

Völklingen Ironworks

The **Völklingen Ironworks** (German: **Völklinger Hütte**) is located in the German town of Völklingen, Saarland. In 1994, it was declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

It is an very important point of the European Route of Industrial Heritage. In 1873, Julius Buch began the planning of a steel works near Völklingen on the banks of the Saar river. Carl Röchling added a new construction. Two years later the first smelter began operation. The plant closed in 1986. Today, the Völklinger Hütte is a museum.

