

8. Special

- Wardrobe: Personal backpacks, bags, bottles, etc. may not be taken into the museum collection. A cloakroom for storage is available in the foyer of the collection center.
- Restrooms for ladies and gentlemen are available.
- The collection center is wheelchair accessible.
- Smoking is forbidden on the entire terrain (!) and in the collection center.
- Exhibition objects may not be touched under any circumstances.
- Photography is permitted.
- Telephone access to the collection center: +41 44 940 62 10.

9. How to find the Collection Center

By public transport:

The collection center can be reached from the Uster railway station by bus (lines 812, 827 or 830) to the "Reithalle" stop, then by foot via "Reitplatzweg" (approx. 300 m).

By car:

Drivers take the freeway A 53 to exit 6 "Uster Nord", follow the direction to the hospital, turn right into "Winikerstrasse" and continue to the collection center on the left.

Follow the yellow signs "Sammlungszentrum Armee".

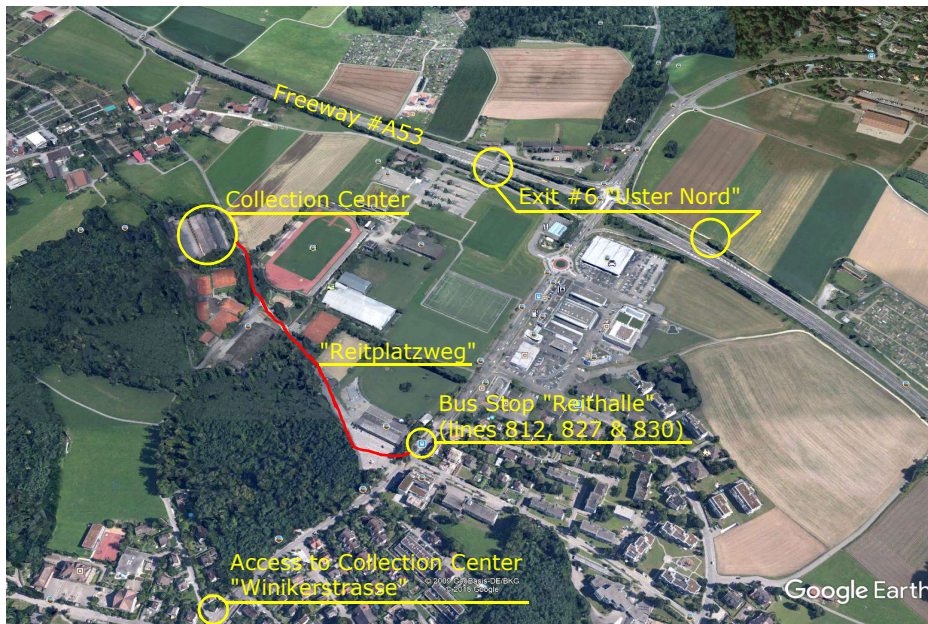
Free parking is available on the site.



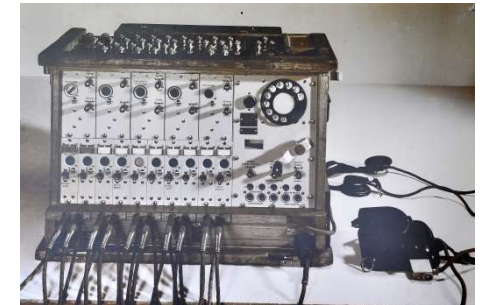
Registration and Visitor Information
for the Collection Center

«Historical Army Command Support Equipment»

8610 Uster, Winikerstrasse 31



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1. Introduction

The "Historical Army Command Support Equipment" foundation (HAMFU) is responsible for the collection center. In addition to archives, warehouses, workshops and offices, this center also maintains a permanent exhibit.

The exhibited objects show the development of communication in the Swiss Army from the second half of the 19th century until 2008. Some equipment can be shown in operation. In the vehicle exhibition hall, trucks, off-road vehicles and trailers used by the Swiss Army Signals Corps are on display.

A spontaneous visit to the collection center is not possible; advance application and arrangement is required.

The following sections define organizational details and visiting requirements.

2. Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for the Collection Center: Swiss Armed Forces Staff; Dept. Historical Army Equipment

Represented in Uster by: Managing Director HAMFU

Coordination of the guided tours: Head of Guided Tours of the Interest Group "Army Signals Corps" (IG Uem)

Guided tours: Guides (members of IG Uem)

3. Guides

The guides are specially trained members of the IG Uem team. Each member has in-depth knowledge of communications technology from their professional, military and educational backgrounds.

4. Registration for visiting

On the hamfu.ch website, a visit request can be made under "Collection Center - Guided Tours".

The applicant receives a response to the request within one week, including the address of the contact person at IG Uem to arrange for a further planning of the visit.

No visits are possible on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and public holidays.

A maximum of 30 visitors can be accommodated at the same time.

The minimum age for visitors is 18 years for insurance reasons.

Special regulations apply to school groups with participants under 18 years.

5. Duration and organization of a guided tour

Duration of a guided tour:

- 120 minutes for groups of 15 to 20 people
- 150 minutes for groups of 20 to 30 people

The guided tour is structured as follows:

- Reception and Introduction
- Short film about collecting historical army equipment
- Short film about the HAMFU Collections Center
- Tour in groups through the collection center

Sightseeing points:

- Auditorium (reception and films)
- Collection of vacuum tubes
- Topic-oriented object and document collection
- Chronological presentation of the technology and equipment development with contemporary examples focusing on the years 1919, 1943, 1955, 1976, 1999
- Military vehicles with installed communication solutions from different epochs
- Directional beam link systems
- Amateur radio station HB4FI (Swiss Army club station)

6. Contribution to defray expenses

- Groups up to 15 people: CHF 150.- flat rate.
- Each additional person: CHF 10.-.

7. Gastronomy

The following can be ordered in advance:

- Coffee with croissants, mineral water; costs CHF 7 per person.
- "Apéro light": wine (red/white), orange juice, mineral water, nuts, savory biscuits; costs CHF 15 per person.
- "Apéro riche": on demand by a catering service; costs from CHF 35 per person.

Further restaurant possibilities in the nearby area:

- *Restaurant Heimat (**),
Gschwaderstrasse 71, 8610 Uster, Tel +41 43 366 56 53*
- *Ristorante Pizzeria Da Maria (**),
Gschwaderstrasse 123, 8610 Uster, Tel +41 44 941 00 00*
- *Landgasthof (Country Inn) Puurehuus (***)
Fehrltorferstrasse 9, 8615 Wermatswil, Tel +41 43 399 16 16*
- *Argentina Steakhouse (****),
Schlossweg 4, 8610 Uster, Tel +41 44 940 90 90*