DOMAINE DU MUY

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Summer Getaways 2015: Outdoor Sculpture Destinations in Europe

Art and nature: the outdoor sculpture park offers the best of both worlds. Especially during the summer holidays, when we're eager to trade in weary museum-legs for the invigorating effects of the nature hike, without sacrificing the need to view and appreciate great artworks. Here we've collected a selection of some of the best sculpture parks in Western Europe, combining idyllic settings with contemporary artworks by renowned artists. Located outside of major urbanic centers and off the beaten track, these art destinations are worth the trip.



Mark Handforth, Deep Woler, 2014. @ Mark Handforth. Couriewy Domaine du Muy. Photo: J.C. Lett

Domaine du Muy, in Provence, 45 minutes from Cannes (map)

Rounding out this trio of contemporary sculpture parks in the south of France is the brand new Domaine du Muy, created by Galerie Mitterand founder Jean-Gabriel Mitterand. Unlike the more cultivated surroundings of the winery-sculpture parks in the area, the sculptures at Domaine du Muy, curated by Simon Lamunière, interact with the scrubby yet scenic environment of Mediterranean wilderness, in a "game of contrasts." Open by appointment only, from May to October, a visit to Domaine du Muy will reveal sculptures by such artists as Sol Lewitt, Yayoi Kusama, Carsten Höller, Sylvie Fleury, Andrea Zittel, Mounir Fatmi, and Xavier Veilhan.