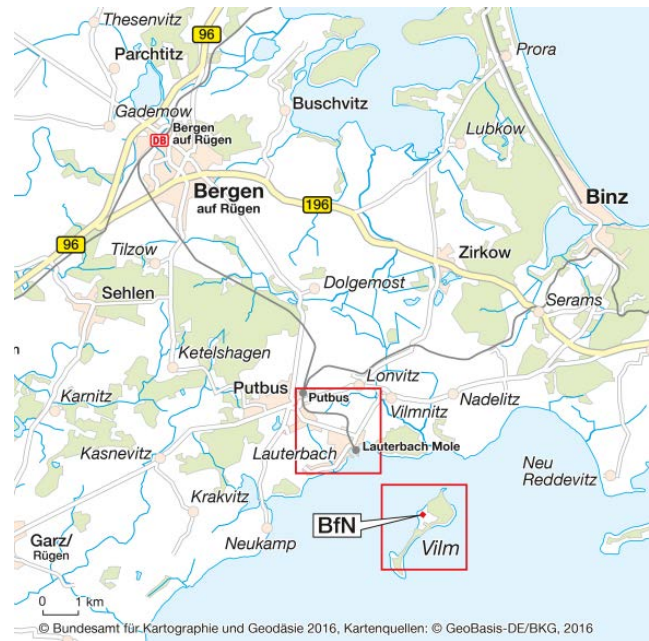


Travel Information to the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm



The **International Academy for Nature Conservation** belongs to the **German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)** and is part of the BfN branch office at the **Isle of Vilm**. The small island is situated in the north-east of Germany, south of Rügen Island.

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Arrival by air plane:

The closest international airports are Berlin and Hamburg. Please, choose a flight connection to Berlin or Hamburg and continue your journey by train. The train ride from Berlin/Hamburg takes a little less than 4.5 hours. For further information see "Arrival by train".

- If you arrive at **Hamburg** airport, please take the suburban train ("S-Bahn") line **S1**. The station is located directly in front of the terminal. The suburban train operates every 10 minutes between Hamburg Airport and Hamburg's central railway station ("Hauptbahnhof"). The train ride takes 25 minutes. For further information regarding Hamburg Airport visit: <https://www.hamburg-airport.de/en/transport-parking/bus-train-taxi>
- If you arrive at **Berlin** airport (BER), you can choose from numerous bus and train connections. The railway station at the airport is directly below T1. The Airport Express and regional trains run to Berlin Hauptbahnhof four times per hour. The journey takes 30 minutes. In addition, the S9 and S45 S-Bahn train lines connect BER to the city centre, running every 20 minutes. Furthermore, an Intercity BER T1-2 runs to Rostock several times a day. For further information regarding BER visit: <https://ber.berlin-airport.de/en/orientation/getting-here/public-transport.html>

Arrival by train:

- via **Hamburg**: Rostock – Stralsund – Bergen auf Rügen – Lauterbach Mole
- via **Berlin**: Stralsund or Rostock – Bergen auf Rügen – Lauterbach Mole

You can check train connections and purchase tickets on the website of „Deutsche Bahn“ under [TravelService](#)

Important information regarding arrival by train:

- ✓ When searching for train connections and purchasing the ticket, please state **Lauterbach Mole** as **final destination**. You may also state "BER Berlin Brandenburg Airport" or "Hamburg Airport" as point of departure.
- ✓ The train ride from Berlin or Hamburg to Lauterbach Mole takes a little less than **4.5 hours**.
- ✓ In order to catch the last ferry to Vilm at 20:10 from Lauterbach your **plane should not arrive later than 13:30** and **your train should not leave Berlin/Hamburg later than 14:42**.
- ✓ Our general advice is to use the train connections between Stralsund and Lauterbach Mole and not the bus connections. Please **do not use on any account** the bus connection from Stralsund via **Altefährr** to Lauterbach Mole.
- ✓ In case your **intermediate stop in Bergen auf Rügen** lasts **longer than 45 minutes** we recommend taking a **taxi** to the harbour of Lauterbach if this allows you to reach an earlier ferry to Vilm. The taxi rank is located in front of the train station. The taxi ride takes approximately 20 minutes and costs about 25 €.
- ✓ On your departure, taking a taxi from Lauterbach to Bergen could be in some instances advantageous as well, because trains depart from Bergen on hourly base, while they depart from Lauterbach sometimes only every two hours.
- ✓ Information regarding the **train connection between Bergen auf Rügen und Lauterbach Mole**: The train leaving Bergen at 17:40 to Lauterbach Mole is the last train connecting to the ferry to Vilm, leaving Lauterbach harbour at 18:10. In case you arrive in Bergen between 17:50 and 19:30, please take a taxi from Bergen to Lauterbach harbour. The last ferry will leave to Vilm at 20:10.

Taxi call:

Bergen auf Rügen: +49 – 3838 – 25 26 27

Sassnitz: +49 – 38392 – 30 30

Stralsund: +49 – 3831 – 49 49 49 or +49 – 3831 – 30 28 29 or +49 – 3831 – 49 13 13

Rostock: +49 – 381 – 68 58 58 or +49 – 162 – 10 83 910

Arrival by ferry:

- from *Trelleborg* (Sweden) to Sassnitz/Mukran (Rügen); continue by **taxi (Please order the taxi in advance!)** to Bergen (railway station); continue from Bergen by train to Lauterbach Mole
For further information regarding Mukran harbour visit: <https://www.mukran-port.de/en/arrival-parking.html>
- from *Gedser* (Denmark) to Rostock; continue by bus L49 to Rostock's central railway station ("*Hauptbahnhof*"); continue by train via Stralsund and Bergen auf Rügen to Lauterbach Mole
For further information regarding Rostock harbour visit: <https://www.rostock-port.de/en/ship-traffic/ferry-traffic/accessible-travelling>

Arrival by car:

Using the motorways A19 and A20 from Lübeck, Hamburg and Berlin, the car ride to Lauterbach takes approximately 3 hours. You approach Rügen Island always via Stralsund. From Stralsund you can use the bridge ("*Rügenbrücke*") or the dam ("*Rügendamm*"). The destination is „18581 Putbus OT Lauterbach, Hafen“.

Especially during the tourist season in summer, we do not recommend travelling by car.

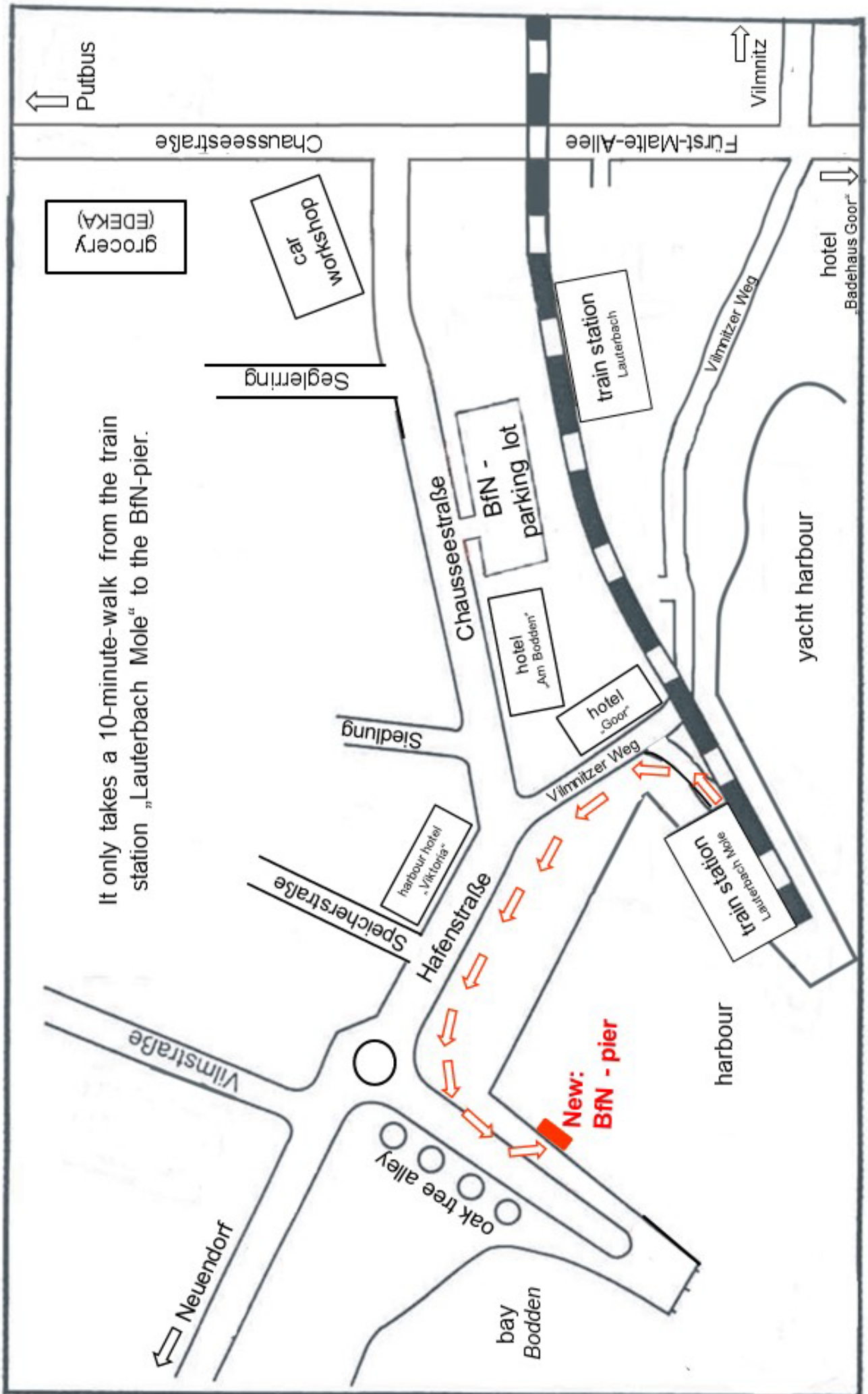
Parking:

In Lauterbach parking is available on the BfN parking lot free of charge (see site sketch below). Please note, that we are not liable for any damages of parked vehicles.

Ferry transfer to the Isle of Vilm:

The ferry transfer from Lauterbach to the Isle of Vilm takes 10 minutes. The ferry is run by BfN and is free of charge. Please, note that the BfN ferry runs from a different place than in previous years.

Due to the corona pandemic, the BfN has to implement many new regulations. Therefore the ferry service has been restricted: Up to 10 participants wearing a medical mask are allowed on our ferry boat "INA". The ferry times will therefore be communicated separately and the participants will be allocated to the respective ferry times. Changes, e.g. due to delays on your way to Lauterbach, must be notified in advance by telephone (+49-38301/86-0). We will then organise a new departure time for you.



It only takes a 10-minute-walk from the train station „Lauterbach Mole“ to the BfN-pier.