

Wuppertal Suspension Railway



- The Wuppertal Suspension Railway is a suspension railway in Wuppertal, Germany.
- Designed by Eugen Langen to sell to the city of Berlin; the first track opened in 1901. The Schwebebahn is still in use today as a normal means of local public transport.



- The Wuppertal Suspension Railway had a forerunner: in 1824, Henry Robinson Palmer of Britain presented a railway system which differed from all previous constructions. Friedrich Harkort, a Prussian industrial entrepreneur and politician, loved the idea. Construction on the actual Wuppertal Suspension Railway began in 1898, overseen by the government's master builder, Wilhelm Feldmann. On 24 October 1900, Emperor Wilhelm II participated in a monorail trial run. In 1901 the railway came into operation.



- On 15 December 2009 the Schwebebahn suspended its operations for safety concerns; several of the older support structures needed to be renewed, a process that was completed on 19 April 2010. In 2012, the Wuppertal Suspension Railway was closed for significant periods to upgrade the line. The modernization was completed and the line fully reopened on 19 August 2013.



- July 21, 1950 director of the circus "Althoff" Franz Althof decided for advertising purposes to ride on the monorail elephant Tuffy. However, when he got into the car, he began to show concern, and soon after the departure, the breakdown of the side wall of the car, fell out of it into the river Wupper from a 12-meter height. As a result of the fall, Tuffy did not receive any serious injuries.





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