

BILSTER BERG Over the Years

June 1970	The NATO troops of the British Army of the Rhine start construction on an ammunition depot.
1974	Commissioning of what was, at the time, the most state-of-the-art ammunition depot in Western Europe.
1993	Closure of the depot and returning of the land back to the Federal Republic of Germany, which then returned it to the previous owner Johann Friedrich Freiherr von der Borch.
April 2004	Marcus Graf von Oeynhausen-Sierstorpf and Johann Friedrich Freiherr von der Borch visit the abandoned property of the former ammunition depot while on a cycling trip. The idea of building a racetrack is born and they start developing the initial concept.
November 2004	Graf Oeynhausen and Baron von der Borch meet Hermann Tilke in Aachen.
2005	Numerous discussions and presentations are held to find investors and supporters for the project.
March 2006	Graf Oeynhausen brings Hans-Jürgen von Glasenapp, current Managing Director, to Bad Driburg for project development.
Spring 2006	Application to change the regional plan submitted.
September 2006	The altered land-use plan is approved by the regional council.
April 2008	The first shareholders are found.
October 2008	Walter Röhrli, two-time World Rally champion, supports the project and offers advice in terms of the track layout.
January 2009	First shareholder meeting at Gräflicher Park in Bad Driburg with three shareholders.
Spring 2010	Start of technical project management by Hans-Joachim Pillich from bmp Baumanagement Pillich.
September 2010	Start of work implementing the ecological compensation measures by landscape architecture firm Kortemeier Brokmann Landschaftsarchitekten GmbH and Dr. Thomas Esser from the Cologne Office of Faunistics.
October 2010	Application for construction permits and operation license submitted in accordance with the German Federal Immission Control Act (BImSchG).
January 2011	A number of Galloway cattle are relocated to BILSTER BERG and have been grazing on the ecological compensation areas ever since.
February 2011	The case brought by a farmer from Nieheim against the approval of the construction plans is dismissed by the Higher Regional Court of Münster.
February 2011	The construction plan is finalized.
February 2011	Land is cleared in preparation for construction under the supervision of experts for the legal requirements for the conservation of species.
Spring 2011	Implementation of an environmental management system in accordance with the requirements of DIN EN ISO 14001.
August 2011	The Höxter administrative district issues the construction permits and operating license.

September 27, 2011	Groundbreaking and cornerstone ceremony.
November 2011	Temporary withdrawal of the operating license by the Minden Administrative Court on the basis of necessary improvements to the soundproofing concept. During this time, construction work was permitted to continue.
January 2012	The banks withdraw their financial commitments due to the temporary withdrawal of the operating license.
February 2012	The shareholders decide to fund completely fund the project with equity capital.
March 2012	The first Galloway calves are born: Paule, Anton, Felix, Lotte and Paula.
May 2012	The Higher Administrative Court in Münster dismisses the motion to uphold the suspension of construction work.
July 2012	The asphalt pavement is completed.
August 2012	After withdrawal of the petition for special operating days, the Höxter administrative district issues a change authorization.
October 2012	The Minden Administrative Court confirms the change authorization and dismisses complaints from local residents with no rights to appeal. The complaints did not demonstrate a sufficient legal basis. The request for immediate enforcement in terms of operation is granted.
November 2012	Management moves from the premises of Gräflicher Park Hotel & Spa into the newly constructed BILSTER BERG Welcome Center.
March 2013	Calibration test runs for partial approval in accordance with immission control laws are carried out.
April 2013	Officially track approval and launch of BILSTER BERG.
May 31 – June 2, 2013	Grand opening of BILSTER BERG. 40,000 visitors attend the open house.