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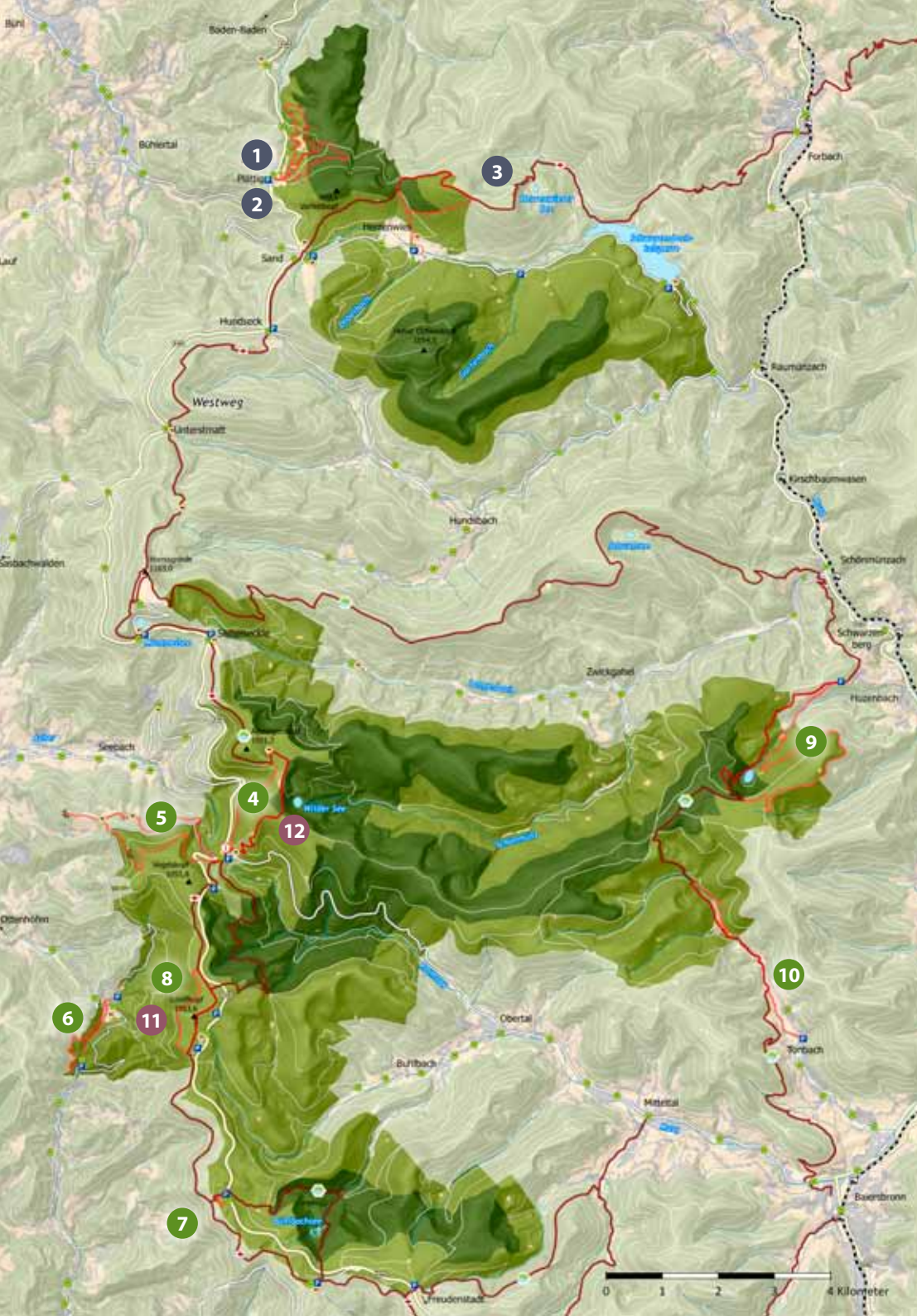
ONE STEP WILDER

Out and about in the Black Forest National Park

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Key

- National park
- Core zone
- Forest
- Open land
- Settlement, industry
- Forest path
- Highlight route
- ★ Adventure trail highlight
- Long-distance hiking path
- ◆ Westweg
- ◆ Seensteinig
- i Info point, info centre
- ☕ Refreshment stop
- H Bus stop
- 🚉 Train station
- P Car park
- 🌄 Viewpoint
- ▲ Summit

Tour description



Easy: Easily walkable paths with some uneven sections, moderate elevation differences of up to 100m, risk of slipping, sturdy footwear and surefootedness required.



Medium: Narrow, medium-width or wide paths with large elevation differences (also more than 100m), with uneven and/or steep sections, risk of slipping, good general fitness and sturdy footwear required.



Hard: Narrow paths with very uneven and/or steep sections and many obstacles (tree trunks, etc.), high risk of slipping, good general fitness and sturdy footwear required.

Accessibility

- ✓ without restrictions
- ⚠ with restrictions
- ✗ not recommended

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Black Forest National Park - One step wilder

In the Black Forest National Park, the woodlands and forests are being allowed to return to their wild state – in line with the park's objective of „leaving nature to nature“. You are most welcome to witness this spectacle and we invite you to explore the area at your leisure. Learn from the wilderness around you. Marvel at the wonders of nature. Find peace in the silence of the forests. And enjoy the wild beauty of the national park.

Sights and attractions

Do you prefer short, circular walks or tours that last several days? Do you like walking on wild, narrow trails, or prefer to be on the go barrier-free? The national park can be explored in a variety of different ways. In this flyer, you will find numerous tips and information on planning excursions that are suitable for you.





The wild north

- ◆ Lynx Trail
- ◆ Wilderness Trail
- ◆ Badener Höhe



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Lynx Trail

Secret trails through the forest

Every now and again, the occasional lynx is sighted roaming through the Black Forest. They haven't resettled here yet, but if you would like to get to know these fleet-footed, feline predators a little better, you can follow their tracks on the Lynx Trail (Luchspfad).

The tour begins in the lynx hut with a wealth of information including hearing the wildcat's call – perfect for putting you in the mood for the four-and-a-half-kilometre hike. Passing by numerous interactive stations, you will be walking through woodland in which the lynx would feel at home. Children can experience how lynx prowl, pounce, peer and hear. A rest area surrounded by tall beech trees is located at the halfway point.



GPS 48°40'11.93"N
8°13'53.76"E



Medium

→ ca. 4,5 km



About 3 hours for a family

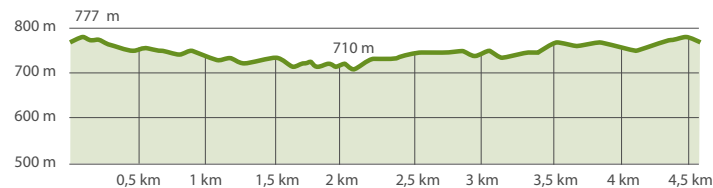


75m, numerous short sometimes steep ascents



Bus stop: Bühlerhöhe/Plättig. From Baden-Baden or Mummelsee: bus route 245

Car park: next to the Schwarzwaldhochstraße (B500 road) at Hotel Plättig/Schlosshotel Bühlerhöhe



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Wilderness Trail

Post-storm adventures

The narrow path leads through a wild forest littered with fallen tree trunks and large root plates. In 1999, Storm Lothar felled the majority of the 150-year-old trees on the slopes of the Plättig. Here you can observe how a forest has since then been left to develop by itself with new life sprouting everywhere. The trail takes you over thick tree trunks and sometimes even under them.

The best place to take a break is the eagle's eyrie (Adlerhorst). Safe and secure in the wooden nest, you can rest and experience the world from a height of seven metres. It is just one of the many adventures on this trail which is particularly suited to families with children of a slightly older age.



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Hard

→ ca. 3,5 km



About 3 hours for a family

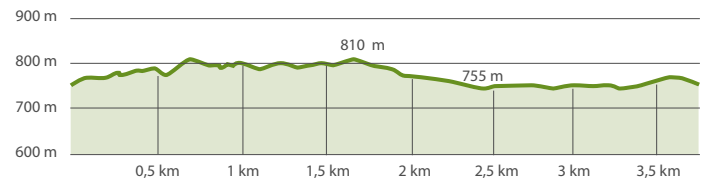


75m, only a few short ascents



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Badener Höhe

Up and away

This circular path takes you through dark woodlands on a section of the Waldlehrpfad path and over the Herrenwieser Sattel up to the summit of the approximately 1000-metre-high Badener Höhe. It is the second highest peak in the national park's north zone and has always been a popular place for excursions. Up until the start of the 20th Century it was used for cattle grazing. Large areas of forest were also cleared by Storm Lothar in 1999. Heathland and areas strewn with deadwood have thus been formed here known in Black Forest dialect as 'grinden'.

On clear days, far-reaching views over a sea of trees and with luck to the distant Vosges can be enjoyed from the observation tower.



GPS 48°39'30.25"N
8°16'0.51"E



Medium

→ ca. 6 km



About 2.5 to 3 hours for a family

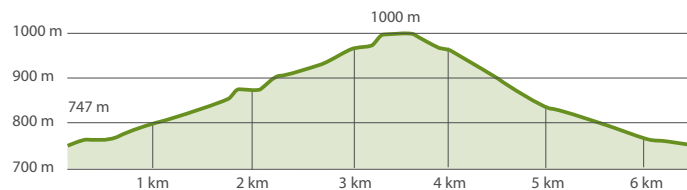


250m, steep ascents



Bus stop: Dorfplatz in Herrenwies. From Bühl or Forbach: bus route 263

Car park: Dorfplatz in Herrenwies





The wild south

- ◆ Wildsee View
- ◆ Vogelskopf
- ◆ Allerheiligen Waterfalls
- ◆ Lothar Trail
- ◆ Schliffkopf Loop
- ◆ Huzenbacher Lake
- ◆ Tonbach Valley



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Wildsee View surrounded by ancient forests

This wonderfully varying circular path allows you to explore one of the national park's key features. Beginning at the National Park Centre in Ruhstein, the path takes you over the meadows on the ski slope up to the heathlands at Seekopf. There you will enter the oldest protected forest in Baden-Württemberg that has remained unmaintained for hundreds of years and is today one of the national park's core zones. Embedded like a darkened eye into the wide and peaceful Schönmünzthal valley is the Wildsee lake. Unspoilt forest layouts provide a glimpse of how the other forests in the national park may look one day. A wide path with wonderful views of the Rhine floodplains brings you back to the National Park Centre. This tour is offered regularly as a guided walk by national park rangers.



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Medium



ca. 5 km



About 2 hours

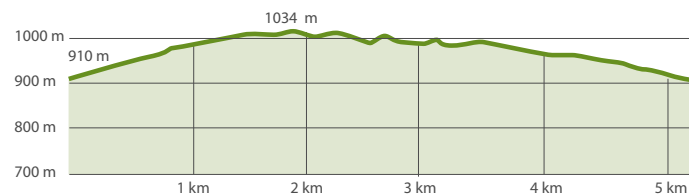


150m, steep ascent



Bus stop: Ruhstein. From Freudenstadt: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F2 (Sat, Sun & hols), from Baiersbronn: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F11 (Sat, Sun & hols), from Ottenhöfen: bus route 7125 (weekends)

Car park: National Park Centre Ruhstein



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Vogelskopf

Through the emerging wilderness

Beginning at the National Park Centre in Ruhestein, this varied circular path leads you through meadows and woodlands. At Bosensteiner Eck, it is worth making a detour to the viewpoint at Brennter Schrofen offering views of the Ottenhöfen spa resort. From below the peak of the Vogelskopf, the outlook stretches across the Rhine floodplains to the Vosges. Later, the Hornisgrinde summit comes into view in the distance.

Variation: Karlsruher Grat: Those wishing to explore the Black Forest's most challenging hiking area can walk to the Karlsruher Grat from the Bosenstein restaurant. This picturesque, rocky hiking trail over craggy terrain should, however, only be attempted by those with a head for heights and with sturdy footwear.



Alternatively, there is the easier, neighbouring path to the railway station in Ottenhöfen. On this path you will pass more viewpoints and interesting rock formations. In summer, you can catch a bus from the station back to the National Park Centre in Ruhestein.



GPS 48°33'39.87"N
8°13'18.96"E



Medium (variation: difficult)



About 6.8km (variation: about 9km)



About 2 to 2.5 hours (variation: 3.5)

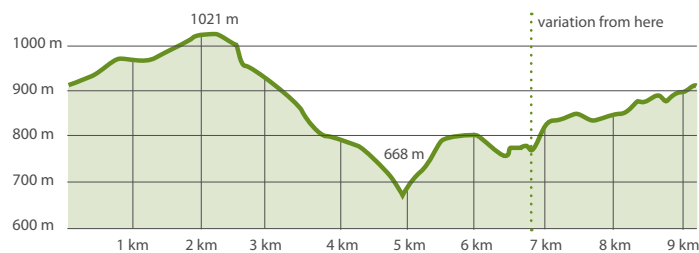


375 m



Bus stop: Ruhestein. From Freudenstadt: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F2 (Sat, Sun & hols), from Baiersbronn: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F11 (Sat, Sun & hols), from Ottenhöfen: bus route 7125 (weekends)

Car park: National Park Centre Ruhestein



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Allerheiligen Waterfalls

Fabled and wild

Beginning at the abbey ruins in Allerheiligen, the walk takes you through unspoilt mixed woodland and along narrow rocky paths past the northern Black Forest's highest natural waterfall. Here in Allerheiligen, the River Lierbach is carving its way through the granite bedrock and falls 66 metres into the depths below. Shiny damp moss give the gorge's 100-metre-high walls a deep green glow. Information on the many legends surrounding the abbey ruins and the unspoilt mountain forest is available at the sides of the path. From the Engelskanzel viewpoint above the waterfalls there is a clear view through the gorge. At the end, a wide path with many steps leads back to the abbey courtyard. The final section of path at the top of the gorge is accessible with a baby buggy. Regular guided tours along the waterfalls are offered by the national park team.



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8°11'48.524866"E



Medium

→ ca. 3,5 km



About 1.2 to 2 hours

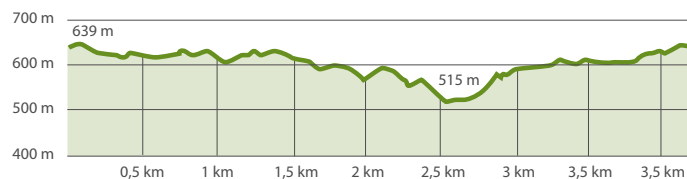


130 m



Bus stop: Allerheiligen and Allerheiligen Wasserfälle. From Ottenhöfen and Oppenau: bus route 7125 (weekends)

Car park: Allerheiligen abbey ruins



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Lothar Trail

A forest in the making

In 1999, Storm Lothar cut a swathe through the upland forests of the northern Black Forest. On the Lothar Trail (Lotharpfad), you can discover how nature recovers from a storm without human interference and what forces are at work in creating a new forest. Many insects and fungi have created new habitats in the deadwood, while young trees now grow wild.

The adventure trail takes you over boardwalks, steps and ladders. A viewing platform offers distant views over the high ridges of the northern Black Forest and into the valley. Guided tours of this path by national park rangers are offered regularly.



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8°13'22.86"E



Easy

→ ca. 900 m

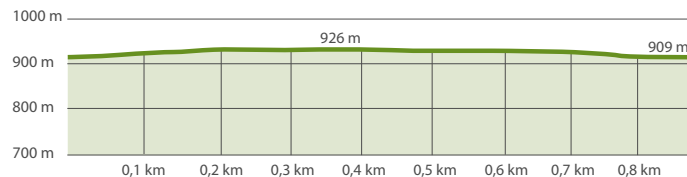
⌚ About 30 minutes

⤴⤵ Even path with some steps



📍 Bus stop: Lotharpfad. From Freudenstadt: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F2 (Sat, Sun & hols)

🚗 Car park: Lotharpfad on B500 road between Schliffkopf and Freudenstadt



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Schliffkopf Loop

Heathland peak with distant views

Beginning at the car park at the Schliffkopf Hotel, this circular walk takes you through swathes of mountain heather and unspoilt woodland. Along the route, occasional clearings provide wonderful distant views across the blue-green Black Forest hills to the Rhine floodplains. The heathlands that you cross with their mountain pines, blueberries and wild grasses are called 'grinden' in the Black Forest. They are a special feature of the Black Forest National Park and provide an important habitat for many rare species such as capercaillie, tree pipits, alpine grasshoppers and adders. You can experience this landscape particularly well from the summit of the 1000-metre-high Schliffkopf – the twilight atmosphere here is also particularly rewarding.



GPS 48°31'43.94"N
8°12'51.60"E



Easy

ca. 3,5 km

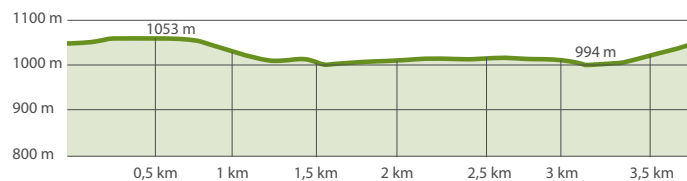
About. 1,5 hours

60m, more or less flat



Bus stop: Schliffkopf. From Freudenstadt: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F2 (Sat, Sun & hols), from Baiersbronn: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri)

Car park: Schliffkopf Hotel or Steinhäuerle car park on the B500 between Ruhestein and Freudenstadt



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Huzenbacher Lake

A legacy from the ice age

This circular walk takes you to the peaceful valley of the Huzenbacher See and up into the wild core zone of the national park. The lake is a glacial lake typical of the northern Black Forest. The tour begins by following a small valley that was carved out by a glacier during the last ice age until you reach the lake with its surrounding steep cirque walls. From here, the path leads up a steep slope featuring many wonderful views. You will then cut through one of the national park's core zones where nature is being allowed to return to its wild roots. Finally, you will pass through the Tobelwald woods before returning to the car park.

Variation Schönmünzach: Those travelling by bus or train and wish to conduct a day tour can alternatively take the Seensteig path from Schönmünzach station towards the car park and continue from there to the lake.



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8°22'11.62"E



Medium

→ About 11 km (variation: 18.5 km)

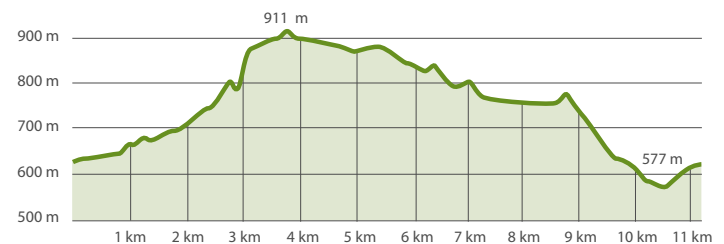
⌚ About 3,5 hours

⬆️ 500 m



📍 Huzenbach station, footpath to hiking car park

Hiking car park: Silberwald close to Huzenbach / Silberberg



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Tonbach Wildlife Reserve

Unspoilt woodlands and wild deer

The surrounding landscape on the Tonbach valley walk is a mixture of fields, meadows and unspoilt woodlands. Starting at the large car park in Tonbach, the path begins by crossing the peaceful valley. The trail, narrow in parts, leads to the deer park that encompasses the meadows on either side of the stream and the boarding hillsides. Here, you can observe deer in their natural habitat. On the edge of the enclosure you will see a wooden hut for feeding the deer which was erected by the national park team in the traditional timber-framed style. From the enclosure, the path leads back to the car park.



GPS 48°31'57.32"N
8°21'42.85"E



Easy

→ ca. 6 km

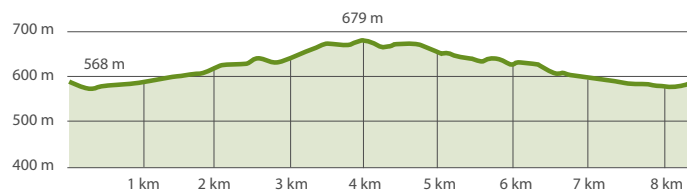
⌚ About. 1,5 hours

⬆️⬆️ 250 m



📍 Bus stop: Tonbach Traube/Tanne. From Baiersbronn: bus route 22 (Mon-Fri) and F16 (Sat, Sun & hols)

🚗 Car park: Keckenteich in Tonbach valley





Barrier-free tours

- ◆ Schliffkopf
- ◆ Seekopf



Please note: The described routes refer to paths that are in good condition but only offer limited barrier-free access. The inclines and declines have differing effects depending on whether the surface is wooden planking, forest soil or gravel. The weather and the time of year also influence the daily condition of the paths. We therefore always recommend having an accompanying person with you who could help if need be.

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Schliffkopf

Impressive views

This tour leads through high pastures and beautiful heathland on the Black Forest's northern ridge. On clear days, wonderful, far-reaching views across the Black Forest mountain chain and the Rhine floodplains are on offer. The sunsets here are particularly impressive. After 180 metres, the predominately flat path reaches a viewing platform with a wooden ramp (approx. 12% incline). The path then continues for 5 kilometres towards Ruhestein and crosses the 1000-metre contour line. The inclines are only slight (three to seven percent) and there are many wonderful views to enjoy. Once the viewpoint overlooking the Karlsruher Grat has been reached it is recommended for wheelchair

users to turn back as the last section of the path to Ruhestein descends very steeply and crosses the road at a point where visibility is poor.

The direct path from the Schliffkopf Hotel to the summit does not conform to wheelchair accessibility standards but could be used with a strong accompanying person or a suitable power attachment, or with a baby buggy.



GPS 48°31'43.94"N
8°12'51.60"E



Easy

→ ca. 5 km



About 1,5 hours



Slight inclines of 3% to 7%, viewing platform with 12% ramp

Total elevation difference of about 40 metres

3-metre wide, well compacted gravel path



Bus stop: Schliffkopf. From Freudenstadt: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri) and F2 (Sat, Sun & hols), from Baiersbronn: bus route 12 (Mon-Fri)

Car park: Schliffkopf Hotel or Steinmäu-erle car park on B500 road between Ruh-estein and Freudenstadt. A wheelchair users' parking space is marked.

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Seekopf

From the meadows to the wilds

The tour of the Seekopf mountain starts at Ruhstein and zigzags its way up the ski slope to the chairlift's top station. The wide, fine gravel path has a length of 1.1 kilometres and rises 95 metres (approx. 10% incline). From the top station, the path ascends only slightly (3% to 6% incline, 30-metre elevation difference) allowing good access for wheelchairs and baby buggies

The chairlift can also be used as an alternative to the zigzag ascent. Wheelchair users can drive their cars right up to the chairlift entrance where there is a designated disabled parking space. The chairlift staff will gladly help you to get on and off the chairlift. Giving prior notice, however, is essential (Tel. 07449 91054; info@skilift-ruhestein.de, www.skilift-ruhestein.de)



Once at the top, the path will lead you through open heathland scattered with mountain pines. After, you will enter one of the national park's core zones. Not a single tree has been felled here since 1911. The ever-growing wilderness can be marvelled at after more than one hundred years of free development. At the Euting tomb, a wonderful view across the Schön Münz valley to the Wildsee lake can be enjoyed. It is at this point that it is time to turn around.

Alternative: Ruhstein – Darmstädter Hütte – Euting tomb – Ruhstein. The route can be lengthened with a detour to the Darmstädter Hütte. The initial ascent then takes place on a gravel path to the west of the ski slope. Once the mountain hut is reached, the return leg to Ruhstein is via the Euting tomb and the ski slope. The average incline in this direction is around 8% with short climbs of up to 17% (see map) which in part may have coarse gravel and be beyond their best condition. This variation to the route has an elevation difference of around 110 metres.



Medium

→ About 4.4km (variation: 5.4km)

🕒 About 1.5 to 2 hours (variation: 2 to 3)

📈 Elevation profile: inclines of 3% to 12% (variation: up to 17%)

Total elevation difference about 125 metres (with the chairlift: 30 metres; variation: 110 metres)

Note: 3-metre wide, well compacted gravel path, but not to be navigated without an accompanying person, limited mobile phone reception (variation: some coarse gravel and pos. eroded sections)

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Parkplatz am Nationalparkzentrum Ruhstein, ein Rollstuhlparkplatz ist ausgewiesen



General

- ◆ Multi-day walks
- ◆ Accommodation
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Multi-day walks

A number of long-distance hiking trails cross through the national park such as the Westweg, the Seensteig, the Murgleiter and the Renchtalsteig. At designated trekking sites you can also experience the national park's ever-growing wilderness at night under starlit skies or in a tent.

The trekking camps have firepits and toilets; the ones in the national park even have wooden platforms for tents. With a bit of luck you will also receive a visit from a ranger on their evening patrol – along with some exciting information about the national park.

The campsites can be booked from May to October but only after registering and for a fee (currently €10) per tent. The camps are located away from villages and can only be reached on foot. You are required to provide your own water and supplies. Please also ensure that all rubbish is taken away with you.

Further information and registration
www.trekking-schwarzwald.de.



Trekking in the national park

Spend the night in the wild

Six trekking camps have been set up by the Black Forest Nature Park (Naturpark Schwarzwald Mitte/North) and the Black Forest National Park, three of which lie within the boundaries of the national park. In all other areas of the national park overnight camping is forbidden.



Long-distance paths

Hiking through the Black Forest

You can also discover the national park on one of the long-distance hiking trails such as the famous Westweg that weaves its way through the entire Black Forest. The Seensteig and Murgleiter paths also cut through the national park. Further information can be found online at

Westweg

www.schwarzwaldverein.de/wege/fernwanderwege/westweg.html

Seensteig

www.baiersbronn.de/text/96/de/seensteig.html

Murgleiter

www.murgleiter.de/pb/,Lde/255098.html

Renchtalsteig

www.renchtalsteig.de

Accommodation



In the national park's surrounding region, you will find numerous opportunities to spend the night. From youth hostels and mountain cabins to first-class hotels – all accommodation options are on offer here.

Members of the National Park Region Association will gladly help you with your accommodation search and offer further tips.

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Respect nature



Please keep to the marked paths. This will prevent animals in their natural habitats being disturbed.



Do not let dogs run freely. In a protective area they belong on a lead.



Do not catch, distract or feed the animals. Only observe the animals from a distance so they are not disturbed.



In general, it is forbidden to spend the night in the national park. If undertaking a multi-day walk, camping sites can be booked at www.trekking-schwarzwald.de.



Do not collect any plants, plant cuttings or mushrooms. Further information can be found at the national park's information points.



Do not light fires and refrain from smoking. It is forbidden to collect wood or fell trees.



Please do not enter or navigate any stretch of water. This includes bathing, diving, entering on foot or using any kind of inflatable. The streams, rivers and lakes in the national park are rare and very sensitive habitats.



Do not leave anything behind. Help us to keep the national park clean and tidy. Please take your rubbish home with you.



Only park in the designated areas. It is forbidden to drive on the paths in the national park.



The use of drones or other flying or moveable objects in the national park is forbidden.

Safety information

When entering the Black Forest National Park you do so at your own risk. Examples of typical dangers in forests and natural environments include falling trees or branches and rockfalls. Please note that weather conditions can increase the risk of such dangers occurring – particularly wind and snow.

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Opening times

Summer season

1 May to 30 September)
Tue to Sun + public holidays
10am to 6pm

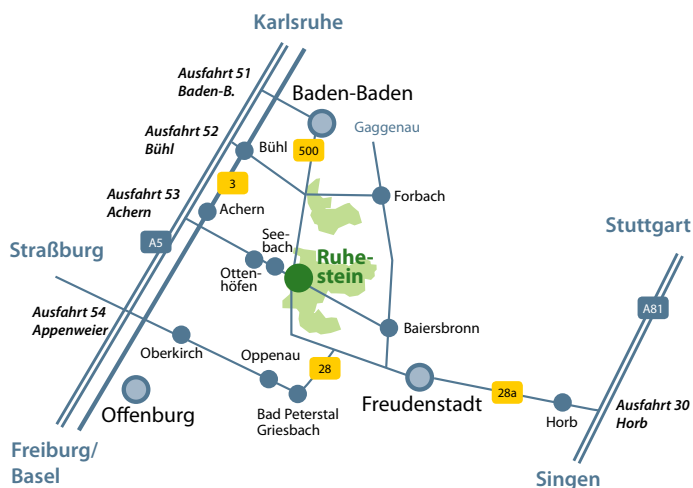
Winter season

(1 October to 30 April)
Tue to Sun + public holidays
10am to 5pm

Closed

1 January, Good Friday, three-week period directly after the autumn half-term break in Baden-Württemberg, 24, 25 + 31 December

Travelling by car



Travelling by public transport

Public transport can be used to reach many of the attractions in the national park as well as the centre in Ruhstein. Up-to-date information can be found at www.efa-bw.de



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Facts and figures

Area:	10,062 hectares
North zone:	2.447 hectares
South zone:	7.615 hectares
Elevation:	470 Meter – 1.151 metres above sea level
Owners:	State of Baden-Württemberg, municipality of Baden-Baden
Established:	1 January 2014
Directors:	Dr. Wolfgang Schlund und Dr. Thomas Waldenspuhl



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