

Underground Rock Laboratory Mont Terri

The Underground Rock Laboratory Mont Terri is located in St-Ursanne, in the canton Jura, nearly 300 meters below the earth's surface and next to the safety gallery of the motorway A16. In galleries and niches with a length of about 1200 meters, numerous international organizations participate in different experiments in the **Opalinus Clay**. The Federal Office of Topography (swisstopo) is responsible for the project.

Information for visitors

- Visits to the Underground Rock Laboratory take place all year. From mid-July to mid - August the rock laboratory is closed for holidays. More details are available on the Mont-Terri webpage www.mont-terri.ch «visits».
- Groups are welcome from Monday to Saturday. Visiting times will be arranged by appointment, either in the morning or in the afternoon.
- **Group size for a visit: 10 – 40 persons.** Smaller groups may be combined with other groups, whereas larger groups can be divided into multiple visits. The Visitor Centre can be reached by train, bus or car. Parking lots are indicated on-site.
- The minimum age is 13 years.
- Usually, the meeting point is the Mont Terri Visitor Centre next to the railway station (Gare CFF) in 2882 St-Ursanne. Some parking lots are available.
- The visit takes about 2 hours and 15 minutes: 45 minutes for a presentation and discussion as well as the exhibition in the Visitor Centre and 1 hours and 30 minutes for the visit of the laboratory (incl. transfers by minibus).
- The temperature in the laboratory is **around 13° C all year**. Please take care to wear enough warm clothes and sturdy shoes/rubber soles. Sometimes we have to deal with increased dirt and noise emissions due to construction work. During the whole laboratory visit, one is required to wear a helmet. Helmets will be handed out before the laboratory visit by the laboratory staff. Please notice: Visitors need to stand and walk for 1 ½ hours (there is no possibility to take a seat).
- People with reduced mobility are not allowed in the rock laboratory for safety reasons.
- Visits to the Mont Terri Underground Rock Laboratory are free of charge. Coffee, tea and refreshment drinks will be offered at the reception. You are free to support us with a small contribution for our expenses.

If there are any questions about the program, etc. please contact our visitor coordinator Michèle Pretalli: michele.pretalli@swisstopo.ch, 032 461 40 53.