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Supplementary Levels
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The Historical Grounds of the Camp

The Historical grounds of the former POW camp contain a variety of historically significant elements and features. These include remnants of the camp's structures, which have been preserved, such as floors and foundations, paved paths, and fire water basins. Some of these remnants have been uncovered and are now visible. Additionally, there are two relief models showing the camp's layout of the time of the camp. These models, along with markers that indicate the locations of historically significant sites, provide information on the camp's history and its use as a POW camp.

Workers

The individual sections of the camp are marked by information pillars, which explain the former use of the lawn tracing the camp's former main street. Short texts explain the former use of the lawn, which has been restored to its original state. The Historical Grounds of the former camp are also marked by nine additional relief models along the edges of the grounds, which help to “decipher” the site again. Clear graphic design and informational elements have made the structures of the current grounds of the Memorial comprehensible.

The Crematorium

POW camp are buried in the Hörsten cemetery around 600 metres from the site of the former camp. Between 1941 and 1945, more than 70,000 POWs were buried in mass graves on the site of the former camp. Many of these graves are now marked by German memorial stones (1968), Soviet monuments (1945), Jewish monuments (1946), Polish wooden crosses (1945), and Obelisks and inscription walls (1952). These monuments serve as reminders of the past and provide information on the site.

The cemetery and historical grounds of the Bergen-Belsen Memorial are protected by the German Federal Law on the Preservation of Graves of the Victims of War and Tyranny. The Lower Saxony Memorials Foundation is responsible for the design and maintenance of these grounds. A visit to these grounds is a poignant reminder of the past and serves as a reminder to future generations of the importance of remembering and learning from the past.