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CURRENTS | SHOWS Swiss Tree Museum Opens June 14



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On June 14, Enzo Enea, a Swiss landscape architect, will open his Tree Museum on the shore of Lake Zurich, in Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland.

The museum is a meticulously curated outdoor display set on two and a half acres, where visitors will be able to see 22 varieties of trees. Each one — like the Taxus baccata, or conifer (above center), and the Pinus sylvestris, or Scotch pine (above right) — will be framed by a 16-foot-high sandstone wall. (Both the museum and Mr. Enea's headquarters on his 18-acre property were designed by Chad Oppenheim, an architect with offices in Miami and, soon, Basel.)

"I have collected trees over the last 17 years from gardens that I was building or houses that I was building," Mr. Enea said. "Trees had to be moved, and instead of cutting them, I tried to remove them." His trees range in age from 50 to 130 years, and in height from 15 to 40 feet.

The museum will be open Monday to Saturday. Admission is \$15; (41-55) 225-5555 or enea.ch.

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