



Visitor Information for the BedrettoLab

Everything you need to know for your visit to the
BedrettoLab.

Information for visitors to the BedrettoLab

During your visit to the BedrettoLab, you will enter an unclad rock tunnel where research work takes place and special safety rules apply. To make your stay an exciting and safe experience, we have put together all the important information for you. We look forward to seeing you!



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Preparing for your visit

When and where? Arrival and meeting point.

The meeting point is in the car park next to the gravel pit. Wait there for your group leader (see map).

Unfortunately no: who is not allowed in the tunnel.

The following persons cannot visit the Bedretto Lab for safety reasons:

- > unaccompanied children and children under 6 years of age.
- > persons with claustrophobia
- > persons with reduced mobility (with or without walking aids)
- > pregnant women visiting the tunnel behind the lab (from kilometre 2.5)

Underground: conditions in the tunnel.

The temperature in the tunnel and the laboratory is always 15 degrees Celsius. The space is tight; the tunnel has a diameter of 2.7 metres.

Water flows in the middle and to the side of the path. You can only move around on foot and the laboratory is 2.5 kilometres from the entrance. This means you have to be able to walk 5 kilometres. The path is uneven and there is no seating or transport.

Our group leaders and their accompanying persons will guide you through the tunnel and the lab.

That is how long it takes: duration.

A visit to the lab takes about 1.5 to 2 hours (including a 45 to 60 minute walk to the lab and back).



What should I wear? Clothing and equipment.

- > hiking boots
- > sturdy and water-repellent clothing

You can change clothes and use the toilets in the barrack in front of the tunnel. You can leave your luggage there. We do not accept any liability.

When the stomach grows: catering.

A visit to the tunnel and the lab is unfamiliar and more strenuous than expected. We advise you to take a drink and a small snack with you (for example, granola bars or fruit). Please do not use glass bottles. Dispose of your waste outside the tunnel.

In a nutshell: the most important rules.

- > Always wear the safety equipment and mask.
- > Follow the instructions.
- > Do not remove, attach or tamper with anything in the tunnel.
- > Do not smoke.
- > Do not move alone in the tunnel.

During your visit

Always first: safety in the tunnel.

Your group leader and their accompanying person(s) will ensure your safety. Before entering the tunnel, you will receive a safety briefing from these persons. Follow their instructions.

For the duration of your stay, we will lend you safety equipment: helmet, high-visibility vest, torch and self-rescuer. The self-rescuer weighs about 4 kilograms. During your visit, you will have to wear all the equipment.

I have to pee: toilets.

There are no toilets in the tunnel. Therefore, please use the toilets in the barrack before entering the tunnel.

I want to get out of here: if you want to leave the tunnel.

Report immediately to your group leader or the accompanying person(s) as soon as you feel uncomfortable. Then an accompanying person will lead you out of the tunnel. You are not allowed to move around in the tunnel alone.

I have another question: contact.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at bedrettolab@erdw.ethz.ch. ■

Corona protection measures.

- > Masks are compulsory in the BedrettoLab, in the barrack and in the tunnel.
- > All information on the protective measures in force can be found at: www.ethz.ch/services/en/news-and-events/coronavirus.html

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