

**Observation Wheel
A Swing Under Monument Protection**

Manufacturer: self-made by the Bruch showmen family

Year of construction: around 1918

Owner: Alexander Lotte

The first transportable observation wheels came up at the end of the 19th century. These were wooden constructions with a maximum height of twelve metres and six to twelve gondolas, also known as "Russian swings".

The earliest reference to a Russian swing can be found in the travelogue of the Englishman Peter Mundy from 1620. The observation wheel set up here was built around 1918 by the showmen family Bruch from Düsseldorf. Around 1950, Alma Feldmann took over the business and had the "packing wagon" made in 1954, which is still in use today.

The observation wheel and packing wagon are now on the list of monuments of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

It is one of only a few funfair attractions that is listed as a historic monument.