

MAPAWAY

for
mapmakers and
mountainlovers

what

program 14 - 23 aug.

tickets



theme

Bergen / (to) Refuge / Abriter

MAPAWAY 2026 explores mountains as more than landscapes. They shape how we shelter, move, cooperate, and imagine living together. From Berghut Halverwege, on the slopes of the Vaalserberg, artists, researchers, and makers come together to map the connections between people, place, and collective living.

what

Guided Tour & Hike IKOB → Berghut Halverwege

when

SA 15/8
10.30

where

IKOB
Rotenberg 12b, Eupen (B)

info

We start the morning with a guided tour through the exhibitions at IKOB. Afterwards we embark on a ±22km hike to Berghut Halverwege, accompanied by maps designed for this occasion.

practicalities

22.5 km (±6 hrs) of hiking including three stops, a map and some reflections from the exhibition at IKOB. start at 10.30 at IKOB. Free parking at IKOB, or take the bus TEC396 from Berghut Halverwege to Eupen at 09:03.

type

hike & workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Democratic Cooking & Communal Dining

when

SA 15/8
18.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Through a collective cooking session, we learn about the basics of plant-based food and practice the curation of a democratic mountain-worthy dinner.

practicalities

This workshop is perfect in combination with the hike (see item above). However, you can also join just this workshop. Allergies? Please let us know in advance by writing to mail@cartopology.institute.

type

workshop & diner

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Map Repair Café

when

SU 16/8
14.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Maps both reveal and conceal. Beneath repairs, folds, and annotations, lie stories of journeys, memories, and decisions. In this workshop, you'll learn and practice map conservation and restoration techniques.

practicalities

Bring your own maps that can use some TLC. No maps at hand? No problem, we've got enough of them. This workshop is perfect in combination with the exhibitions *Stains and Tears - Maps and Drawings* in Vaals and Eupen.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Mountain Extraction

when

TU 18/8
14.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Mountains and landscapes are constantly being assembled, reshaped, and dismantled. In this workshop you will learn how to restore or strengthen your relation with them by working with what *Waste Peak* has to offer.

practicalities

Dress to the weather and the workshop: we'll work with clay, sand and plants.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Waste Mountain at Mt. Vaals

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

This installation explores the making and unmaking of our own *Waste Peak* through the lens of other mountains: ecological restoration, artificial landforms, and the ethics of transforming what we call 'nature.' Can a waste mountain become a living ecosystem? Can a mountain be preserved or is it always in the process of disappearance?

type

installation

ticket

free (no ticket needed)

what

Breaking Apart Together

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Stefan Schäfer uses speculative design to help humans and glaciers confront ecological loss together. *Breaking Apart Together*, a long-term research on the Hochvogel mountain on the border between Germany and Austria, positions mountains as collaborative partners, creating new rituals where nature participates meaningfully in our shared environmental grief.

type

installation

ticket

free (no ticket needed)

what

Stains and Tears - Maps and Drawings

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

This duo exhibition presents two complementary perspectives on mapping: collections of worn maps bearing traces of use in Vaals, paired with Marlies Vermeulen's meticulously crafted backside drawings in Eupen. Together, these works trace the lived stories of physical maps while prompting reflection on how those narratives translate—or disappear—in our increasingly digital mapping experience.

type

installation

ticket

free (no ticket needed)

what

Stains and Tears - Maps and Drawings

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

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Rotenberg 12b, Eupen (B)

info

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type

installation

ticket

free (no ticket needed)

what

Verfluchtes Flies

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

This 1m² piece belongs to Paulina Semkowicz's monumental painting *Verfluchtes Flies*, created on glacier fleece—the fabric used to shield alpine glaciers from melting. It depicts a vanishing mountain landscape rendered in natural materials, contrasting with the conventional petroleum-based alternatives. Cut from its original 100m² form, each fragment invites reflection on who owns our mountains and at what cost we attempt to save them.

type

installation

ticket

free (no ticket needed)

what

Biblio-Graph Mobile Archive Unit

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

This *unit* by Archival Consciousness invites you to participate in archival practice. It transforms personal cartographic materials into living archive entries, contributing to a community-sourced mapping system.

practicalities

Bring and scan your own maps directly at the exhibition. Each scanned object becomes an entry point within a network of linked data, revealing connections across people, places, and histories.

type

Installation & DIY

ticket

free (no ticket needed)

what

DIY Extracting from Mountains

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Mountains and landscapes are constantly being assembled, reshaped, and dismantled. In this DIY you will learn how to engage with waste land through pigment making, seedbombs, and sliding down... all at Waste Peak.

practicalities

Dress to the weather and the location: you'll work outdoors with clay, sand, water and plants and might get dirty.

type

DIY

ticket

€14,95 (buy at festival)

what

DIY Being a Rock

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

This DIY offers hands-on engagement with the *Breaking Apart Together* research on the Hochvogel mountain, featuring various exercises designed to deepen your understanding of- and connection with mountains.

practicalities

Dress to the weather and the location: you'll work outdoors and might get dirty.

type

DIY

ticket

€14,95 (buy at festival)

what

DIY Map Repair Kit

when

FR 14/8
SU 23/8

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

In relation to the *Stains and Tears - Maps and Drawings* installations in Vaals and Eupen, this DIY kit enables you to experiment with- and restore, repair or conserve your own map(s).

practicalities

Bring your own map(s) or other paper documents that need some care and repair, or take the kit with you and work on them at your preferred place.

type

DIY

ticket

€14,95 (buy at festival)

what

Mountain Extraction

when

FR 21/8
14.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

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practicalities

Dress to the weather and the workshop: we'll work with clay, sand and plants.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Biblio-Graph Mobile Archive Unit

when

SA 22/8
10.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

In this workshop you'll work with the Biblio-Graph and learn about archival practice. We'll focus on transforming cartographic materials into living archive entries, contributing to a community-sourced mapping system.

practicalities

Bring your own maps or work with the map collection of the Institute of Cartopology. Each scanned object becomes an entry point within a network of linked data, revealing connections across people, places, and histories.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Being a Rock

when

SA 22/8
14.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

This workshop, led by Stefan Schäfer, offers hands-on engagement with his *Breaking Apart Together* research, featuring various exercises designed to deepen your understanding of- and connection with landscape & mountains.

practicalities

Dress to the weather and the location: you'll work outdoors and might get dirty.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Wolken über Lützerath

when

SA 22/8
20.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Wolken über Lützerath (Lukas Reiter, 2025) documents the resistance against the destruction of a village due to coal extraction. It's a powerful portrait of a fighting community, even after the village itself has disappeared.

practicalities

Dress to the weather and the location: you'll sit outdoors.
Duration: 106 minutes.
German language, English subtitles.

type

outdoor movie screening

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Mountain/ing Bodies

when

SU 23/8
10.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

Bergen as a verb at its finest: Jonas Füllmar (DAV Aachen) will guide you through various insights and techniques that are ultimately life-saving in mountainous environments.

practicalities

Dress to the weather and the location: you'll work outdoors.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

what

Map Repair Café

when

SU 23/8
14.00

where

Berghut Halverwege,
Gemmenicherweg 36, Vaals

info

In relation to the *Stains and Tears - Maps and Drawings* installations in Vaals and Eupen, this easy-going workshop dives into restoring, repairing and conserving your own map(s).

practicalities

Bring your own map(s) or other paper documents that need some care and repair, or work with the maps from the collection of the Institute of Cartopology.

type

workshop

ticket

day or 10-day

partners



website

www.mapaway.eu

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