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 **Siegen-Wittgenstein**
in Südwestfalen

Hiking

16 Top Tours in Siegen-Wittgenstein

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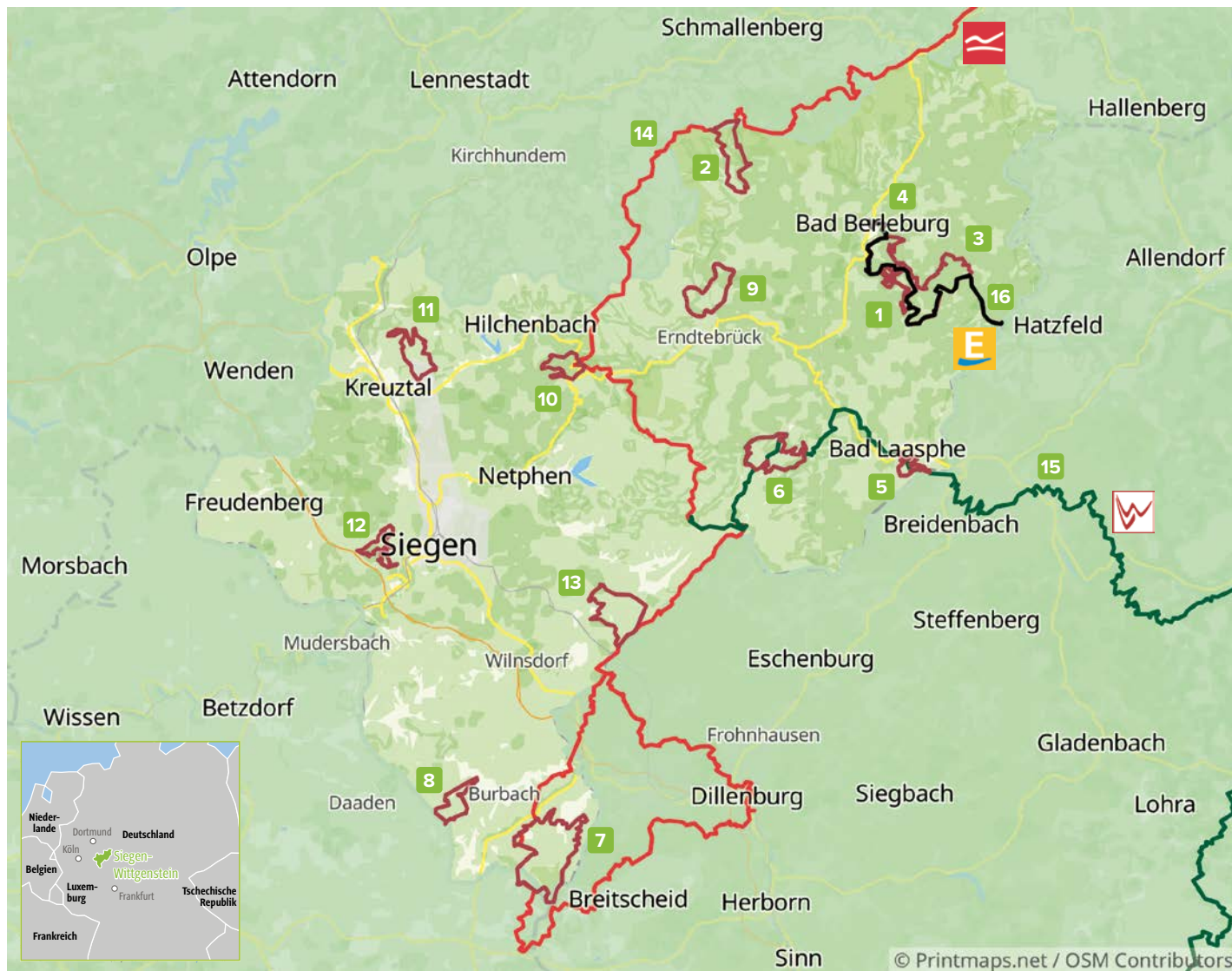
The forest is currently in a constant state of change due to bark beetle infestation and drought. Sometimes forestry work is also necessary, so paths have to be closed or diverted. Please check online before your trip whether the respective hiking trail is passable and what the current conditions are like.

In the middle of Germany, between Sauerland and Westerwald, lies the enchanted WaldReich Siegen-Wittgenstein. The Rothaargebirge mountains provide a beautiful low mountain range landscape that is simply made for hiking here.

Finally, take a deep breath, smell the forest air and hear the leaves rustling softly on the gnarled trees. In Siegen-Wittgenstein, you can unwind and enjoy time with your loved ones. Just feel the wind on your face, allow your gaze to wander and explore our picturesque, unspoiled landscapes on foot.

In this pocket guide you will find our certified circular hiking trails and the long-distance trails that lead through Germany's most densely forested region.

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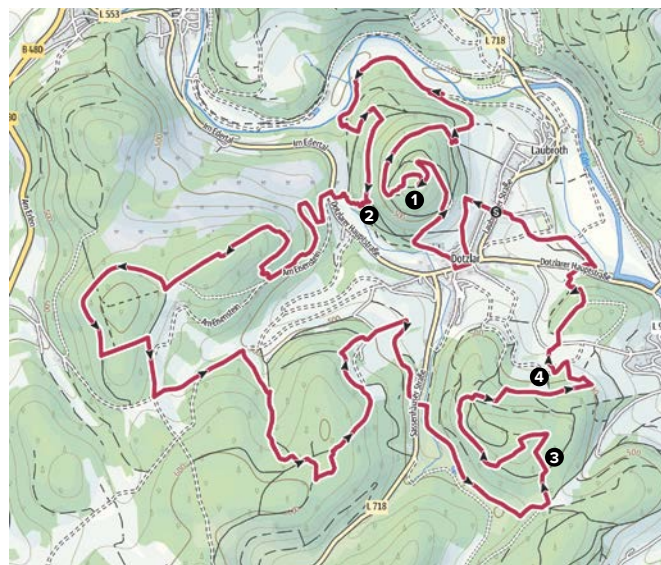
Bad Berleburg

 7 hr
 19.7 km

 600 m
 Fitness level ★★★★★


The “Bei de Hullerkeppe” hiking trail promises a historical journey through the history Dotzlar. The themed hiking trail looks at the Dotzlar dialect and passes by wonderful juniper moors.

We start at the previous location of the thrashing hall and then come to the former Gastwirtschaft Hartmann restaurant in the centre of the village, pass the chapel and along Hohlweg to the “Zollbaum” (toll tree). On Burgberg Mountain, we see the rest of **Wallburg Mountain (1)**. We carry on downhill through forests to Pfaffenhecke and the steep slopes of the Eder, which drops up to 15 metres, and to one of the **largest quartzite rock groups (2)** in the Wittgenstein. Along the country road, we come to Hillerberg and follow the path to the first juniper moor. The hike crosses the heights to Eisenstein. Then, heading down the valley we pass the “broad oak” and enjoy the view of another **juniper field (3)**. We walk along the edge of the “Großer Keller” nature reserve and see the ancient boundary stone that marks the historical border between the two counties of Wittgenstein-Wittgenstein and Wittgenstein-Berleburg. Further on, we come to a monument commemorating the murder of forester Friedrich Kroh. The route runs alongside the forest to the **source of the Meisbach (4)**. There, the route meets the Via Adrina hiking trail. Downhill along the stream, we cross a road and come to the starting point along a path in the broad Eder valley.



Tour online



Tour tips

On the way there are cold drinks from the earth fridge. The forest rest station invites us to take a special break in the natural surroundings.

Good to know

Start: “Laubrother Straße” car park (Kulturhalle) Dotzlar

Getting there: Coming from Raumland, turn left in Dotzlar in the direction of the Kulturhalle. After approx. 400 m, the car park is on the right.

Public transport: RB 93 Bad Berleburg Train Station, then bus R33 towards Hatzfeld, Dotzlar bus stop – Sassenhausen turn-off.



Bad Berleburg

⌚ 4 hr 30 min

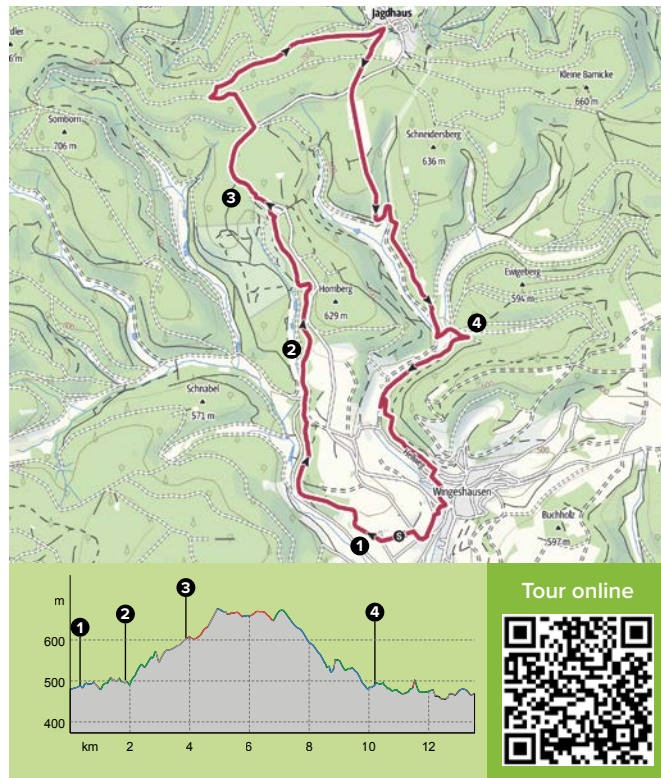
▲ 350 m

🕒 13.5 km Fitness level ★★★★★



The hiking trail around Aue-Wingeshausen delights with picturesque views and exciting wildlife. Marvel at the world of the majestic bison and follow their tracks.

The start and finish are at Sonnenhof above Wingshausen. After a special view through the **Augenstein (1)** or eye stone, the trail leads through the expansive Rohrbachtal valley and past the **treating pool (2)**, including a rest area. Along winding paths, we come to the **"Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig (Bison Wilderness on the Rothaarsteig) (3)**. On the circular trail through the enclosure, you can marvel at Europe's largest land mammals. Jumping over streams, stalking through a badger's set and climbing rock formations – the unspoilt adventure trail will delight families with little nature explorers in particular. An admission fee applied for the Wisent-Wildnis (Bison Wilderness), but the large nature playground can be experienced free of charge. The "Wisent-Hütte" (Bison Hut) invites you to take a break. The trail then leads to the Schmallenberg district of Jagdhaus. On the way to the romantic village, we pass the moonlight bank and cross the border trail just a few metres further on. We reach Rothaarsteig via a feeder path and continue on our route from here. In the centre of Jagdhaus, a branch leads into the valley to Wingshausen through the picturesque valley of the Ihrige. Varied paths take us to the **Bockeshorntal valley (4)**. Finally we pass the Forellenhof restaurant. From here it is not far to Wingshausen.



Tour tips

A visit to the "Wisent-Wildnis am Rothaarsteig (Bison Wilderness on the Rothaarsteig)", for is subject to charge, is well worthwhile! Several restaurants along the trail invite you to take a break.

Good to know

Start: "Sonnenhof" (An der Bracht 50), alternative: Jagdhaus or Wisent-Wildnis (Bison Wilderness) (Weidiger Trail 100).

Getting there: From Bad Berleburg/Erndtebrück to the centre of Aue: L553, in the direction of Wingshausen/Jagdhaus: K42.

Public transport: Train RB93 Stop Bad Berleburg-Aue, Bus R29 Stop Kappler Mühle.

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Bad Berleburg

⌚ 7 hr

📏 20.8 km

▲ 550 m

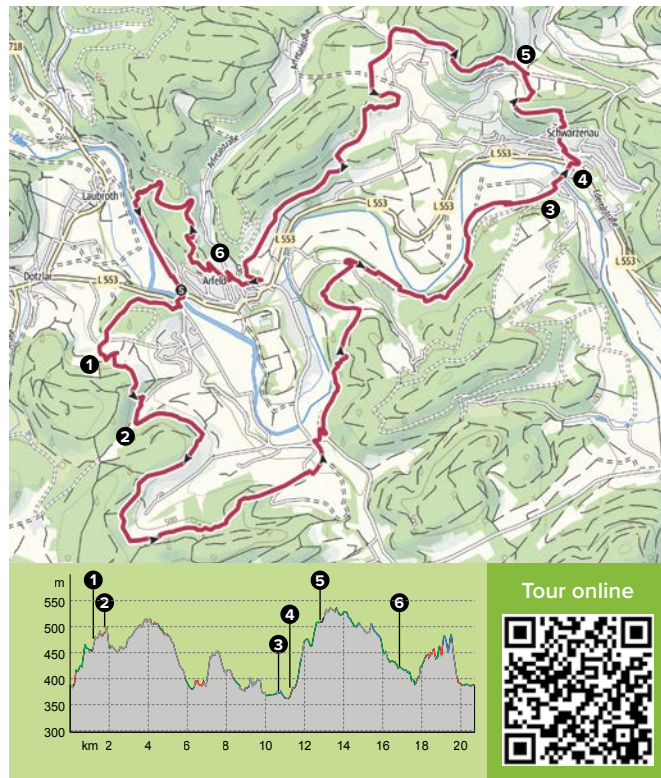
Fitness level ★★★★★★



A hike with far-reaching views - beautiful landscapes and the rushing Eder river enchant this hiking route into a fairytale spectacle.

First, the trail leads us over the Eder bridge through a headwaters area. This is followed by an ascent to the **viewing platform and forest resting point (1)**. After a stop at **"Cafe Hainbach" (2)**, we circle the valley basin of the Mühlbachtal valley and meet the rare red Wittgenstein mountain cattle. We continue our walk with a view of the Upper Hüttental valley in Schwarzenau. We pass the Magertrift biotope and quarries where sandstone was once quarried. After a long descent with great views, we follow the old railway line. At **"Gästehaus Schwarzenauer Mühle" (3)** we can serve ourselves in the garden café. A few metres further on, we see a historic location: In 1708, Alexander Mack baptised the first believers in the Eder river; the foundation of the Church of the Brethren. Next to this is **Schwarzenau Manor House (4)**.

The long, steep climb to the Hüttental settlement with the Alexander Mack Museum (5) is rewarded with a second viewing platform and an opportunity to look through an Augenstein (eye stone). In the district of Arfeld, it is well worth stopping off at the new **"Via Adrina" centre with its railway café and model railway (6)**. The "Alte Schmiede" museum and the deanery church, which is also a cycle tourists' church, are right by the trail. Along well-beaten trails, we return to the starting point, the old railway station.



Tour tips

A modern village centre has emerged from an old industrial wasteland: "Via Adrina" centre with its railway café and model railway.

Good to know

Start: Hiking portal at the Ederbrücke bridge in Arfeld.

Getting there: From Bad Berleburg to Dotzlar: L553 or L718. In the direction of Arfeld, over the Ederbrücke bridge.

Public transport: Bus R33 Stop Arfeld Ederbrücke.



Bad Berleburg

⌚ 5 hr

🕒 13.6 km

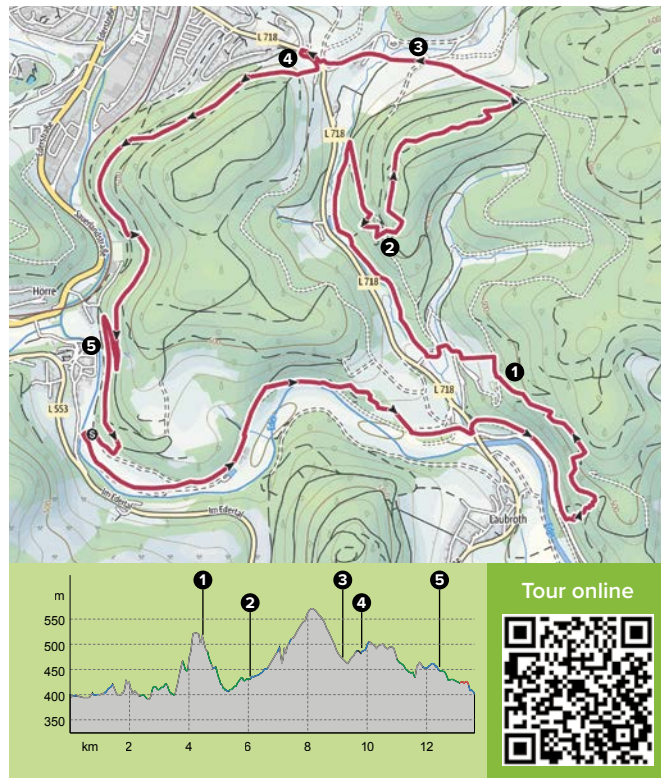
Fitness level ★★★★★★

▲ 404 m



An eventful tour through fabulous forests, past imposing rocky landscapes and along winding paths. The hiking trail promises a real adventure!

The starting point is the "Reisegarten" hiking car park in Raumland. We cross the Eder over stepping stones. We then follow the Eder river downstream and orient ourselves along the former railway line. We pass a deadwood area, cross under the old railway embankment and hike into "Heiligholz", a hillside interspersed with **rock cliffs (1)**. Then we come to a mystical oak forest via an adventurous path. Through a mountain meadow, we come to the valley of the Bilsterbach. We pass a forester's lodge and the natural Meckhäuser Bach stream, and come to **Fredlar Nature Reserve (2)** with mighty slate heaps, dry stone walls, cliffs and the quarry. We continue hiking up the ridge of Fredlar Mountain, then down into **Steinbachthal valley (3)**. After a short ascent, we reach the "An der Lenne" hiking car park with a beautiful view of the old town of Bad Berleburg with its magnificent baroque castle. The special view through the **Augenstein (eye stone) (4)** is well worth seeing. The trail goes slightly downhill over the north-western flank of Limburg, then uphill again by a slate heap. At the top, we see the former Limburg mine and come to **Hörre Mine Nature Reserve (5)**. The following path offers views of the slate village of Raumland with its important original church.



Tour online



Tour tips

Raumland Slate Mine can be visited on request. The view through an eye stone offers a completely new perspective on old buildings.

Good to know

Start: "Reisegarten" car park on the Eder, near Raumland Slate Mine.

Getting there: From Bad Berleburg in the direction of Erndtebrück: B480. Turn off in Raumland in the direction of Frankenberg: L553. To the end of Raumland

Public transport: Train RB93 Stop Raumland-Markhausen, Bus R27 Stop Raumland.



Bad Laasphe

⌚ 2 hr 50 min

▲ 295 m

🕒 8.9 km

Fitness level ★★★★★



Natural paths, trails and forest paths that always offer new and wonderful views also lead off the beaten track over the summit of Entenberg.

We start at the "Wilhelmsplatz" hiking portal, cross the Lahn river over an old railway bridge and climb slightly uphill toward the **Kurpark (spa park) (1)**. Soon the paved path enters the forest before we leave the main hiking trail and follow the meadow path, at the end of which a small **rest hut (2)** with a view invites us to take a break. From here we climb steeply uphill to the right, cross the Lahn hiking trail and follow the natural path.

You need to be sure-footed until we get to the paved hiking trail again after a downhill serpentine. At the end, we turn left and climb the Buhlberg. After working our way up the last few metres along a forest path, the **Hugo-Kracht Hut (3)** awaits us at the top, inviting us to take a break. Refreshed and energised, we set off in the direction of **Entenberg (4)**. The trail leads over a high plateau with great views before it heads back into the forest, which holds the last climb in store. Once we have reached the top, we are rewarded with a fantastic view out over the Lahn valley. The descent offers more views into the distance. After a longer forest trail passage, the path again leads past the shooting range through a wildly romantic forest passage along a meadow path with a great view, which takes us back to the old town of Bad Laasphe.



Tour online



Tour tips

Sign the summit book on the Entenberg and enjoy the view of the Lahn valley.

Good to know

Start: At Haus des Gastes in Bad Laasphe. Parking at the town hall.

Getting there: A45 Exit Siegen, via Siegen B62 to Bad Laasphe.

Public transport: From Siegen: Bus SB5 stop Wilhelmsplatz, train RB93 to Erndtebrück, change to the RB94 stop Bad Laasphe.

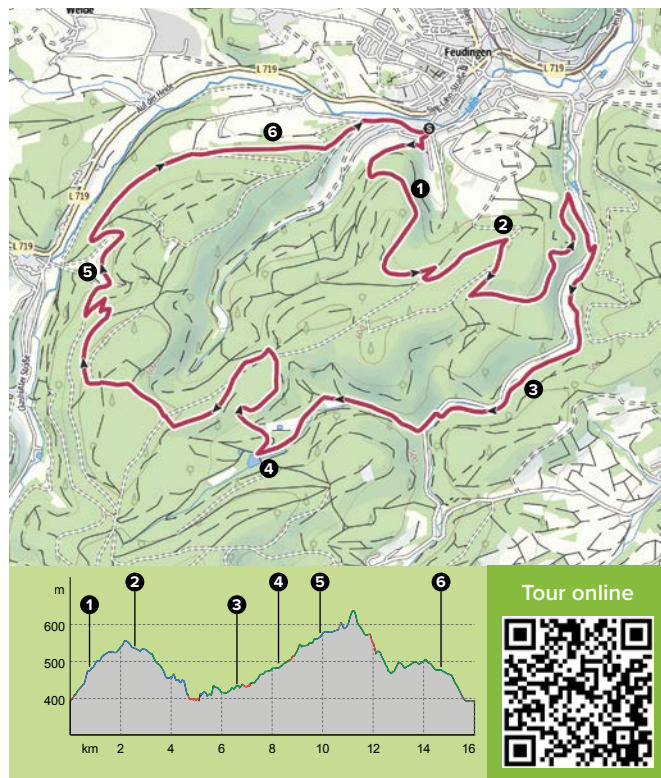


Bad Laasphe

⌚ 5 hr
🕒 16 km▲ 444 m
Fitness level ★★★★★

Nature experience along the idyllic valleys of the Lahn, Ilse and Weidelbach rivers and over the panoramic heights of Mackelschelle and Hoher Ley.

We start this beautiful hike at the "Zum Eichholz" hiking portal in Feudingen and climb along the tree-of-the-year avenue up to the slope of **Mackelschelle (1)**. From you, you get your first glimpse of the historic town of Feudingen. The route continues at a leisurely pace up the hill to **Hohen Ley (2)**, where an impressive panoramic view out over the wide Lahn valley awaits us. After an open plateau with views of the Wittgenstein mountains, the trail leads down into the **wild and romantic Ilsetal valley (3)**. The path, later an enchanted trail, leads us along a steep bank along the rushing bed of the Ilse river to the confluence with the Weidelbach. We follow this to the right up to **Weidelbacher Weiher pond (4)**. The heavenly tranquillity of the lake with its splendid water lilies in summer invites you to take a long break. Then we hike over to the **"Bettelmanssbuche" (5)** mountain hut and resting stop – where pilgrims and wagoners used to camp – over to the Lahntal valley. We then continue along the slope of the young Lahn toward Volkholz. In Dernbach, the forest opens up and gives us a **wide view (6)** of the natural Lahntal valley, which we can enjoy sitting on a long bench before we end our successful hiking experience in Feudingen.



Tour tips

When the sun is shining, Weidelbacher Weiher is a place of power and contemplation. Numerous places to stop for refreshments in Feudingen.

Good to know

Start: Hiking portal in Feudingen (street: "Zum Eichholz").

Getting there: A45 exit Siegen, via Siegen (B62, B54), Netphen-Deuz, to Feudingen: L719.

Public transport: From Siegen: Bus SB5 stop Feudingen Ortsmitte, train RB93 to Erndtebrück, change to the RB94 stop Feudingen.



Burbach

⌚ 7 hr

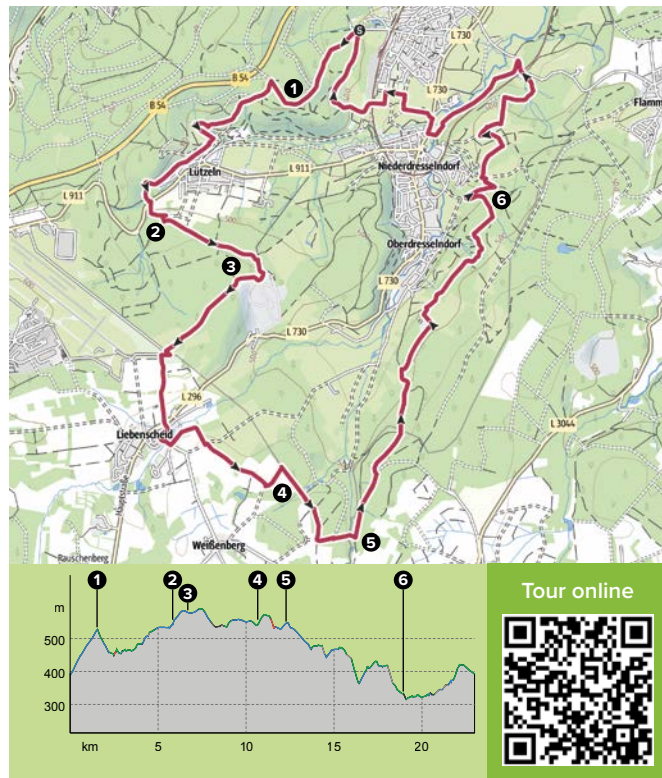
▲ 584m

🕒 24.7 km Fitness level ★★★★★



"Poetry and nature" – in romantic Hickengrund we meet Goethe, Schiller and Novalis, who accompany us with their words through the wonderful border triangle.

We start the tour at "Großer Stein" hiking car park in Holzhausen. Together with the Rothaarsteig access path, we hike uphill. In the immediate vicinity of **"Großer Stein" (1)** we come to one of the seven listening stations. A few steps later we meet the Rothaarsteig (RHS) there. Then we turn left toward Lützel. Suddenly, the magnificent view of Lützel opens up. After descending to the edge of the village, the path climbs again towards the **sports field (2)**. As a relic of its past as an active quarry, we pass the old crushing plant. Continuing along the whole route, we turn right with the RHS and come to the next highlight: the view at the **kaolin clay pit (3)**. After kilometres of varied scenery, we follow the path to the left to the forest. After 10 km, the **Höpches Hain rest area (4)** is to the left of the trail with a fantastic view. We become border crossers at the border triangle. Wide forest paths and sections of trail then lead over the northern flank of Hickengrund to the next viewing point, **"Einsamer Baum" (5)**. Soft meadow paths then accompany us downhill, where there are also some steep sections to overcome. Shortly before Niederdreselndorf, we cross the stream by a **wooden bridge (6)**. After the village, we ascend through open meadows to the edge of the forest. We return to the hiking car park along an almost level path.



Tour tips

The seven listening stations make the hike a distinctive, romantic experience. Visit the ZukunftsWerten Orte und -Wasserorte (future-worthy places and waters). The tour can be split before the kaolin clay pit in the direction of Niederdreselndorf.

Good to know

Start: Wanderparkplatz Großer Stein/Naturweiher hiking car park.

Getting there: A45 exit Haiger-Burbach, in the direction of Holzhausen: L730, via Hickengrundstraße to the hiking car park. The tour can start or be split from: Lützel sports ground & Hickengrundhalle car park.



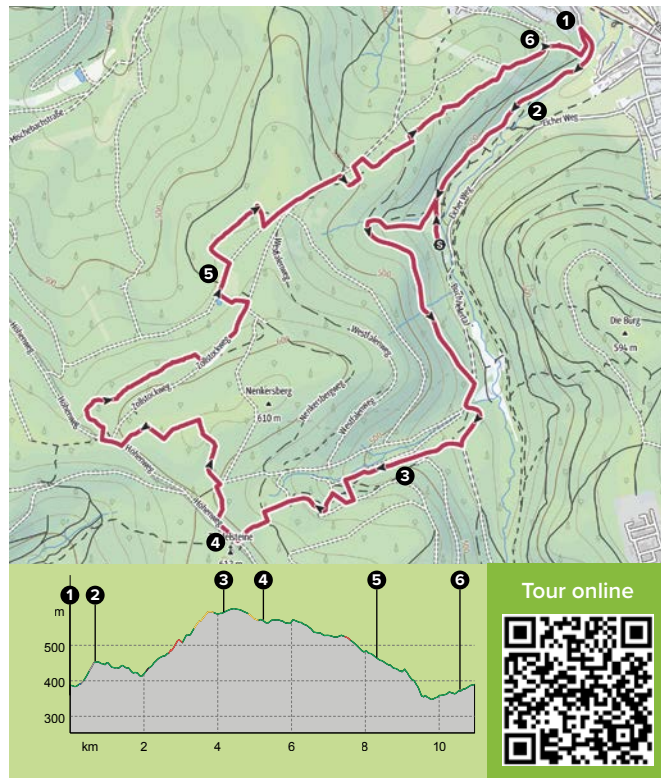
Burbach

 ⌚ 4 hr
 ⌚ 11 km

 ▲ 299 m
 Fitness level ★★★★★


The Trödelstein Trail leads from Buchheller Valley to "Trödelsteine". Along the way, we experience the special features of the basalt-like natural landscape between the Rothaargebirge and Westerwald.

Our tour starts at the hiking car park on **Austraße (1)** in Wahlbach. We follow the markings to the edge of the forest and turn left. The route leads along the babbling **Buchheller (2)**. The path turns off at a right angle and we begin the ascent to Trödelsteine. Along the way, we see contemporary witnesses to ore mining in the Buchhellertal valley: **entrance tunnels (3)** and slag residues. The summit cross on **Trödelsteine (4)** greets us from afar. Having reached the top, the reward in good weather is a far-reaching view. After signing the summit book, we head downhill and continue to follow the path signposted with a white, recumbent R through a new section created by the felling of spruces. On **Nenkersberg (5)**, in good weather, there is a view into the distance – sometimes as far as Eifel or Sauerland. On the descent, we come to the border between Rhineland-Palatinate and North-Rhine Westphalia, follow narrow paths through mystical forests to the juniper heath in the **Saukaute nature reserve (6)**, enjoy another view of the unique landscape between the Rothaar Mountains and the Westerwald, and arrive back in Wahlbach.



Tour tips

Don't forget provisions! At the Buchheller river, comfortable sections invite you to take a rest. A visit to the ZukunftsWerten Orte und -Wasserorte (future-worthy places and waters).

Good to know

Start: Burbach-Wahlbach, hiking portal.

Getting there: Austraße Burbach-Wahlbach.

Public transport: Train RB96 stop Wahlbach, bus R24 stop Schule.



Erndtebrück

⌚ 3 hr 50 min

▲ 246 m

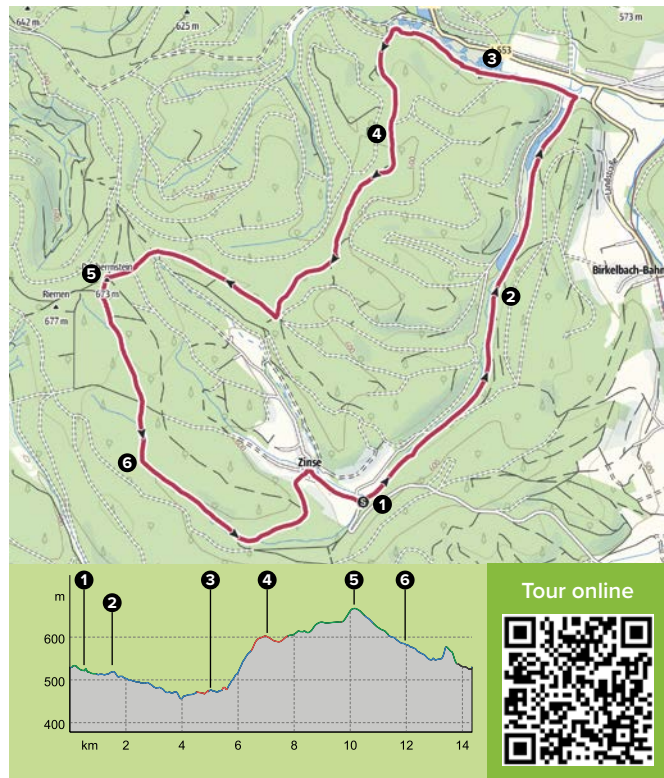
🕒 14.3 km Fitness level ★★★★★



The Zinse Border Trail combines water and natural highlights and gives us a border experience that goes back to the 17th century.

We begin in the picturesque little village of Zinse. The 14 km round tour starts by following the **meandering Zinsebach stream (1)**, along by **Rösper Weiher pond (2)** and past the enchanted ponds of the **Schwarzachtal valley (3)**. Here we can see many rare plant and animal species such as kingfishers, grey wagtails and greylag geese. From there, we go right along the border with Heinsberg to **Hermeskopf (4)** (611 m). Walking through idyllic beech forests and along narrow paths, we can also count the boundary stones along the way, which serve as reminders of the old border between Wittgenstein and the Electorate of Cologne Sauerland.

With a detour over **Dreierherrenstein (5)** (673 m) – where the dominions of the Electorate of Westphalia, the County of Nassau-Oranien and the Wittgenstein-Hohenstein princes met – the trail finally leads back to Zinse along the lonely Zinsebachtal valley with its small rock cave, the former settlement of **Fuchshausen (6)**.



Tour tips

Keep your eyes on the edge of the path: Next to the boundary stones that you can count, tasty blueberries shine juicy in July/August.

Good to know

Start: "Am Zinsebach" hiking car park

Getting there: B62, Siegener Straße, in the centre of the village drive up Hachenbergstraße, then along Straße Herrenseifen. The "Am Zinsebach" hiking car park is before the sign at the entrance to Zinse.



Hilchenbach

⌚ 3 hr

▲/▼ 244 m

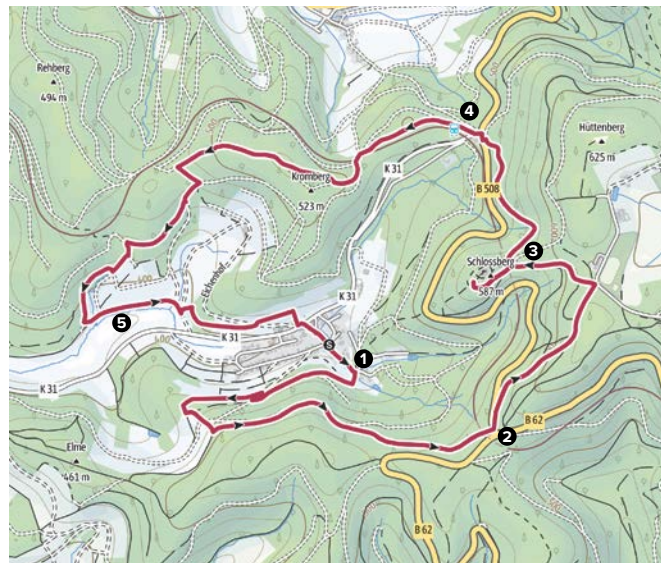
🕒 9.6 km

Fitness level ★★★★★



A circular hike steeped in history with magnificent views and a refreshing finish.

From the Alte Kapellenschule (old chapel school), we walk through the idyllic village centre, past **Jung-Stilling's birthplace (incl. memorial room) (1)** up the hill to the Weidekampen. We enjoy the wonderful view before continuing on slightly ascending forest paths in the direction of **Kronprinzeneiche (2)**. There we cross the road and walk along a medieval trade route to **Ginsburg (3)** (583 m a.s.l.). NN). Here the restored lookout tower offers a wonderful view of Hilchenbach, and the Ginsburgstube café in the adjacent castle kitchen invites you to take a short break. If you fancy a more substantial meal, you can also plan a short detour from here to the Ginsberger Heide restaurant with its adjacent high moor. From Ginsburg, we walk downhill again past **Vormwald Train Station (4)** along Kromberg to the lovely Insbachtal valley. From here, we have another wonderful view of the village of Grund before we slowly descend. Down in the valley, a **water treading pool (5)** awaits us, where our feet can be soothed by the cooling water. It is not far now to the starting point in Grund.



Tour online



Tour tips

Visit the "Jung-Stilling-Stube". It can be viewed on request. The simple instruments with which Jung-Stilling very successfully performed eye operations are particularly worth seeing.

Contact: Heimatverein Grund e.V.

Telephone: +49 176 32095682

Good to know

Start: "Alte Kapellenschule" village community hall in Hilchenbach-Grund. Alternative if getting there by train: Start point Vormwald Train Station/Customs Posts.

Getting there: From Kreuztal: B508 in the direction of Netphen: L728, after 300 m in the direction of Grund: K31.

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Kreuztal

⌚ 4 hr 45 min

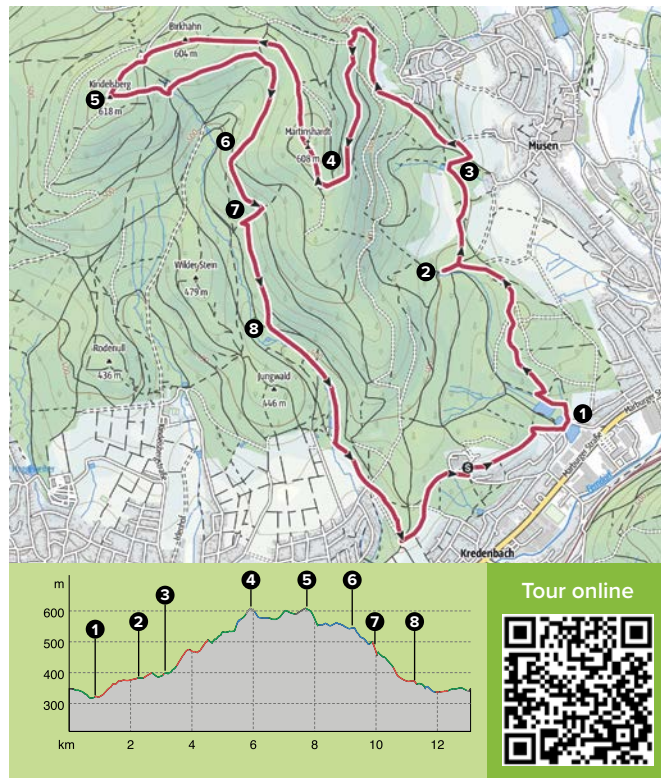
▲ 332 m

🕒 13.1 km Fitness level ★★★★★



The Kindelsberg Trail impressively links great hiking trails with diverse flora and fauna, leads to numerous monuments to mining, crowned with outstanding panoramic views.

Along the Bussard trail, the path starts above Kredenbach and accompanies us into the Loher Tal Nature Reserve. Past the **Loher Weiher pond (1)**, we hike through the Witschenberg quarry. Then along a mound-like deposit to the **Brüche pit (2)**. Along the Hauberg trails, we come to **Brombach Forest Park (3)** via Müssener Weidekampen. The trail continues through a high stand of spruce (Feldmanns Tannen) to the Wilder Mann mine site. Along narrow paths, we go through the Müsen cliffs (Pingenfeld Stahlberger Stock). Gaining further altitude, we climb **Martinshardt (4)**. The downhill Rippenweg offers us a little respite before we climb Birkhahn again to **Kindelsberg car park (5)**. Only a short distance separates us from the serviced lookout tower. Well fortified, we continue along a narrow path to Waldesruh huts. Continuing downhill, we witness the impressive Siegerland mining industry, as from now on the Strumpf, Glücksanfang, Jungermann and Kuhlberg mines accompany us. At **Martinshütte hut (6)** we find the dilapidated entrance tunnel to the **Friedrichshoffnung pit (7)**. Passing **Zitzenbach outdoor swimming pool (8)**, we return through the valley to the starting point.



Tour tips

On Martinshardt, we can sign the summit book under the summit cross. Take a break at "Sonnenberger Rötsche" mountain hut with a picnic table and a view of Kindelsberg.

Good to know

Start: Car park below the Diakonie Klinikum Kredenbach medical centre.

Getting there: B54 to Kreuztal. B508 to Kredenbach.

Public transport: Bus R11 stop Lohe, train RB93 stop Kredenbach.

12 Achenbach Historical Circular Trail



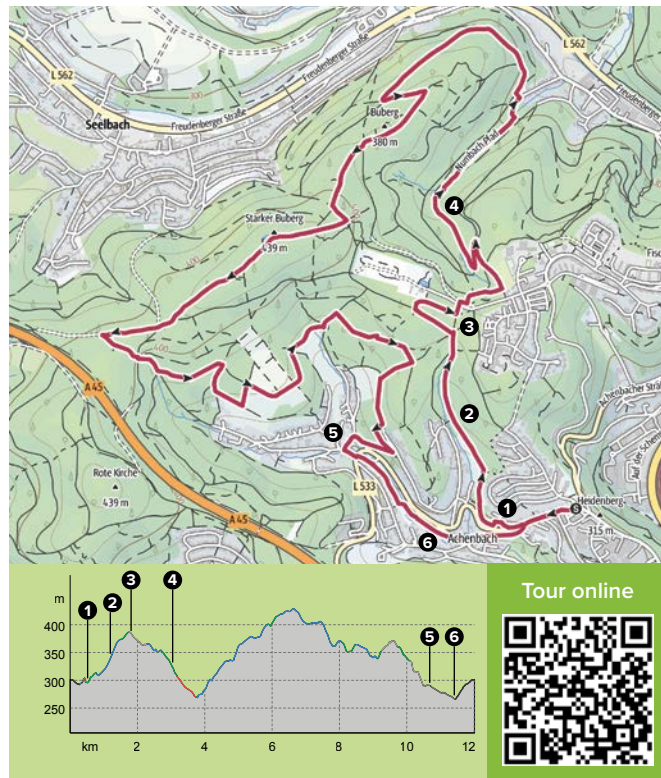
Siegen

⌚ 3 hr 30 min ▲/▼ 321m
 ⏱ 12.3 km Fitness level ★★★★★



The themed circular trail in Achenbach provides impressive insights into regional cultural history - before a varied landscape!

We begin the hike at the memorial to the former Belgian garrison. From there, we walk along Achenbacher Straße, then turn right past the **Friedenskirche (Peace Church) (1)** and come to a **model of a Renn furnace (2)**. We follow the path past the headwaters of the Engsbach with its **many** varieties of orchid and further uphill. At the **SCHÖNUNDGUT experience field (3)**, benches and picnic areas invite us to take a break. We then follow the markings at the edge of the forest and take the path down into the enchanting **Numbachtal nature reserve (4)**, one of the most beautiful valleys in Siegen. We follow the quietly babbling brook through silent natural surroundings into the valley. We then continue up Buberger and across Starke Buberger, which, at 439 metres, is the highest elevation on the trail. The circular route continues past Achenbachquelle and Langenseifenquelle to the **Heimat-haus (local history museum) (5)** and the Old School. The viewpoint invites you to take a seat and linger a while. The circular route continues along a nature trail through the meadow valley, above which the **"Skycube" stilt house (6)** towers. The path finally takes us back to the starting point of the circular route.



Tour tips

There are still numerous traces of the historic Hauberg economy along the trail. In 2017, the Achenbach Historical Circular Trail was the first tour in Germany to be awarded the title of "Quality Trail Wanderbares Deutschland – Cultural Experience"!

Good to know

Start: Hiking sign at the entrance to Achenbach Parking in the Edeka supermarket car park.

Getting there: A45 exit Siegen, in the direction of Siegen: B62. Go left, past Ikea at the edge of the village (Wallhausenstraße). At the roundabout, take the third exit.

Public transport: Bus C112 or C113 stop Heidenberg.

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Wilnsdorf

⌚ 3 hr 30 min

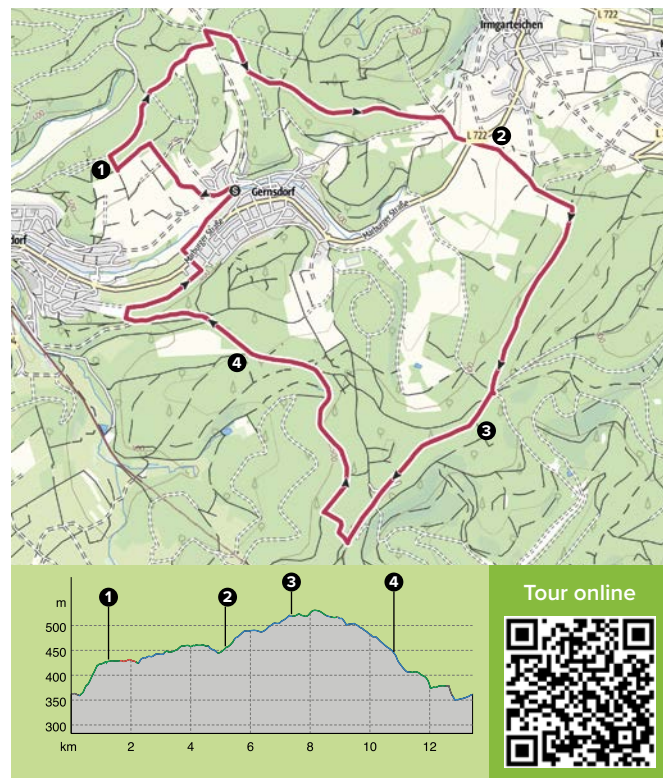
▲ 187 m

🕒 13.4 km Fitness level ★★★★★



A varied landscape and great views with forests and, in particular, idyllic meadow landscapes await us on the Gernsdorfer Höhen Tour, a forest-pasture-meadow hike around the Wilnsdorf district by the same name.

We start from the hiking car park at the starting portal in Gernsdorf. Passing the Drei Eichen country inn, after a little while we turn right and leave the footpath. We continue uphill to the **Asberg viewing point (1)**. From there, the tour first continues towards Helgersdorf before we pass the Jakobsweg (Way of St. James) and immediately leave it in the direction of Gernsdorfer Weidekämpe. After crossing the L722, we walk along the **Gernsdorfer Weidekämpe Nature Reserve (2)**, which is special because of the great variety of grassland types. We continue in the direction of **Gernsbacher Höhe (3)**. After about 6.5 km, we come to the Rothaarsteig. For about 1 km, we walk parallel to the Rothaarsteig Trail "Dill-Berg Tour", before we leave the Rothaarsteig again. After another viewing point, we reach the Jägersborn spring. After a short while, we come to the **Upper Langenbachtal valley (4)**, the second nature reserve on our tour. We then take a path back towards Gernsdorf. Along the Bichelbach stream, we come back to our starting point again after about 13 km.



Tour tips

After the hikes, the restaurateurs look forward to your visit. Light snacks are available from bakeries, butchers and the local grocery shop.

Good to know

Start: Centre of Gernsdorf

Getting there: A45 exit Wilnsdorf, via the L722 through Rudersdorf to Gernsdorf. Parking at the starting gate or at the memorial.

Public transport: Bus R13 stop Gernsdorf Ort.



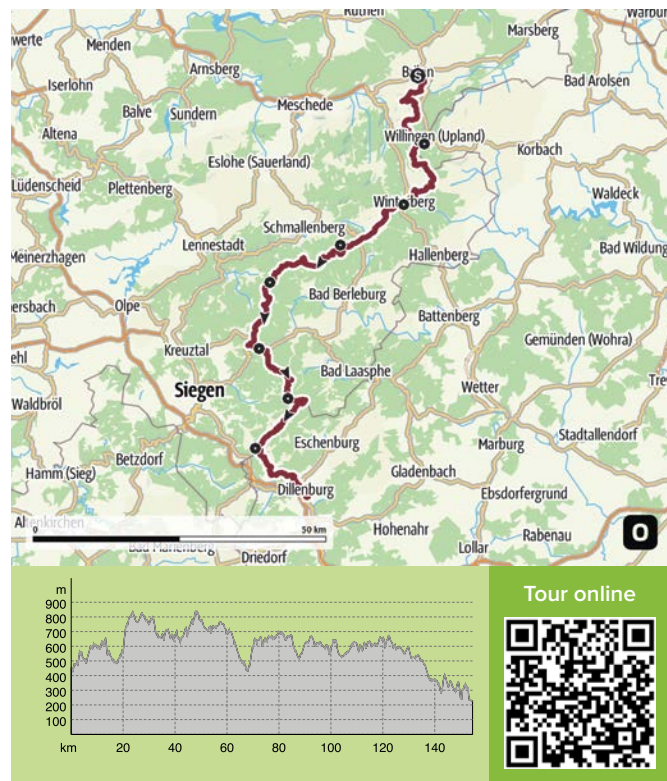
Rothaargebirge ① 8 stages ▲ 3064 m
 ⌚ 154.7km Fitness level ★★★★★



Welcome to the Rothaarsteig, the “Way of the Senses”. In the middle of Germany, it grounds the senses, mind and soul along 154 panoramic kilometres and ensures well-being.

What do we love about hiking? The proximity and idyll of nature, active relaxation, the unmistakable silence, the scent of the seasons, the little wonders along the way, the taste of fresh spring water, the good conversations? Or the feeling of well-being all these sensations provide? Get to know the Rothaarsteig and its hosts. Here, everyone finds a second home. That's a promise!

By the way, the Rothaarsteig is one of the Top Trails of Germany. The "Way of the Senses" runs in a north-south direction over the ridge of the Rothaargebirge. The starting point is Brilon at the north-eastern edge of Sauerland. Over the highest mountain in North Rhine-Westphalia – Langenberg (843m) – the Rothaarsteig leads past the source of the Ruhr to Winterberg and on to Kahler Asten (842m). Here, at the headwaters of the Lenne, the second major river in Sauerland, the Rothaarsteig turns west and runs south of Schmallenberg to the Rhine-Weser Tower. From there, it runs south through the Rothaar foothills to Hilchenbacher Winkel and on to the headwaters of the Lahn, Sieg and Eder above Netphen. Crossing Haincher Höhe, the Rothaarsteig finally heads for its destination, Oranierstadt Dillenburg.



Tour tips

Avail yourself of luggage transport by accommodation providers and make hiking easier.

Good to know

Start: Brilon

Getting there: Car park on Krummestraße. From the north and east via the A 44 and from the south and west via the A 445/A 46.

Public transport: Brilon Stadt Train Station



Lahntal

19 stages
295 km Fitness level ★★★★★



The Lahn Hiking Trail fulfils many hiking dreams. The hiking concept for the Lahn Hiking Trail delivers exactly what it promises: Hiking in the FacettenReich

Cheerful and light-hearted, the Lahn Hiking Trail roams the landscapes of the Lahntal valley and charmingly connects lively villages and their sights. There are many opportunities to relax and unwind along the way. The landscape at the source of the Lahn river and in the Upper Lahntal valley is utterly enchanting. The floodplain landscapes in the middle Lahntal valley offer plenty of range for the eye, and in the lower Lahntal valley the river snakes along towering cliffs in a wildly romantic manner. Along a good 290 kilometres, the Lahn Hiking Trail showcases all the beauty of the river valley and the surrounding uplands with sublime castles and fortresses, lively villages and towns and tranquil forests and meadows. You can even venture up an easy climbing passage. Either way, there are always magnificent views to see. The daily stages start on the banks of the Lahn river and then mostly lead up into the heights and side valleys. So cyclists and hikers don't get in each other's way. The Lahn Hiking Trail passes numerous castles and palaces. Interesting rock formations and vantage points complete this enjoyable hike.



Tour tips

Alternative starting point in Bad Laasphe-Feudingen (train RB 94 right in the village.)

Good to know

Start: Lahnquelle at Netphen (Lahnhof 1, Netphen)

Getting there: A45 exit Siegen, Lahnquelle is on the L722

Public transport: Train RB93, stop Lützel (11 km to the start)



Bad Berleburg

⌚ 7 hr 30 min

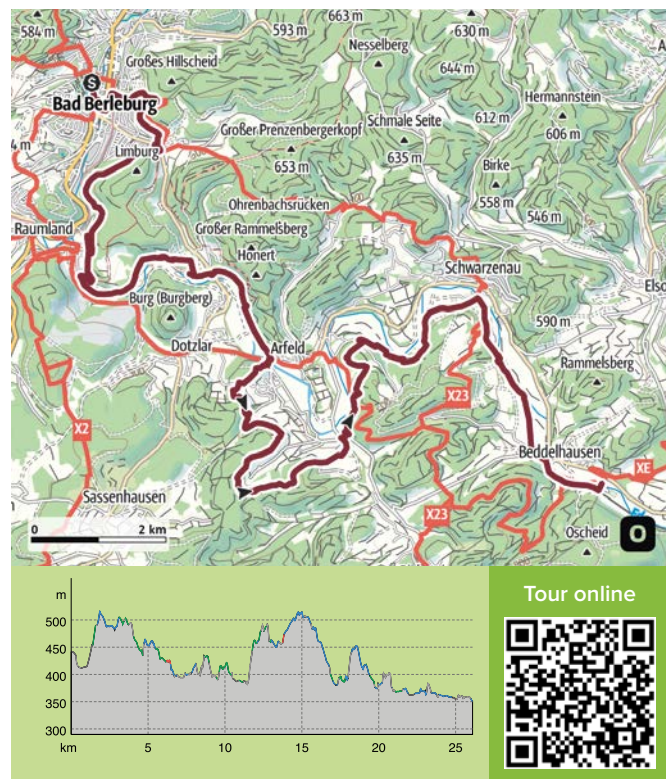
▲ 453 m

🕒 26.1km Fitness level ★★★★★



The Ederhöhen Trail feeder path from Bad Berleburg to Beddelhausen. The trail is marked by a white "E" with a blue swipe on a yellow background.

The Ederhöhen Trail follows the course of the Eder river and not only runs through unique landscapes but also across state borders. Rough paths and impressive rocks, mystical forests and valleys close to rivers. The tour starts at Berleburg Palace, which has been inhabited by the princely family of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg for 750 years. The trail then leads past the nature park information centre with the bison exhibition. From here, it goes up to Bismarck Column, where you have a magnificent view over the town. Trails, forest paths and ruts cut into rock from an old trade route lead us further into the Hörre and Honert nature reserves. Spectacular trails run along steep paths, mighty rock cliffs and through a mystical oak forest to the Eder river. Along the river, we mostly walk along paths or old fire trails, from which fires ignited by the steam locomotive were extinguished in days gone by. We can now see the Eder river more frequently or hear the sound of the water. When we arrive in Beddelhausen, we can take a look at the siliceous slate quarry. The trail continues along the old railway line through beautiful untouched natural surroundings to the Hessian border.



Tour tips

Take a short break in the idyllic Café Hainbach (open from April to October). Overnight accommodation is also available here.

Good to know

Start: Berleburg Palace In Beddelhausen, on the Hessian border, the background colour of the trail symbol changes to black. The route then continues to Edersee lake.

Getting there: Via the B 480 to Bad Berleburg

Public transport: Train RB93 stop Bad Berleburg



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Legend

TOUR DESCRIPTION



Starting point of the tour



Tour route

TOPOGRAPHY



Woods, forest

Residential/commercial area
with a special function

Cemetery



Contour lines



Protected area



Federal state border

ROADS AND PATHWAYS



Federal road



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Main agricultural trail/
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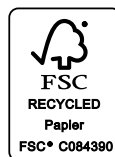
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