PREHISTORY IN THE GUSEN REGION

The Lower Mühlviertel region, in particular the area around Gusen, has a long history of settlements dating back thousands of years. From the Neolithic period onwards, the favourable geographical location of this region, with its fertile soils, proximity to water and pleasant climate, provided ideal conditions for agriculture and livestock breeding.

This is documented by numerous archaeological sites with evidence of prehistoric human activity, finds from which can be found in museums and private collections. Of particular importance are Gusen-Berglitzl, which was settled over several periods (Palaeolithic, Bronze Age and Early Middle Ages), the Late Bronze Age cemetery in Gusen, the Late Bronze Age hilltop settlement on the Luftenberg and the Iron Age graves of Mitterkirchen and Linz-St Peter.

The excavation site in the area of the Urnfield cemetery at Gusener Kogelberg was protected in 1942 by the SS administration of the Gusen camp and declared a restricted area. The photo shows that the graves, which were often lined with stones, were first left standing as pedestals and then systematically removed.
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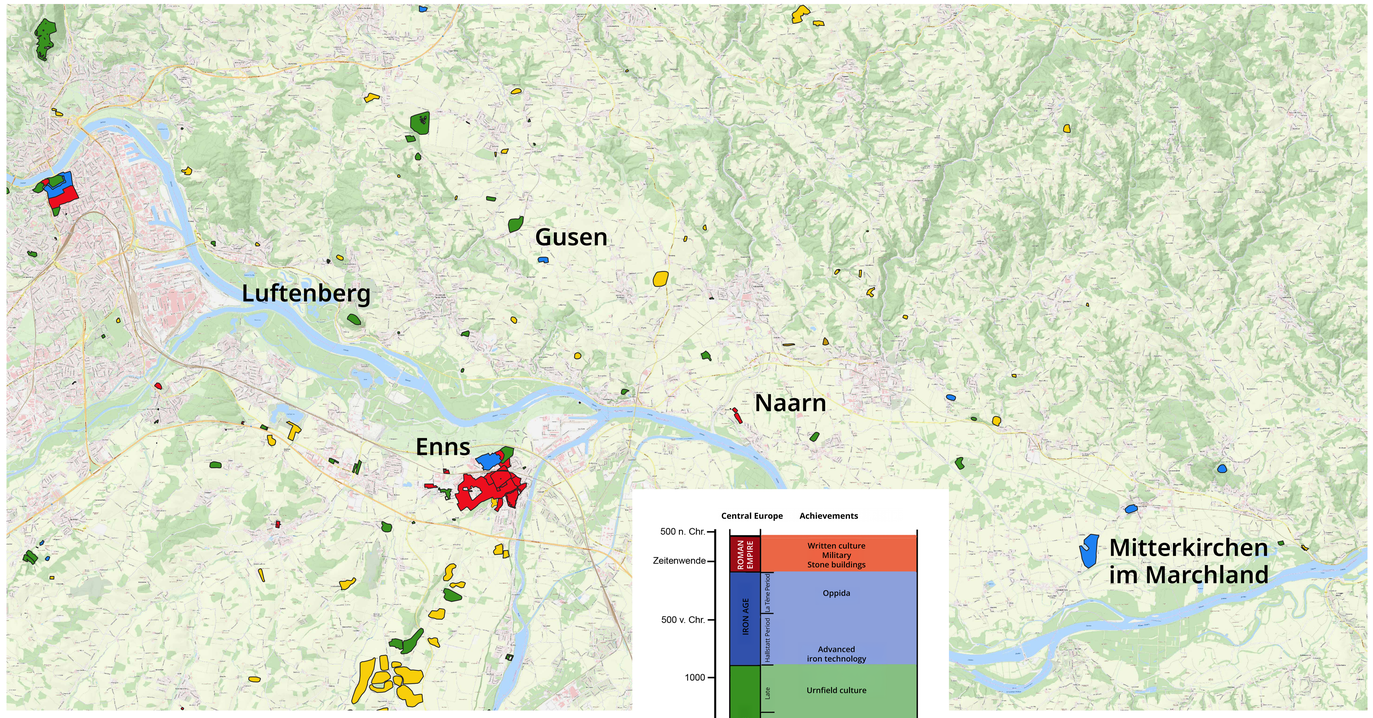
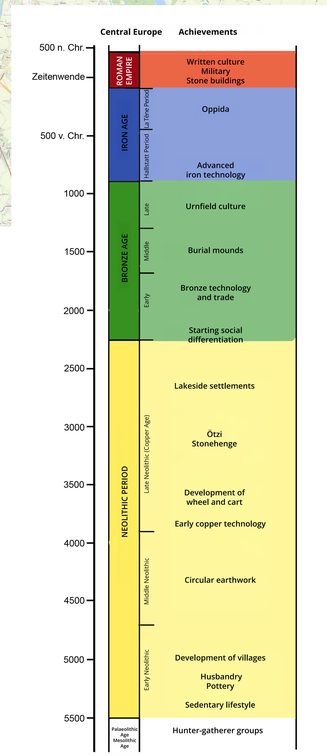
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