

WWOOF - Willing Workers On Organic Farms

Kristen aus Montana im Juni 2008

Grüsse aus Hof Harwege.

Hello WWOOFers, travelers, and organic farmers everywhere. My name is Kristen Hibala and I came to Hof Harwege for the month of June for my first WWOOFing experience. I was already familiar with the concept of WWOOFing from working on a farm in my valley, and decided to take the leap and seriously try it. Furthermore, having always enjoyed the German language, I thought WWOOFing in Germany would be the ideal opportunity to continue learning German.

Upon arriving at the Hof, I was soon introduced to the extensive gardens, numerous greenhouses, and, of course, the Strawberry Fields Forever. Ah, the strawberries from the Hof are something I'll always remember! Although the days started early and ended late, the humorous gardener, the fellow WWOOFer, and the Chef der Herd (Heiner) always made me look forward to the next Arbeitstag. The delicious lunches from Birgitt's kitchen were naturally the highlight of the day, and the lively conversations thereabout are something not to miss. Around the farm can be found numerous cats and a dog, and three cows are kept in a far pasture. The Hof folks were always patient and kind with my German, and although the English is limited among them, they were able to offer adequate translations when needed. My only advice on the Ahndorf dialect is to listen well for the letter of a word that is not dictated and to have pocket dictionary within easy reach.

So, WWOOFers um der Welt: wenn Sie Lust haben, nach Deutschland zu WWOOFen, kommen Sie zuerst nach Hof Harwege. Die Leute sind schön, die Arbeit ist nie zu schwer, das Essen ist unglaublich lecker (Birgitt's Küche ist unbedingt die Besten), und man kann nie zu viele Erdbeeren essen (in meine Meinung, sowieso). Sie werden viel über das Leben des Erdbeeren und Tomate pflanzen lernen, und spielen Sie viel Schah für mich (Läufer nach D3!). Zum Schluss, machen Sie eine Reise nach dem Hof für eine wunderschöner WWOOFing Erlebnis. Sie brauchen euch.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen aus Montana,

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