



#### OPENING HOURS

**1st May to 31st October**

Tuesday – Friday	09.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. 01.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.
Saturday / Sunday	09.00 a.m. – 05.00 p.m.

**1st November to 30th of April**

Tuesday – Friday	09.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. 01.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.
Saturday / Sunday	01.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.

On Mondays the museum is closed

The Museum will be open at Easter and at Pentecost from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (from Saturday to Monday)

Groups can visit the museum upon appointment daily all over the year

#### ENTRANCE FEES

Adults	Fr. 4.—
Students, Apprentices	Fr. 2.50
Children and Teenagers (until 16)	free
Groups without guide (minimum 10 persons, per person)	Fr. 2.50
School classes without guide (including teacher and during opening hours)	free
Extra charge for groups and price for school classes not during opening hours	Fr. 30.—
Military in uniform	free

#### GUIDED TOURS

(incl. entrance fee / upon appointment)

**Upon appointment**

up to 15 persons	Fr. 90.—
per additional person	Fr. 6.—

**Tours on special topics**

up to 15 persons	Fr. 120.—
per additional person	Fr. 8.—

**School classes**

free

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MUSEUM OF THE SWISS CHARTERS OF CONFEDERATION



### THE SWISS CHARTER OF CONFEDERATION OF 1291 – FOUNDING DOCUMENT OF SWITZERLAND?

The Swiss Charter of Confederation of the communities Schwyz, Uri and Nidwalden dating back to the beginning of August 1291 is a unique document, which has become very important for Switzerland's national history. In the Middle Ages, however, it played a completely different role from the one it finally attained in the Swiss national state of the 19th and 20th century. The Museum of Swiss Charters, which was newly constructed in 1999, shows the life story of the charter by illuminating the respective historical contexts.



### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- In the Museum of Swiss Charters the visitors will receive answers to various questions concerning this first rate Swiss cultural object.
- Is the Charter of Confederation of 1291 indeed the founding document of the Swiss Confederation?
  - How important was the Charter of Confederation of 1291 for the history of Switzerland?
  - What can be said about the «Confederates», «alliances», «oaths», «battles» and «heroes»?

The visitors are able to participate interactively in the historic and scientific disputes regarding the charter of 1291.

Furthermore, the computer station enables a detailed analysis of the original text and presents the important results of research concerning the early history of the Confederation in a comprehensible way.

This exciting history is also visualised with original documents from the Cantonal Archives of Schwyz and a unique collection of banners and flags.

Mural paintings of national interest by Heinrich Danioth, Maurice Barraud and Walter Clénin dating back to the first half of the 20th century as well as sound and film documents reflect the Swiss population's

picture of the origin of the Confederation before and during the Second World War.

