

SYNOPSIS



Bohemian Forest - Wilderness in the Heart of Europe

Böhmerwald - Wildnis im Herzen Europas

The location of the Bohemian Forest at the former Iron Curtain and the political influences involved, had the result that both forms of country side are united here: natural landscape on the one hand and the ancient cultivated landscape on the other. In the Bohemian Forest there are still villages that include part of the forest. This is a practice that was common in all of Europe as far back as the Middle Ages and amounted to as much as seventy percent. Obviously, life was based on the forest and it provided people with their livelihood. Canals still exist today that were built in the 18th century for transporting lumber. Despite these canals and the hundreds of years of exploiting the riches of the area, such as the lumber, the Bohemian Forest still has the last remnants of the original European prime forest. The fact that one can still occasionally meet up with a lynx today is due, however, to conservationist moves to re-introduce the wild cats into the region. The film shows the progression of the seasons and the life of the farmers in this wilderness in the heart of Europe.



Awards: Ekofilm 2001: Ekofilm Award

Year: 2000

Run-Time: 1 x 49 min.

Directed by Alfred Vendl

Written by Alfred Vendl, Martin Meszaros

A co-production of ORF and WDR, bm:bwk in association with The State of Upper Austria. Produced by WEGA Film.

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