

Magical Moors

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Lenght: 45'

Format: HD

Year: 2015

Language: English , German

Genre: Nature Wildlife

Synopsis

Eerie and menacing, yet hauntingly beautiful and highly evocative. The rugged Moor landscape has long fuelled our imagination, inspiring artists and poets, evoking images both terrifying and deeply romantic. It's a land of contrasts. Wide open heaths, windswept and barren in winter, are transformed into wonderful carpets of white, fluffy cotton grass in summer. Large bears and wolves roam alongside delicately fluttering butterflies, the bubbling calls of black grouse and the enchanting trills of the great snipe.

One of our most ancient, yet little-known landscapes, moorlands are full of enchanting surprises. On a warm spring day, poisonous adders emerge from hiding to perform their impressive mating dance. As dusk falls, snipe gather on traditional leks, leaping in the air and singing to impress the opposite sex. And deep down in the boggy marshes, glittering emeralds of sticky dew attract insects into the deadly arms of meat-eating plants.

As the early mist of spring gives way to lush green colours of summer and golden reds of autumn, slow-motion and time-lapse photography reveal a secret and little-known world. Stunning aerial footage uncovers a rich mosaic of structure within a unique landscape, while underwater and macro-filming shed light on some the secret treasures hidden deep within its waters. Magical Moors captures the quiet beauty of a spectacular landscape, and its often elusive wildlife, in stunning detail.

Moors, bogs and wetlands can be found all over in Europe. Everyone has at least heard about this habitat but most know little about it. Only 1% of the Middle European wetlands are still untouched. A gigantic amount of carbohydrate is stored inside these wetlands. But knowing about this fact does not stop their destruction. Climate change and global warming are on everyone's mind – stopping the destruction of moors and wetlands would be one great step towards the reduction of greenhouse gases.

This film shows the beauty and the magic inside the moors and its message is clear :“Save and protect our last moors and wetlands”