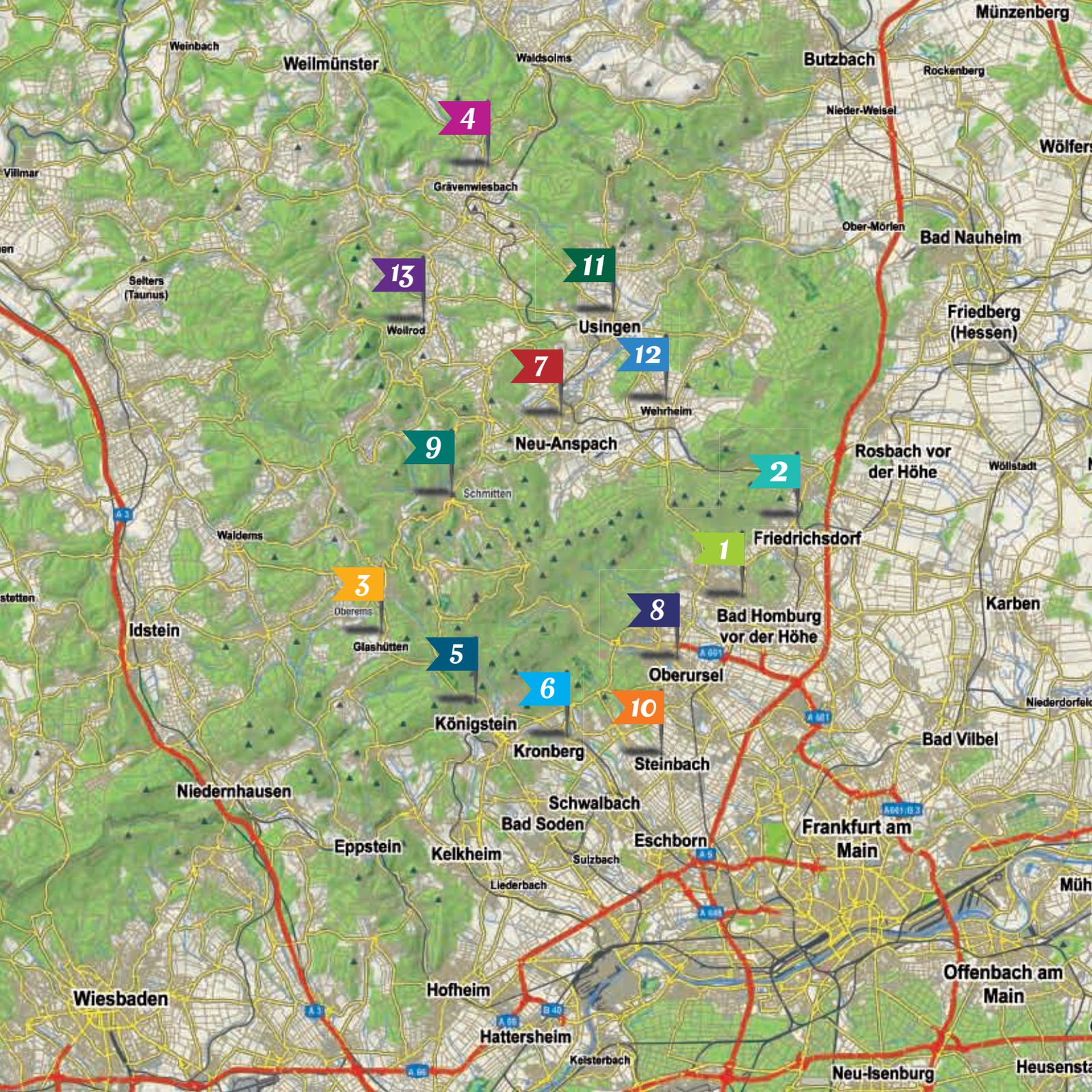




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The best sights.





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Nature rich in history and tales.

The Hochtaunus area is a region unlike anywhere else in Germany. There is no other place where marvellous scenery such as the Naturpark Hochtaunus nature reserve and the Heilklima-Park climatic healing park lies in close proximity to a big city and is so full of great and fascinating history.

The Celtic people inhabited the Hochtaunus in the 5th century B.C., which is when the “Ringwallanlagen” circular walls on the Altkönig (798 metres) and the Gickelsburg (471 metres) originated. During the late Celtic era (2nd to 1st century B.C.), this ancient community populated one of the greatest Celtic settlements in Europe with the Heidetränk-Oppidum near Oberursel.

From the 1st until the 3rd century A.D., the still partially visible Obergermanisch-Raetischer Limes (Upper German-Raetian Limes) formed the outermost border of the Roman Empire along the Taunuskamm – the crest of the Taunus Mountains. In 2005, this 550-kilometre structure was inscribed in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites as an archaeological site. Many fortresses and watchtowers stood along the Limes. There are still ruins and reconstructions, particularly on the Limes Experience Trail, that offer exciting insights into the life and culture of the Romans.

Numerous castles were built in the Hochtaunus in the Middle Ages (6th to 15th century). Some in ruins, some excellently maintained and restored, they still shape the landscape of the area today and bear witness to the diverse stories that took place when they were built and afterwards.

The Homburger Schloss castle was rebuilt in Baroque style by order of Friedrich II of Hessen-Homburg between 1680 and 1685. He also relocated displaced Protestants from France – Huguenots and Waldensians – to the Hochtaunus area. The Huguenots established Friedrichsdorf and named it after him in gratitude.

In 1800, the “Schinderhannes” and his gang of robbers wreaked havoc in the Taunus until he was captured in Wolfenhausen in 1802.

Following the death of her husband, Emperor Friedrich III, Empress Victoria bought a property in Kronberg in 1888 to build Schloss Friedrichsdorf castle as her widow home. At almost the same time, her son, Emperor Wilhelm II, declared the castle in Homburg vor der Höhe his summer residence. From 1897 onwards, he became dedicated to the reconstruction of the Saalburg Roman Fort. It remains the most completely reconstructed Roman Cohort Fort in the world to this day. Even in those days, the imperial family as well as the flourishing spa business gave Homburg a touch of glamour and thus it became a world-renowned therapeutic spa location at the turn of the century. As a result of this, the town, which is now the administrative seat of the Hochtaunus district, bears the name “Bad Homburg”.

As well as vast and beautiful nature, the Hochtounus offers an impressive and diverse history that gives each place its own unique character.



The Hochtaunus. The height.

In the past, the Taunus was simply called “die Höhe” (the height) in the surrounding lowlands. This was accompanied by a huge amount of respect, as the journey up through the wild nature was exhausting and dangerous. Nowadays, the danger is gone - you will only be faced with exciting adventures, fresh air, lots of culture and various offers for your relaxation. And getting up here is so easy, it's hardly worth a mention anymore – you can take the U-Bahn underground train, for example, which travels directly from the centre of Frankfurt to the Hohemark in Oberursel. Located directly along the edge of the forest, you will find the Taunus Information Centre with a large tourist office here. The team is happy to offer plenty of tips and great recommendations to make your stay as pleasant and relaxing as possible. If you have any questions or require detailed information, please give the friendly team a call: + 49 61 71 5 07 80. Or you can obtain information directly in the various Hochtaunus towns in the corresponding information centres listed in this brochure.

1 **Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe**

Enter an entirely different world within 15 minutes. That's how long it takes to travel from the Frankfurt city centre to Bad Homburg by car or by S-Bahn, the regional train. The administrative seat of the Hochtaunus region and charming spa resort unites cultivated traditions and the spirit of modern times. Here, you will meet upon reminders of the formerly aristocratic spa and experience premium cultural events as well as exclusive celebrations. You can tastefully spend your time in numerous restaurants, street cafés and bars. Shop in style in the Louisenstrasse and its picturesque side streets. Invigorate your body, mind and soul in the many baths and wellness temples or by strolling through the beautifully kept parks.

Tourist-Info + Service Stadt Bad Homburg
Louisenstraße 56 (Kurhaus)
61348 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Phone (o 61 72) 1 78 37 10 or (o 61 72) 1 78 37 11
www.bad-homburg-tourismus.de

LANDGRÄFLICHES SCHLOSS **LANDGRAVE CASTLE**

This castle contains architectural constructions dating back to the 17th, 18th and 19th century. It is the former residence of the Landgraves of Hesse-Homburg and has a beautiful vast park. The most famous Landgrave of them all was Friedrich II with his silver leg, who provided the inspiration for Heinrich von Kleist's drama "The Prince of Homburg". The German Emperor Friedrich III stayed here frequently with his wife Victoria and their son. And when Victoria settled into her widow's residence in Schloss Friedrichshof in Kronberg, her son, Emperor Wilhelm II, started to use the Landgräfliches Schloss as a summer home for himself and his family. As you can see, you will not be the first to feel comfortable here when you visit. Special highlights include the landmark of Bad Homburg, the "White Tower", built in the shape of a butter churn, and the Schlosspark as part of the Landgravian garden landscape, which once extended to the foot of the Taunus hills.

Landgräfliches Schloss
61348 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Phone (o 61 72) 9 26 21 48
www.schloesser-hessen.de





RÖMERKASTELL SAALBURG THE SAALBURG ROMAN FORT



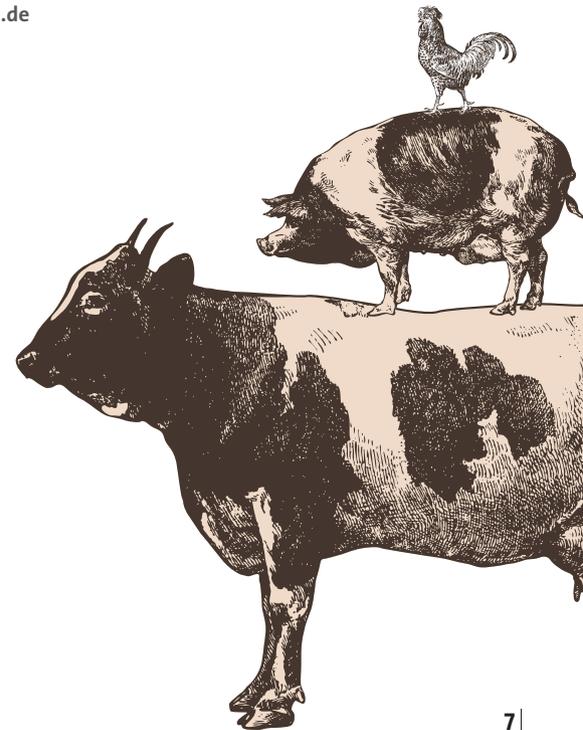
The Saalburg is located on the Limes, which stretches approximately 550 kilometres. It is the largest archaeological monument that is partially still well maintained in Europe and is included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. The Romans built this gigantic fort as a border between their Empire and the Germanic tribal areas. The part of the Limes that is in the best condition and was reconstructed leads us along the Taunus mountain range through great history and magnificent nature. The Saalburg is an absolute highlight as the only reconstructed Roman Fort in the world. You can take a tour to gain interesting insights into the Roman history, culture and lifestyle. The fort is also used as an elegant location for private events and family celebrations.

Römerkastell Saalburg
Archäologischer Park
Saalburg 1
61350 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Phone (0 61 75) 93 74-0
www.saalburgmuseum.de

LERNBAUERNHOF RHEIN-MAIN RHINE-MAIN EDUCATIONAL FARM

Rumour has it that there are children who don't know that milk comes from cows. Once they have visited the Rhine-Main educational farm, this will no longer be the case. Children and teenagers get to know farm animals like pigs, chickens and cows here and learn about modern farming techniques as well as traditional cultivation methods such as orchard meadows. There is a demonstration and project area in the direct vicinity of the farm where the differences between the individual cultivation types can be demonstrated to visitors. Eager and inquisitive little helpers are always welcome. However, adults can also learn and experience a lot here. A special educational trail presents interesting information about the work of a farmer and the relationships between different farming production methods as well as providing insights about today's agricultural industry in the Rhine-Main area.

Lernbauernhof Rhein-Main
Bienäcker 4
61352 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Phone (0 61 72) 4 22 08
www.lernbauernhof-rhein-main.de





KURPARK MIT KAISER-WILHELMS-BAD SPA PARK WITH THE KAISER WILHELM THERMAL BATHS

Take a seat on a bench in the Kurpark of Bad Homburg for just one moment and you may forget which century you are in. In 1854, the prevalent garden designer in those days, Peter Josef Lenné, created the visual focus of the garden with impressive perspectives, elegant meandering paths and a small lake with many bays. Today, the green space spanning 44 hectares is one of the largest and most beautiful parks in Germany. The Kurpark is accessible to everyone at all times and the historic Kaiser Wilhelm thermal baths are harmoniously integrated in the beautiful surroundings. At the sight of this building, any remaining feeling for modern times is sure to disappear. And just like in the olden days, you can enjoy the elaborate wellness and therapeutic offers of the Kur Royal Day Spa – with a modern touch and every conceivable technological refinement.

Kaiser-Wilhelms-Bad und Kurpark
61348 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Phone (0 61 72) 1 78 37-10
www.bad-homburg-tourismus.de

SPIELBANK BAD HOMBURG BAD HOMBURG CASINO

The Casino of Bad Homburg is also referred to as the “Mother of Monte Carlo” as its founders, the Blanc brothers, relocated to Monte Carlo in 1850 to open a new casino there following the imperial gambling prohibition. The Casino of Bad Homburg is located on the Brunnenallee in the heart of the wonderfully traditional Kurpark, directly next to the Kaiser Wilhelm thermal baths. A visit is always worthwhile, even if it may be accompanied by a small loss. Luckily, not everyone suffers like the gambler Fjodor Dostojewski, who wrote the following about Bad Homburg and his addiction to gambling: “one could live here – if it wasn’t for the damned roulette.”

Spielbank Bad Homburg
Kisseleffstraße 35/Im Kurpark
61348 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Phone (0 61 72) 17 01-0
www.casino-bad-homburg.de

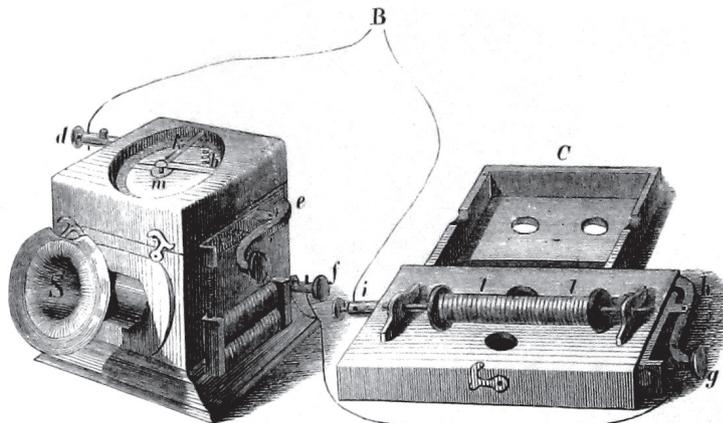


2 Friedrichsdorf

As a former “Colonie Française”, Friedrichsdorf has a special flair. In 1687, 35 French protestant families settled here and significantly influenced the further development of the town. You will find traces of this Huguenot heritage everywhere you go: typical historical farmsteads stand side by side along the Huguenottenstrasse. Originally restored half-timbered houses and picturesque corners shape the town centres of all four Friedrichsdorf districts. And if you enjoy spending time out in the nature, the excellent biking and hiking trails offer many options.

The most famous resident of Friedrichsdorf was Philipp Reis, who managed to establish a transmission of voice communication in 1861. He called his invention a “telephone” and provided the basis for something that now plays an important part in the lives of people almost everywhere in the world.

Stadt Friedrichsdorf
Sport- und Kulturamt
Huguenottenstraße 55
61381 Friedrichsdorf
Phone (0 61 72) 73 12 96
www.friedrichsdorf.de



Das Telephon.

HUGENOTTENMUSEUM HUGUENOT MUSEUM

In 1685, 200,000 of the 800,000 Protestants living in France fled their home country. Landgrave Friedrich II invited them to settle in the Landgraviate of Hessen-Homburg – supposedly with the words “I would rather sell my silverware than to deny these poor people”. The Huguenot people established the town of Friedrichsdorf and named it after him in gratitude. They brought along skills in textile manufacturing, which laid the foundation for rapid economic growth. At first, they produced linen and fine linen. From the 18th century onwards, they also made socks and finally flannel. This economic blossoming was honoured with the granting of municipal rights in 1771. In the Huguenottenmuseum, you will find out lots of interesting information about the development of the textile trade in Friedrichsdorf during this time.

Huguenottenmuseum im Philipp-Reis-Haus
Huguenottenstraße 93
61381 Friedrichsdorf
Phone (0 60 07) 91 86 28
www.friedrichsdorf.de



KLETTERWALD HIGH ROPES COURSE

One of the biggest physical and mental challenges of the Taunus awaits you in the Kletterwald Taunus: the highest forest ropes course in Germany with the two longest rope slides in Hessen. For an unforgettable experience full of adventure, climbing and nature amidst the imposing scenery of the forest. Adrenalin, experiencing your limits, fun, team spirit, overcoming your personal fears... that's what it's all about between the treetops of the mighty beeches in the Hardtwald forest. Everyday life is quickly forgotten here. Suitable for children and adults alike. For families, companies and clubs. For beginners as well as experienced climbers.

Kletterwald Taunus
Landwehrstraße 7
61381 Friedrichsdorf-Seulberg
Phone (0 61 72) 98 12 90
www.kletterwald-taunus.de



Between dense forests at the foot of the Kleiner (small) and Großer (large) Feldberg mountain, in the middle of untouched nature and directly on the border of the unique Heilklima-Park Hochtaunus climatic healing park. That's where you will find the small, enchanting town of Glashütten. In addition to the Evangelical church with a modular design, the archaeological sites of Medieval Glashütten, the old tower stump as a lonely testimony to an old fortification complex of years gone by and the historic village well in the Oberems district, there is one great thing to experience: nature.

Glashütten is the ideal starting point for active tours through the Taunus. In the wintertime, it often turns into a white fantasy world with marked cross-country skiing trails. You can go hiking all year round, although, of course, the scenery is at its most beautiful in spring and autumn. The idyllic surroundings of the fishing club and the beautiful public outdoor swimming pool are extremely inviting if you wish to fill your precious free time with unique experiences, as is the amateur flyer club with its two-seater gliders that you can take a seat in. And last but not least, the famous Limes Experience Trail begins in Glashütten.

Gemeinde Glashütten
Schlossborner Weg 2
61479 Glashütten
Phone (0 61 74) 29 20
www.gemeinde-glashuetten.de

LIMESERLEBNISPFAD LIMES EXPERIENCE TRAIL

From 100 A.D. onwards, the Romans developed their culture in the Taunus for 160 years. They were protected from the free parts of Germania by an impressive border fortification, the Obergermanisch-Raetischer Limes (Upper German-Raetian Limes). As the longest archaeological monument in Europe, it is listed amongst the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It spans a total of 550 kilometres and can be travelled completely on foot or by bicycle from Regensburg to Bad Hönning. The most beautifully maintained and reconstructed part, however, leads through the deep forests of the Taunus along its mountain range and is called the Limes Experience Trail. Starting in Glashütten, this trail runs through 30 kilometres of great history and magnificent landscapes to Ober-Mörlen. About halfway lies the Saalburg, the only reconstructed Roman Fort in the world. Further important Roman monuments along the way include four small forts as well as the larger forts "Kleiner Feldberg" and "Kapersburg" – not to mention the many watchtowers. Sometimes hidden, sometimes more visible, the Limes wall and remnants of it accompany you on your journey.



There is a wonderful way to escape the fast pace and noise of the big city: Grävenwiesbach. Leave the sound of cars, building sites and loudspeakers far behind you and enjoy the rustling of leaves, grass and branches. The air still bears the scent of the forest and meadows here and your watch will suddenly seem to tick more slowly. In the midst of the Naturpark Hochtaunus nature reserve, you will find yourself in a community that consists of six unique centres with an original and rural character. Well-signposted hiking trails invite you to go on short walks or long excursions to discover the beautiful countryside and soak up the tranquillity, which has become so rare and precious these days. Visible from afar, the Baroque church is the landmark of Grävenwiesbach.

Gemeinde Grävenwiesbach
Bahnhofsweg 2 A
61279 Grävenwiesbach
Phone (0 60 86) 9 61 10
www.graevenwiesbach.de

IMKEREI SCHIESSER BEEKEEPING FARM

City children in particular can dive into a completely new world here. There are about 8 million busy bees in 130 colonies that produce delicious honey in the varieties fruit blossom, rapeseed, summer blossom, sweet chestnut, forest, linden and acacia to look and marvel at. Beekeeper Heinz Schiesser ensures a gentle processing of the natural product from the Taunus. However, the Schiesser Beekeeping Farm doesn't "only" offer honey and related products, it also provides experiences of a totally different kind: the programme includes guided beekeeper hikes and an educational bee theatre, which is often performed for larger groups.

Imkerei Schießler
Bachstraße 3
61279 Grävenwiesbach
Phone (0 60 86) 13 53



PÄDAGOGISCHER SEILGARTEN EDUCATIONAL HIGH ROPE GARDEN

Larger and smaller groups of participants aged between 11 and 80 can experience the extraordinary. In the middle of the woods, there is a high rope garden where the visitor is intensively confronted with his or herself – for example, at the height of 16 metres on the 35 metre long Burma Bridge, which is unique in Hessen. There is a low rope garden closer to the ground where it's all about working together as a team. Experienced instructors are there to guide you. However, prior registration by telephone is required.

Hochseilgarten Grävenwiesbach
Hasselborner Straße 20
61279 Grävenwiesbach
Phone (0 60 86) 5 20



Königstein is located high above the rooftops of Frankfurt in the Taunus area, yet something still manages to rise above it: Burg Königstein, one of the largest castle ruins in Germany – and the landmark of the town.

As a climatic spa resort, Königstein offers several ways to access the unique Heilklima-Park Hochtaunus climatic healing park by means of a hiking trail network with a total length of over 180 kilometres that have been measured via performance physiology. Health and relaxation are of major importance in Königstein. With numerous wellness and spa offers as well as six excellent clinics, even celebrities have been known to come here to restore their energy. The Falkenstein district in Königstein is also a climatic healing spa resort – this double health resort nomination is unique in Germany.

Take a walk through the picturesque old town and you will discover enchanting alleys, cosy restaurants and cafés as well as a large variety of shopping facilities. Every summer, the venerable walls of the Königstein castle ruin turn into a spectacular setting and cultural meeting point. Theatrical plays and concerts are performed and numerous celebrations are held – most notably the famous Königsteiner Burgfest.

All of this also makes Königstein a popular place for business travellers, who will appreciate the excellent traffic infrastructure and modern conference centres as well as the high recreational value.

Kur- und Stadtinformation Königstein
Hauptstraße 13 A
61462 Königstein im Taunus
Phone (0 61 74) 20 22 51
www.koenigstein.de



BURG KÖNIGSTEIN CASTLE RUINS

As legend has it, a holy virgin appeared on what is now the castle mountain of Königstein, so a castle was built on that very spot with a chapel in the valley. In reality, the castle presumably dates back to the 12th century and was built on the important trade route between Frankfurt and Köln to secure the territory north of Frankfurt. Various owners extended and converted the castle. At the end of the 18th century, it served as both a state fortress and prison; supporters of the French Revolution were also held in custody here. During the Revolutionary Wars, a major part of the town burnt down in 1792. The castle was also bombarded and was blown up by the French troops in 1796 – probably unintentionally. The ruins are amongst the largest in Germany and are always worth a visit – especially to enjoy the famous Königsteiner Burgfest, which takes place here every summer.

Burgruine Königstein

Burgweg

61462 Königstein im Taunus

Phone (0 61 74) 20 22 64

www.koenigstein.de

KURBAD KURBAD SPA

At the Kurbad Königstein spa, you can enjoy the indoor pool with a water temperature of 29 degrees and a 32 degree panorama outdoor pool. A whirlpool, jet stream, neck showers, massage nozzles, floor air bubbles and Jacuzzi lounges offer plenty of choice and targeted relaxation. The mirrored indoor ceiling turns swimming the backstroke into a visual experience. And from the sun terraces and the generous resting area, you have a wonderful view of the Burg Königstein castle ruins and the rest of the Taunus. Vitalising massages, reflexology foot massages and cosmetic treatments can be booked upon demand. There is also a tanning bed centre and a restaurant.

Kurbad Königstein
Le-Cannet-Rocheville-Straße 1
61462 Königstein im Taunus
Phone (0 61 74) 92 65-0
www.kurbad-koenigstein.de



HAUS DER BEGEGNUNG HOUSE OF ENCOUNTERS

In the Haus der Begegnung Königstein (HdB) – The House of Encounters – located in the centre of Königstein, a unique venue with the extraordinary architecture of the 1950's awaits you. The house was elaborately renovated for two years and reopened in March 2012. Moreover, the town of Königstein received a Green Building Award for the restoration concept. The interior design and room structure of the house is particularly attractive for unusual event ideas and appeals to those looking to turn their event into a special occasion without foregoing the professionalism and functionality of a modern conference centre. The large, light hall with its stage and excellent acoustics is the heart of the HdB. Many of the concerts and events take place here. In addition, there are three other large event rooms, a spacious foyer and further meeting rooms. Furthermore, Königstein offers an excellent traffic infrastructure.

Haus der Begegnung
Bischof-Kaller-Straße 3
61462 Königstein im Taunus
Phone (0 61 74) 30 61
www.hdb-koenigstein.de



Kronberg has a unique flair, which can largely be attributed to Victoria Princess of Great Britain and Ireland - also named Empress Friedrich following the death of her husband, the German Emperor Friedrich III. At the turn of the century, she spent the last decade of her life as a widow in Kronberg and demonstrated excellent taste and great elegance during her time there. For example, she had her widow's residence, Schloss Friedrichshof – now the Schlosshotel Kronberg - constructed in the English Tudor style.

Even today, the entire character of Kronberg is still noticeably marked by the influence of Empress Friedrich: old town alleys, half-timbered houses, town mansions, marvellous summer residences and spacious parks with impressive trees designed by architects famous in those days. A truly imperial town. Kronberg's overall attractiveness is also the reason why one of the first artists' colonies in Germany was established there in 1858. Particularly in the time of the Naturalists, many students of the Städelschen Kunstinstituts Frankfurt institute of art were drawn to the Taunus town to concentrate on their creative work in inspiring surroundings. Empress Friedrich was also passionate about painting and maintained close contacts with the colony.

Stadt Kronberg im Taunus
Bürgerbüro
Berliner Platz 3–5
61476 Kronberg im Taunus
Phone (0 61 73) 70 30
www.kronberg.de

As you stroll through town, you will experience a deep sense of history with every step you take. Discover attractive and exclusive shopping facilities in modern shops that harmoniously blend into the historical surroundings. Thanks to the excellent traffic infrastructure, you can also reach this beautiful town quickly and easily from Frankfurt.

Popular meeting points for families include the Partnerschaftsbrunnen well on the Berliner Platz, the Kronberg Forest Swimming Pool and the large Victoriapark with playgrounds, enchanting and romantic corners as well as a stage in the park. An extensive network of safe cycling paths leads into the surrounding areas or past the Kronthal Water Springs rapidly towards the Rhine-Main metropolis.

Schlosshotel Kronberg – the imperial Grand Hotel in the Taunus

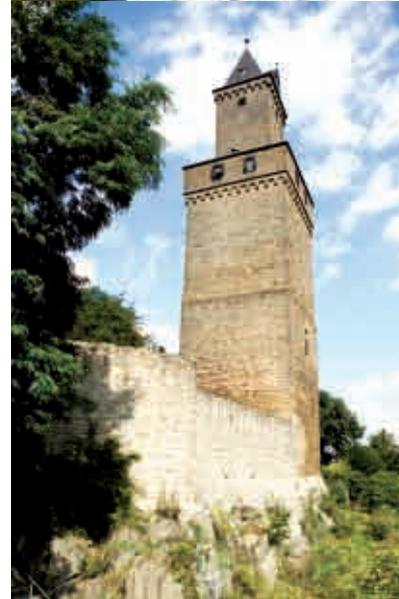


BURG KRONBERG KRONBERG FORTRESS

The fortress is the landmark of Kronberg and a popular place for excursions. Its keep and walls can be seen from afar. Take the small, bumpy alleys to get to the top, where a fantastic view of the Taunus and the Rhine-Main complex awaits you. The upper castle with the additional keep was built around the second half of the 12th century. In 1892, Emperor Wilhelm II gave the dilapidated fortress belonging to the State of Prussia to his mother, Victoria Empress Friedrich, who made sure that it was restored and extended in keeping with the original. The fortress has been continuously maintained with great care to this day and is therefore in an excellent condition.

In 1911, the most recent construction, the so-called Prinzenturm prince's tower, was added. That same year, the fortress became accessible to the public as a museum and it has lost none of its appeal since then. Numerous events, celebrations and markets take place in the Kronberg Fortress.

Burg Kronberg
Schlossstraße 10–12
61476 Kronberg im Taunus
Phone (0 61 73) 77 88
www.burgkronberg.de



OPEL-ZOO

The Opel-Zoo is located just outside of Kronberg. Over 1,400 animals from more than 200 species live in this unique outdoor enclosure with a total area of 27 hectares. These include exotic animals such as African elephants (the only ones in Hessen), giraffes, wildebeests, cheetahs, hippos, brown hyenas, red pandas and many more. Since it is located in the middle of nature, the Opel-Zoo is ideal for beautiful walks that lead you past the enclosures and vantage points through woods and meadows. Children can experience animals up close in the petting zoo with a hatchery or by going on a pony or camel ride. The large adventure playgrounds with a climbing forest, slides and lots of other playing equipment as well as nature trails, some with interactive stations, are sure to turn your day at the Opel-Zoo into an unforgettable and valuable educational experience.

Opel-Zoo

Georg von Opel – Freigehege für Tierforschung

Königsteiner Straße 35

61476 Kronberg im Taunus

Phone (0 61 73) 32 59 03 0

www.opel-zoo.de



So close to the big city. Yet so remote in the peaceful countryside. Just a 30 minute drive from Frankfurt and easy to access with public transport, Neu-Anspach is located amidst dense woods and hills. It is the ideal starting point for exploring the beautiful Usinger Land by bicycle or on foot with some sturdy hiking boots. Numerous hosts with cosy accommodation and diverse culinary delights are looking forward to your visit.

Stadt Neu-Anspach
Bahnhofstraße 26–28
61267 Neu-Anspach
Phone (0 60 81) 10 25 0
www.neu-anspach.de



Market place in the Freilichtmuseum
Hessenpark open-air museum

PFERDESPORT WINTERMÜHLE EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

At the Wintermühle, it's all about horses and equestrian sports. No matter whether you are a beginner, returning to riding or experienced, the riding school at the Wintermühle offers children and adults numerous possibilities to experience the delights of horseback riding. The team offers lessons in six languages. You can enjoy a delicious meal in a cosy atmosphere at the restaurant "Zur Wintermühle". And last but not least, there is also a shop for equestrian supplies.

Pferdesport Wintermühle
Stahnhainer Mühlen 10
61267 Neu-Anspach
Phone (0 60 81) 96 18 75
www.pferdehandel.de



FREILICHTMUSEUM HESSENPAK **OPEN-AIR MUSEUM**

Immerse yourself in the world as it was in the olden days at the Freilichtmuseum Hessenpark open-air museum. Comprehensive insights on more than 400 years of rural life in Hessen await you here. You can personally experience how people lived and worked in former times on an open-space surface area of 60 hectares and in over 100 original buildings. In addition to numerous presentations of handicrafts and agriculture, there are many exhibitions, colourful markets, museum theatre and costume performances as well as a wide variety of events. In the market square of the museum, originally furnished shops are operated in accordance with their historic examples: from the bakery to the cheese shop to the market store. The open-air museum has two restaurants where you can enjoy traditional or fine Hessian cuisine to complement your visit. Or you can simply stay there and spend the night at the romantic country hotel "Zum Hessenpark".

Freilichtmuseum Hessenpark
Laubweg 5
61267 Neu-Anspach
Phone (0 60 81) 58 80
www.hessenpark.de



Oberursel is the gateway to the Taunus. The breathtaking nature begins directly on the outskirts of the town and provides the starting point for tours that lead to the Große Feldberg mountain at 881 metres above sea level. However, Oberursel itself also has a lot to offer. From the tower of the St. Ursula church, the landmark of the town, you can look down onto the lovingly restored old town. Charming half-timbered houses, fairytale-like alleys and numerous wells create a unique flair. The historical town hall and the Vortaunus Museum define the image of the market place. The tour of the city centre – the “Innenstadtrundgang” – and the hiking trail to the former mill sites – the “Mühlenwanderweg” - give you an understanding of the over 1,200 year old settlement history of the town.

Culture, sports and leisure characterise modern-day Oberursel, the second largest town in the Hochtaunus. The Hessentag took place here in 2011. Every year, the “Theater im Park” festival offers exciting and interesting plays on an open-air stage. In the summertime, thousands of people come together to celebrate the Brunnenfest festival of wells while the biennial Chopin Intermusicale conveys the highly cultural spirit of the town.

Browse the many shops in Oberursel in peace and forget the pressures of hectic everyday life. And afterwards, the restaurants of Oberursel offer something to suit every taste – no matter whether you are looking for traditional Hessen cuisine or international specialties, live concerts or subtle background music.

Stadt Oberursel (Taunus)
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www.oberursel.info



FORELLENGUT HERZBERGER HERZBERGER TROUT FARM

A restaurant and fish farm is located directly on the edge of the forest at the foothills of the Taunus. For over 100 years, this idyllic place with its shaded garden and the rustic, cosy restaurant has been a popular destination for those who like to combine an outing in the countryside with a delicious snack next to fishponds. Surrounding the trout farm, there are many paths and lanes that invite you to take a walk in the forest.

Forellengut Herzberger
Forellengut 1
61440 Oberursel (Taunus)-Oberstedten
Phone (o 61 72) 3 51 19
www.forellengut-herzberger.de



TAUNUS-INFORMATIONSZENTRUM TAUNUS INFORMATION CENTRE

The Information Centre (TIZ) in Oberursel at the Hohemark is a traditional meeting and starting point for tours in the Taunus. There are plenty of parking spaces and the U-Bahn U3 underground train, which comes from the Frankfurt city centre, ends here. This is where many of the hiking and cycling trails begin. Before you head off, a visit to the Information Centre itself is well worthwhile: the team at the tourist information desk has an abundance of great tips and is happy to help you plan a memorable visit to the Taunus. Rent a pedelec – a bicycle with electrical support – at the bicycle hire and experience the beautiful and historical routes of the Taunus with ease. Enjoy regional dishes and drinks in the Restaurant Waldtraut. There is also a hands-on exhibition where you can get to know special aspects of the landscapes and natural habitats in the Naturpark Hochtaunus nature reserve in an original way. And the climbing wall on the outside of the building is ideal for letting beginners get a taste for climbing.



Taunus-Informationszentrum
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61440 Oberursel (Taunus)
Phone (0 61 71) 5 07 80
www.taunus.info

Opening hours:
May – October:
Tues. – Fr.: 10 – 16 o'clock, Sat./Sun.: 10 – 18 o'clock
October – May:
Tues. – Fr.: 10 – 15 o'clock, Sat./Sun.: 10 – 16 o'clock



KELTENRUNDWANDERWEG CIRCULAR CELTIC TRAIL

When you go hiking in the Taunus, you are usually walking along historical paths. This is particularly true of this circular route, which begins at the Hohemark in Oberursel. It leads along the Heidetränk creek over the "Goldgrube" ridge and gives you an impression of the development of the largest prehistoric monument on Hessian grounds. In the last centuries before Christ, a significant Celtic settlement was located here. Surrounded by a wall that can still be seen today, this was the first big town in what is now the Rhine-Main area. The trail can be tackled in two hours and takes you past the most important parts of the former Celtic town. A stylised Celtic head marks the path and a total of 16 notice boards in German, English and French provide information about the still visible remnants of the former Celtic settlement.

Keltenrundwanderweg
Am Taunus-Informationszentrum
Hohemarkstraße 192
61440 Oberursel (Taunus)
Phone (0 61 71) 50 22 32
www.oberursel.de/tourismus



VORTAUNUSMUSEUM LOCAL MUSEUM

In a building from the 18th century, the Vortaunusmuseum was established on the market square in the old town of Oberursel in 1987. Early evidence of the first settlement in the region as well as exhibits from industrial and trade businesses illustrate the history of the town. In addition to findings from the Stone Age and the Bronze Age, there are numerous pieces of the circular walls, the "Ringwallanlagen" in the Hochtaunus, which are also proof of the first settlements. Architectural remains and parts of the inventory of the moated castle destroyed in 1382 provide an insight into medieval life in a castle. In the department dedicated to letterpress printing, mainly materials from the Reformation Period that were published in Oberursel by the Ursellis Press are displayed.

Vortaunusmuseum
Marktplatz 1
61440 Oberursel (Taunus)
Phone (0 61 71) 58 14 34
www.vortaunusmuseum.de



The highest community in the Taunus is located on the slopes of the Großer Feldberg and benefits from the fall winds that blow across the mountain into the valleys. That's why "breathe in and enjoy" could be the motto of the Heilklima-Park Hochtaunus climatic healing park. It covers an area of 20 km² and its highest point is, of course, the Große Feldberg. As early as the 19th century, the first travellers and people in search of relaxation came to Schmitten. Hiking trails and shelters as well as Feldberg festivals made the area famous. Nowadays, Schmitten is a popular destination for day trips. Well-marked paths, stunning views of the Taunus countryside and a myriad of leisure activities are sure to make your time here unforgettable. And long walks are the most fun when autumn turns the leaves into a colourful spectacle, or when winter settles in the Taunus. And in case you get hungry or thirsty, there are lots of cafés and restaurants in Schmitten where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful Taunus panorama.

Tourismus- und Kulturverein Schmitten e. V.
Gemeinde Schmitten
Parkstraße 2
61389 Schmitten im Taunus
Phone (0 60 84) 46 23
www.schmitten.de

AUSSICHTSTURM „PFERDSKOPF“ **“PFERDSKOPF“ OBSERVATION TOWER**

At the highest point of the "Pferdskopf" (horse's head hill) stands an observation tower with an open half-timbered construction just waiting to be climbed. When you reach the top, you will be rewarded for your efforts with a breathtaking 180° view of the region and beyond. The Treisberg hillside itself is extremely inviting for summer walks and in the winter, there are even two ski lifts in operation. Located right there in the Hunoldstaler Strasse 16, the charming Café Sachs welcomes visitors with a sweet tooth, who can enjoy delicious homemade cakes as well as panoramic views across the Taunus and into the Westerwald. The café is open from Wednesday to Monday between 11:30 and 19:00 o'clock.

Aussichtsturm „Pferdskopf“
61389 Schmitten-Treisberg



GROSSER FELDBERG MIT FALKENHOF LARGE FELDBERG WITH THE FALCONRY

The geographical highlight of the Taunus: the Große Feldberg with a height of 881 metres is just as visible from afar as the beautiful views of the world it offers in good weather conditions. The upper part of the Feldberg is unwooded, which makes it such a popular destination for excursions. Hikers, cyclists and motorbike riders like to stop at the Restaurant Feldberghof, which is also located here. On the northern edge of the plateau on the summit, the Brunhildisfelseln rock made of quartzite offers an easy-to-climb vantage point. The Feldberg can also boast a falconry. Birds of prey such as falcons, eagles, buzzards, vultures, owls and codgers live here: the falconry is happy to share lots of interesting facts about the biology, behaviour and habitats of these fascinating animals with you. The topic of "hawking", i.e. hunting with birds of prey, doesn't fall short here either. Depending on the weather, you can watch the animals in free flight from 2 p.m. onwards.

Großer Feldberg
61389 Schmitten im Taunus
www.schmittende.de



TAUNATOURS

Do you feel like some action and excitement? Then Taunatours with its high rope gardens and climbing walls is just the right place for you. Both indoors and outdoors, emotional and intense experiences are guaranteed. Suitable for adults and children, experienced climbers and beginners alike. And, of course, always perfectly secured by experienced trainers.

Taunatours
Königsteiner Straße 13
61389 Schmitten-Oberreifenberg
Phone (0 60 82) 92 41-0
www.tauna-tours.de



We find ourselves in the year 1866. The entire Vordertaunus (the part of the Taunus closest to Frankfurt) is under Prussian occupation... the entire Vordertaunus? No! One community still belongs to the Grand Duchy of Hessen as an exclave – and then, following the establishment of the Weimar Republic, to the State of Hessen: Steinbach. The town is officially mentioned for the first time in the year 789 and thus belongs to the oldest communities in the front Taunus area. Steinbach was granted town status in 1972, by which time more and more people had settled here. And it remains a popular place to live close to nature for those who work in Frankfurt yet appreciate the high leisure value of the Taunus. You can enjoy numerous hikes from here, for example, to the nearby Altkönig mountain with its Celtic circular walls or to attractive day-trip destinations and restaurants.

Stadtverwaltung Steinbach (Taunus)

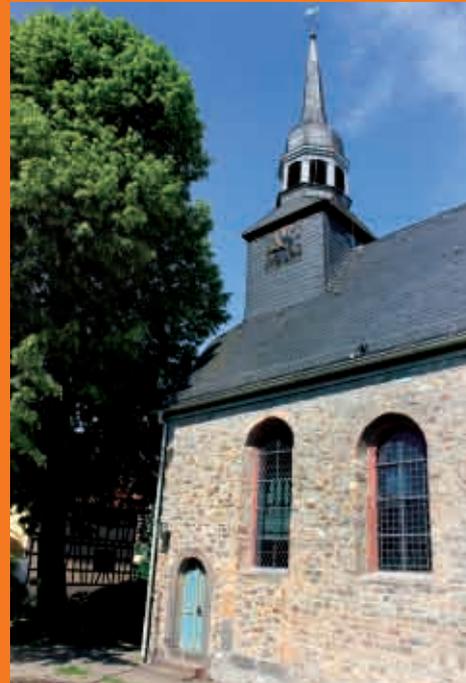
Gartenstraße 20
61449 Steinbach (Taunus)
Phone (0 61 71) 70 00-0
www.stadt-steinbach.de

ST. GEORGSKIRCHE ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

The St. Georgskirche in Steinbach was built in 1270 and is a Protestant preacher's church with a virtually unchanged Baroque design. The organ, made in 1767 by the famous Stumm family of organ builders, is a particular treasure. From 1702 to 1721, the church was extended with the addition of a choir stall, raising of the church nave and installation of the galleries, giving it its current shape. The St. Georgsglocke church bell cast by Johannes Schneidewindt in Frankfurt am Main in 1699 was installed in the roof turrets, which can still be seen today. Five trusses form the roof frame and provide support for the ceiling over the nave.

Evangelische St. Georgskirche

Untergasse 29
61449 Steinbach (Taunus)
Phone (0 61 71) 74 87 6
www.st-georgsgemeinde.de



A popular poem describes the Usinger Land in the eastern Hintertaunus as “Buchfinkenland” (chaffinch country) and Usingen itself is referred to as “Buchfinkenstadt” (chaffinch town). So you may well encounter a small or large chaffinch or two when you visit the 1,200 year-old town of Usingen located in the middle of the Taunus. Its landmark, however, can be seen from afar: the Laurentiuskirche. Built around it, beautiful half-timbered houses and historical buildings create a fascinating old town centre. There are numerous shopping facilities as well as festivals and events all year round to attract visitors. In addition to the carnival parade and the street markets, special highlights include the Laurentiuskerb, a local festival, and Laurentiusmarkt market with a traditional animal exhibition.

Usingen is surrounded by beautiful countryside with meadows and forests connecting to the heights of the Taunus. The nature here is appealing no matter what season it is. Enjoy the stunning surroundings by taking a long walk or use the well-maintained cycling and hiking trails for longer tours in the idyllic Taunus region.

Usingen is easy to reach from the entire Rhine-Main area. The A3 and A5 Autobahns are only 15–25 minutes away and Usingen is also well connected to the Rhine-Main rail network with the Taunusbahn train.

Stadt Usingen
Wilhelmstraße 1
61250 Usingen
Phone (0 60 81) 1 02 40
www.usingen.de



HATTSTEINWEIHER **BATHING LAKE**

The Hattsteinweiher bathing lake is a popular recreational area throughout the year. In the summer, the sand beach and the sun-bathing lawn are extremely inviting. From May until August, you are allowed to take a swim in the water to cool down. The lake meets the requirements of the EU directive for bathing water and has its own non-swimmer area. Situated right next to it is the Restaurant Neumann with a terrace overlooking the lake and a beer garden. The Hattsteinweiherweg path is signposted with an oak leaf and leads around the lake in approximately 1.5 hours in a wide circular 5.6 kilometre route that begins at the parking area of the lake. The natural bathing lake sometimes has to be shut in the summer for water protection reasons – it is best to call the municipal administration office a day before your visit to make sure that it is open if you are planning on going swimming.

Hattsteinweiher
61250 Usingen
www.usingen.de

ESCHBACHER KLIPPEN THE CLIFFS OF ESCHBACH

The distinctive Eschbacher Klippen cliffs provide a stark contrast to the gentle rolling hills of the Naturpark Hochtaunus nature reserve. Bizarre, steep quartz cliffs rise up to 12 metres. This rocky formation is the visible part of an approximately 6-km long quartz deposit. Ideal for beginner climbers and for bouldering, the difficulty levels lie between 3 and 5. However, there is no organised programme, climbing skills and your own equipment are required. It is also a beautiful location for picnickers, walkers and hikers.

Eschbacher Klippen
61250 Usingen
www.naturpark-hochtaunus.de



It is said that the sight of an orchard meadow blossoming in the spring-time makes people happy. As does taking a bite into freshly harvested fruit in autumn. If this is true, the happiest people in the world must live in Wehrheim. And they are willing to share it with you – their happiness and their fruit. Just like it has been for hundreds of years, it's still all about apples here in the community's many orchard meadows. Everything remains as it was back then in the beautiful small historic town centre of the Taunus apple village. For visitors, the facades of the lovingly restored half-timbered houses are a real treat to look at. Numerous farms welcome you with open gates: for shopping in the farmyard, for playing golf or for fun and excitement in a natural labyrinth. And you will find a large choice of shopping facilities and restaurants in the new "Wehrheimer Mitte" town centre.

Gemeinde Wehrheim
 Dorfborgasse 1
 61273 Wehrheim
 Phone (0 60 81) 58 90
www.wehrheim.de

RÖMERKASTELL KAPERSBURG KAPERSBURG ROMAN FORT

In the Wehrheim district of Pfaffenwiesbach, the Kapersburg Roman Fort secured the Limes. It is amongst the best maintained Roman military facilities of the Obergermanisch-Rätischen Limes (Upper German-Raetian Limes). The enclosure wall of the Kapersburg Fort is a 134 x 122 metre rectangle interrupted by four gateways and surrounded by a dry moat. The camp village was very large and extended around the fort. The ruin is located in the middle of the forest directly on the Limes Experience Trail, which you can explore from here.

Römerkastell Kapersburg
 61273 Wehrheim





FREIZEITPARK LOCHMÜHLE LOCHMÜHLE AMUSEMENT PARK

Once a corn mill and farm, now an amusement park with lots of animals that unites games, fun and nature: the Lochmühle. Most of the approximately 150 attractions and exciting rides support and encourage your children's natural desire for movement. Rafting on the Erlenbach stream requires a good sense of balance. A ride on the Eichhörnchenbahn rollercoaster is sure to make little hearts beat faster. The water bobsleigh ride is a great way to cool off in the warm weather. And the Roman Trail offers information about a small fort that was located directly on the park grounds. There is also an animal nursery, a petting zoo and an agricultural museum. Barbeque areas and picnic pavilions are spread out across the park grounds and offer space for cosy get-togethers. They can be used free of charge upon prior arrangement.

Freizeitpark Lochmühle
Köpperner Straße
61273 Wehrheim
Phone (0 61 75) 79 00 60
www.lochmuehle.de



All thirteen districts of Weilrod have maintained their original character with carefully restored half-timbered houses. The fortress in Altweilnau, the Neuweilnau castle and the late medieval frescoes of the small chapel, which were only discovered in 1996, as well as the accompanying local history museum in Gemünden are all culturally significant. Numerous cycling and hiking trails, for example the “Weitalweg” route, lead into the beautiful nature around Weilrod. And when the Taunus is covered in snow, you can explore it on beautiful cross-country skiing trails.

Traditional inns with local cuisine as well as specialised restaurants ensure that all your culinary needs are also fulfilled. And if you would like to spend a little more time here, you have a choice of hotels, guest-houses and cosy guest rooms.

Gemeinde Weilrod
Am Senner 1
61276 Weilrod
Phone (0 60 83) 95 09 21 and 95 09 23
www.weilrod.de

APFELWEINBISTRORANT IN DER LANDSTEINER MÜHLE APPLE WINE BISTRO IN THE LANDSTEIN MILL

The 500-year-old mill “Landsteiner Mühle” is a place full of history. Even the notorious robber Schinderhannes visited it one night. And the red monks tried to hide their mysterious treasure from inquisitive glances here many centuries ago. Or so the respective legends go.

Nowadays, the traditional and remarkable building houses the very first ApfelWeinBistorant, an apple wine bistro and restaurant, in Germany. On the menu, you will find regional delicacies and the finest apple wines in the world, which the apple wine sommelier will be happy to serve you.

ApfelWeinBistorant in der Landsteiner Mühle
Landstein 1
61276 Weilrod-Altweilnau
Phone (0 60 83) 34 6
www.landsteiner-muehle.de



VOGELBURG PUBLIC PARK FOR PARROTS

The Vogelburg in the middle of the Naturpark Hochtaunus nature reserve is a very unique bird park. You can admire hundreds of exotic parrots from all over the world here. Many of the animals are tame and happy to let you feed them. With their speech and acrobatic climbing skills, the parrots fascinate young and old visitors alike.

Vogelburg
Vogelpark 1
61276 Weilrod-Hasselbach
Phone (0 60 83) 10 40
www.vogelburg.de



BAROCKKIRCHE HASSELBACH BAROQUE CHURCH HASSELBACH

Hasselbach is the only one of the Weilrod districts that remained unaffected by the time of the Reformation. Today, it is the Catholic enclave of the large municipality. While Count Philipp of Nassau-Weilburg introduced the Reformation in his Weilnau territories in 1526, Hasselbach remained Catholic as it was under the control of the Archbishop-Elector of Trier.

On the 22nd of October 1749, the Hasselbach church including its altars and inventory as well as the surrounding houses and barns were destroyed by fire. Two years later, reconstruction began in the original location: on a rock formation in the middle of the village. It was the late Baroque period, during which the people's image of God changed from gothic and dark to a figure of light. The Hasselbach house of worship is therefore accordingly flooded with light. Its leaning tower is a unique peculiarity; although it is about 40 centimetres out of sync, there is no risk of collapse. However, in the long history of the church, it has had to be refurbished and renovated again and again.

Barockkirche St. Margaretha
Mittelstraße 2
61276 Weilrod-Hasselbach
Phone (0 60 83) 20 08



PFARRHAUS ROD AN DER WEIL

PARISH HOUSE IN ROD AN DER WEIL

The parish house in Rod an der Weil is one of the oldest parish houses in Germany. The exact time of its construction cannot be ascertained. However, there is some evidence to go by, such as the inscription on the beams from 1522, which states that the beautiful two storeys of timbered upper floors were already built on top of the two lower massive stone floors that year. The fortress-like style even suggests an earlier time of construction in the 13th century. Located high above the Weil valley, the old parish house stands in the direct vicinity of the Evangelical church.

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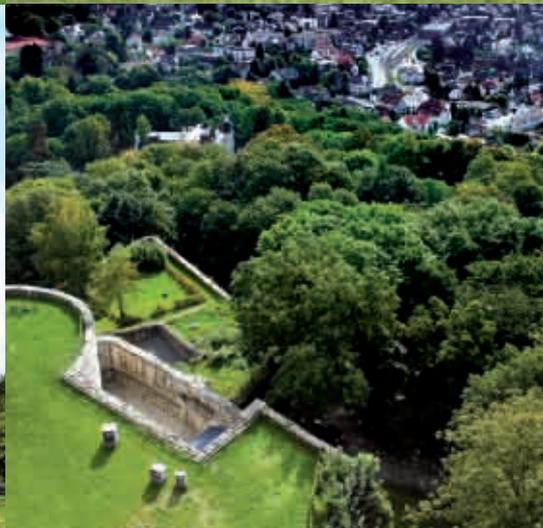
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