

Park Ouerbett, Kayl (LUX)

project **Redesign of the "Park Ouerbett"** with a pavillon client **Administration Communale de Kayl** planning **WW+, Esch-sur-Alzette (LUX) - wich architekten (GER)** start of planning **2006** start of works **2009** floor space **2,5 ha** planning phases **1-9** construction costs **2.900.000 € exkl. VAT (parc and pavillon)** project management **WW+** photography **Linda Blatzek Photography, Trier (GER)**

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Architectural concept

The 'Kayldall' follows the 'Kaylbach' in North-South direction, from the centre of Kayl to Tétange. The park Ouerbett is the Northern boundary of the green connection. As a public urban space it represents the green middle of Kayl. In the West there's access to the 'Gehaansbiérg' and the nature reserve 'Haardt'. In the East there's the road to Esch, the 'Bromeschbiérg' and to the area around the 'Gaalgenbiérg' and the 'Terres Rouges'.

The essential parameters of the design are the preservation of the existing trees and groves, the definition of the park borders, the integration of the requested utilisations as well as the accentuation of the entrance areas and the transition areas to the town and the countryside.

Description of the project

The new structure of the park is on the one hand affected by the Kaylbach (running from north to south) and the paralleling trail as well as on the other hand by the new loop road, to which the main functions of the park are affiliating. While the north-south trail has rather a developing function (e.g. to the new pavilion) or also a connecting function (e.g. as cycle track to Tétange), the loop road meanders through the park and invites to dander and rest.





The margin towards the park gets a clear green edge (as spatial frame) in form of hornbeam hedges. The bundling of development and layover at the margins allows leaving the centre open. Utilizations like e.g. a playground with assigned seating-accommodations for different age groups or a small playing field provide a large choice. The loop road additionally frames a large grass plot, which can be used as grass playground and relaxing lawn as well as for festivals and events in the park. Perennial herb beds in diversified colours and sizes function as crossing from this road to the open lawn. Openness and wideness in the green frame are standing for the not purposive utilization of the “flowing through” grass areas. The Kaylbach is also flowing through this park centre, thus giving it a particular atmosphere. The other side of the creek can be reached by crossing one of two drivable bridges (max. 3,5 tons) in the north and the south. There are small stopover areas close to the park entrances, which are staged by appropriate light fittings during the evening hours. Light steles on the small places at the two main entrances (from the Rue du Moulin in the north and from the Rue de Tétange in the south) offer an inviting entrée. They are part of an adjusted lighting concept with effect illumination of the bridges, the water inflow and two big trees near the Pavilion.

The Querbett Pavilion, one of the most important functions in the park, is located at the intersection point of the loop road and the north-south trail. Seat steps in front of the Pavilion allow for direct access and contact with the water of the Kaylbach, whose quality has been reevaluated by cleaning and minor improvement measures at the banks.

