



# Welcome to the European bison of the Thal!

By crossing this fence you enter the project area of "Wisent im Thal". The project aims to investigate whether free-ranging bison are sustainable in the Jura. In accordance with this question, the bison live in a widely fenced area, but this area is freely accessible. You can therefore move around in the bison area as freely as you can outside it.

Bison are basically very shy and gentle animals. However, if they are disturbed or prevented from their natural behaviour (e.g. protecting their calves), they can become dangerous. We therefore recommend to observe the following rules of behaviour:

- Stay on the paths.
- Keep dogs on a leash (except in dangerous situations).
- If you encounter bison, stay calm and respect the animals:
  - Keep a distance of at least 50 m to the bison.
  - Let the animals choose their own route and give them enough space.
  - Do not harass the animals and do not run after them.
  - Turn around and go back if bison are running in your direction on the trail.
  - Stay away from young animals – bison cows protect their calves.
- Increase the distance between you and the animals, if a European bison
  - stares at you and shakes its head
  - stares at you and scrapes the ground with its hooves
  - does his head down and walks in your direction.
- Increase the distance calmly, slowly and do not turn your back on the bison.
- Feeding the bison is not allowed.
- For help, call [+41 77 442 90 88](tel:+41774429088) (Benjamin Brunner, Bison-Ranger).