

Name of Camp: Kaiserwald

Location of Camp:

Near a village outside Riga in Latvia

Brief description of the Camp:

Kaiserwald was a concentration camp that initially held several hundred convicts from Germany. The camp commandant was an SS Obersturmführer named Zauer.

How many people were imprisoned at the Camp?

There were approximately 12,000 inmates in the camp and its subsidiaries.

How many people perished at the Camp?

Thousands of Jews who were unfit for work - the ill, the frail and the young were put to death. All Jews who had ever been convicted of any offense, no matter how minor, were also executed, as were all Jews under 18 or over 30.

What were the dates that the Camp was in existence?

Kaiserwald was built in March 1943.

When was the Camp liberated? Who liberated the Camp?

The camp was liberated by the Red Army on October 13, 1944

Other interesting facts:

- Ultimately, all Jews living on Latvian soil were incarcerated there.
- The inmates were put to work by large German companies, notably Allgemeine Elektricitats-Gessellschaft, which used a large number of female slaves from Kaiserwald in the production of electrical goods.
- Other prisoners worked in other factories, mines and farms as well as inside the camp.

