

Facts & figures

Armament: 2 7.5 cm cannons
3 machine guns

Crew: The fort can accommodate 100 men, with over 52 beds for 80 soldiers, 1 chaise longue for the commandant, 13 beds for officers and non-commissioned officers, and 1 shower.

1941/42: Construction of Fort FÜRIGEN. The fort is occupied for 131 days during the Second World War. It is retrofitted during the Cold War and used for exercises for the reserves.

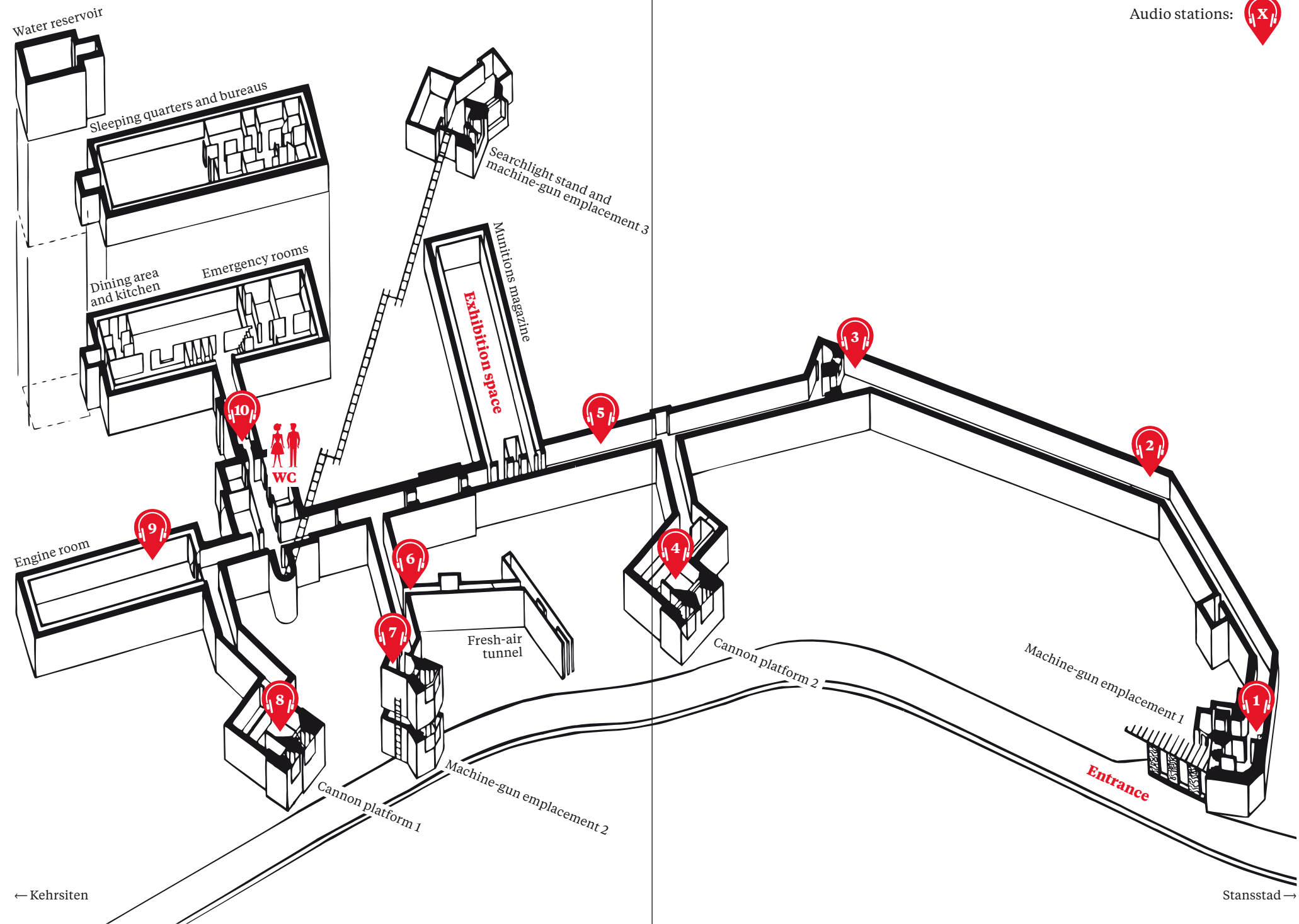
1987: The Swiss Army decommissions Fort FÜRIGEN.

1990: The fort is consigned to the canton of Nidwalden. One year later it is made accessible to the public as a museum.

2009: Swiss Television films the "Alpenfestung" reality show in Fort FÜRIGEN.

2018: The Nidwaldner Museum opens a new permanent exhibition.

Overview map



Audio stations:

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how secret this fort actually was. And it provides insights into everyday life of the men who served in Fürigen until the 1980s. What were the soldiers' responsibilities while stationed here in the mountain for several weeks? What kind of worries plagued them? What did they write to their loved ones back home?

Visitors to the exhibition may look forward to a number of unique features, including an audiovisual radio drama, interviews with contemporary witnesses and an exhibition space in the former munitions magazine. Experience a part of Swiss history firsthand while exploring the secretive world of the military in the fort!

Fort Fürigen lies hidden behind the rugged rock faces of Bürgenberg near Stansstad. Built during the Second World War, it was part of the Swiss National Redoubt, the defence strategy developed by the Swiss government at that time. With its two cannons, Fort Fürigen was built to avert the advance of German troops in the Alpine region. The fort also remained in operation during the Cold War, reequipped for new threat scenarios. In 2009, the fort was occupied for the last time when men—dressed as soldiers—reenacted deployment for a reality show filmed by Swiss Television.

The exhibition focuses on the fort's construction, its function and use on Lake Lucerne. It takes a closer look at social developments in the region—but also examines

**Nidwaldner
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**April – October
Saturdays & Sundays
11 am – 5 pm
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Please note if arriving by car:
The final stretch to the museum entrance is car-free. It is a 5-minute walk from the parking area.

Public guided tours:
Every first Sunday of the month at 11 am.

Guided tours outside opening hours are possible at any time.

The temperature inside the fort is 10 – 12 °C all year round. Please dress warmly!

**Information on tours and
special events:**
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