloud parades, huge windmills, and old brick barns with names and dates (and more, which I can't make out) painted in a complicated font across the external beams. As a sucker for animals I am heart-wrenched by the six squealing pigs, the white calf who lives with them, the romping, soulful big dog Balu, and the many cats who lie around queenily, acting like cats. As well as the occasional frog, hopping across a greenhouse. As a vegetarian and a glutton, I remain grateful and amazed by the hearty, fabulous, veg-friendly, multi-course lunches that Birgitte Harwege whips up for everyone, from the delicious food they grow here. It's a lovely place to work.

--Linden, from California

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Juli 2004 - Viele internationale WWooFer...

... sind auf unserem Hof. Eine angenehme und abwechslungsreiche Gruppe von freiwilligen Helfern unterstützt uns, bei unserem Vorhaben, gesunde Nahrungsmittel zu erzeugen. Die unterschiedlichen Fähigkeiten der Besucher ergänzen und bereichern unsere tägliche Arbeit.

Linen malt gern und hat uns ein Plakat zu unserem ABO-Kistenverkauf entworfen. Unser Waisenkind Manila, das weiße Kalb auf dem einen Bild, ist immer dabei. Täglich läuft es auf dem Hof frei herum und nimmt am Alltagsgeschehen teil.

