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## Feeling Baden

Have you ever tried to feel a city? It might sound like a strange question at first, but it is worth a try, especially when it is a city like Baden, which is said to have “a certain something”. But how do you go about it? By coming into contact with all the different facets of a city, and feeling and experiencing the surrounding areas as well. It works best if you have the opportunity to explore the city on your own. You can linger in places that catch your fancy, enjoy things and feel the character of certain spots. Or simply continue on whenever you want to.

Our newly designed city walks are meant to be more than just an orientation guide for those unfamiliar with the city. They also provide information about curious and interesting places, inspire you with ideas and encourage you to get to know both modern Baden as well as its history and development right up to the present. A hike or an excursion in the nearby surrounding region can also help you to paint your own emotive, tangible city portrait of Baden. With the suggestions in this brochure acting as your brush, you will be the artist yourself!

We wish you a great deal of pleasure and are at your service should you desire additional advice or tips.

**Jacqueline Bysäth and the team from Info Baden**

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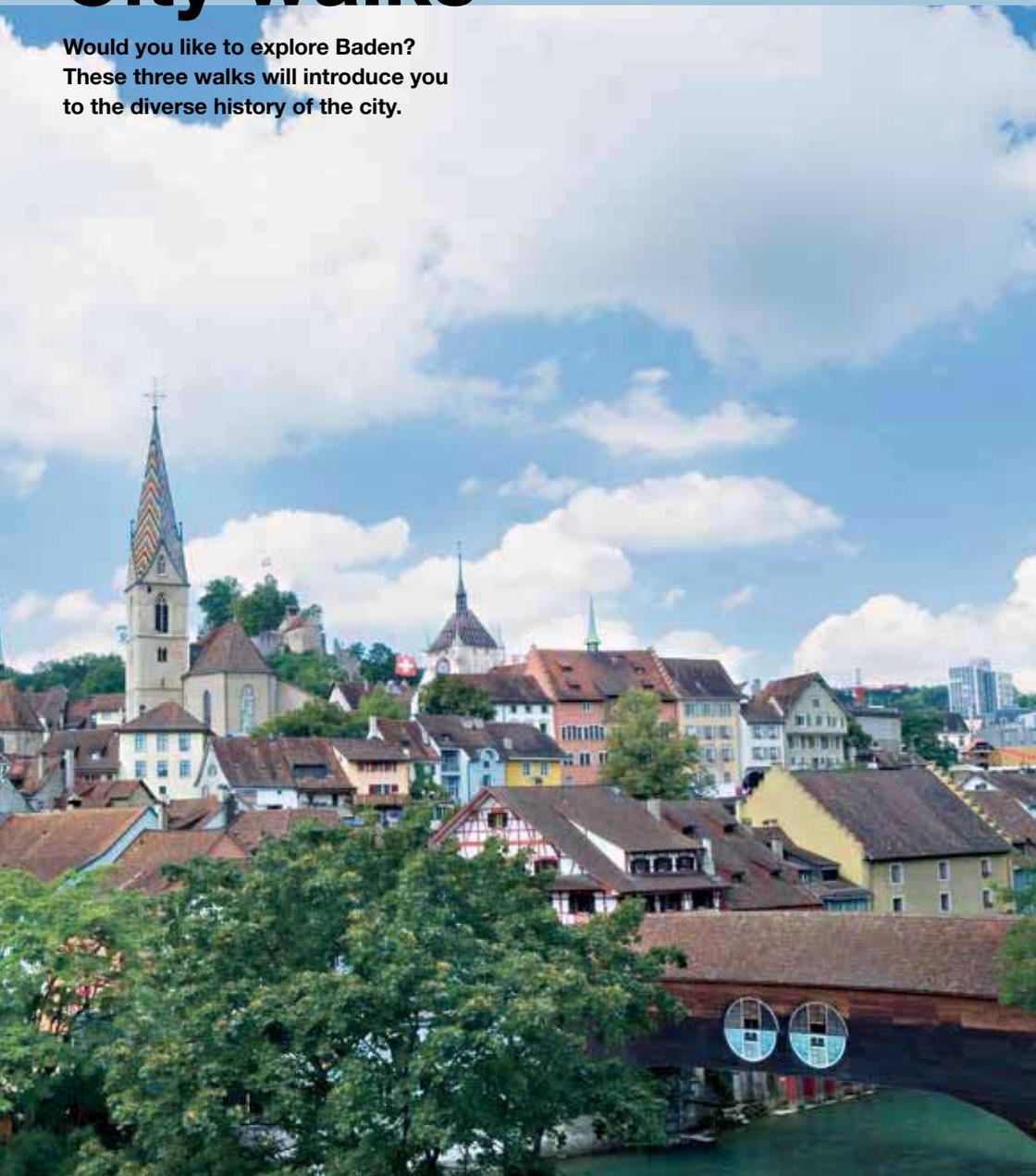
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# City walks

Would you like to explore Baden?  
These three walks will introduce you  
to the diverse history of the city.



# City walks



## The upper Old Town (takes approx. 1.5 hours)

This is one of three possible city walks and it begins at the Stadtturm (city tower). The walk takes you through mediaeval streets, past houses and squares that boast a long and eventful history.

### 1 Stadtturm

This city tower from the 15th century is Baden's landmark with its brightly glazed shingles in the city colours – white, red and black. It is one of the most impressive mediaeval towers in Switzerland and is a listed federal heritage site. From 1846 to 1984, the tower was used as a prison.

### 2 Former Gasthof Engel

The old Engel sign reminds us of the days when the Gasthof Engel was a bustling wayside inn. This is where horses were cared for and could be hired and hitched up in order to pull the heavy carts from the Holzbrücke (Wooden Bridge) over the steep incline of the Lower and Upper Halde and into the city.

### 3 Löwenplatz

This square takes its name from the former Gasthaus Löwen (today a cigar shop). It was only in 1918 that the classicistic well was enhanced by the lion sculpture by Baden artist Hans Trudel. The city's fish market used to take place here, and public court proceedings were also carried out here in the Middle Ages.

### 4 Weite Gasse

The Weite Gasse (Broad Street), with the city stream running through it, was both a market place and middle-class neighbourhood. The stream served as the city's sanitation system as it was dammed periodically and allowed to flood the streets. Between the houses just opposite from the Löwenplatz you will find the St. Niklaus steps leading to the Stein ruins.

### 5 St. Niklaus Stiege (staircase)

These steps are the shortest route from the city up to the Stein ruins.

### 6 Stein ruins

The origins of this castle date back to the year 1000. After being owned by the Kyburg family for more than 200 years, it was taken over by the Hapsburgs in 1263. When the Aargau region was captured by the Swiss Confederates in 1415, the castle was torched. From 1658 to 1670, the site was once again enlarged by Baden's citizens despite Zurich's resistance. During the 2nd Villmerger War in 1712, Baden was forced to destroy the castle under pressure from Zurich, the victorious conqueror and proponent of the Swiss Reformation. In order to humiliate the Catholic city of Baden, the stones from the castle fortifications were used to erect the Reformed church that stands near today's Bahnhofplatz square.

### 7 St. Niklaus Chapel

This chapel was the court chapel of the Hapsburgers. It remained intact when Aargau was captured. During the second defeat in 1712, it was significantly damaged by cannonballs fired by the Zurich army, and then restored again. Take the steps back down towards Weite Gasse.

### 8 Haus zum Wilden Mann

When you arrive at the bottom of the steps again, enter the Obere Gasse (Upper Street). On the right side, you will find the Haus zum Wilden Mann. This house is one of the oldest stone buildings in the city and contains a mediaeval tower-shaped residential area in its interior. The house once provided accommodation for the emperor's envoys, but it later lost some of its splendour and became the official hostel for transient tradesmen.



### 9 Former Reformed Pfarrhaus (rectory)

In 1725/26, the original side-gabled, late Gothic civic construction was endowed with a decorative gable by the ruling Bernese. It was the residence of Baden's first permanent Reformed minister.

### 10 Cordulaplatz

The Mellingerturn (tower), which was destroyed in 1874, stood here, at the southern exit of the city. During the Old Zurich War, a vanguard of Zurich soldiers attempted to overcome the city of Baden on 22 October 1444, the feast day of St. Cordula. The courageous citizens of Baden managed to rout out the enemy. Today, a remembrance ceremony is held every year in honour of St. Cordula.

### 11 Haus Zum Paradies

This building was constructed at the beginning of the 17th century. The "Paradies" was a meeting place for important foreign diplomats, including during the European peace conference that took place in Baden, as well as elsewhere, in 1714 after the Spanish War of Succession. Exquisite Renaissance and early Baroque rooms with coffered ceilings, panelling and buffets can be found in the house's interior.

### 12 Bernerhaus

The gabled Baroque building was erected as a show of force by the Bernese in 1676. Up until 1798, it was a place of temporary residence for Bernese court envoys.

### 13 Kirchplatz (Church Square)

The Heiliggeistspital (Holy Ghost Hospital), founded in 1349 by Hungarian Queen Agnes, stood on the church's forecourt until 1864. Queen Agnes was the daughter of Hapsburg King Albrecht, who was murdered in Königsfelden in 1308. A magnificent, late Gothic wooden cross stands in memory of the cemetery that was located beside the church. On the north side of the church, you will see a remarkable two-storied Renaissance structure with a three-dimensional model of the Mount of Olives transfiguration from 1624. The building is only open between Good Friday and Ascension Day.

### 14 Sebastian Chapel

The Sebastian Chapel, dedicated to the Saint of Plagues, St. Sebastian, was built as a chapel of the deceased over an existing burial vault at the beginning of the 16th century. It was built into part of the old city wall.

### 15 Mariä Himmelfahrt Catholic church

This church was built on the foundation of a late Carolingian and Roman site between 1457 and 1460. The chancel and the tower's ground floor are from the 14th century. The first Baroque renovations were carried out from 1612 to 1617. The impressive painting above the high altar and the Passion pictures still remain from this period. The second Baroque renovations took place from 1696 to 1698, when the stuccowork and the images of the prophets were added to the high walls. The classicistic stuccoed ceilings, the altars, confession seats, benches and the pulpit were constructed in 1813/1814 and 1829.

### 16 Former Zeughaus (armoury)

This building dates back to 1614. The monumental Renaissance portico with its relief decoration is by Bartholomäus Cades, who also created the Mount of Olives representation and the churchyard cross for the Catholic church. The intricate ironwork and the fittings for the wings of the door are the work of Baden's master blacksmiths from the 17th century.

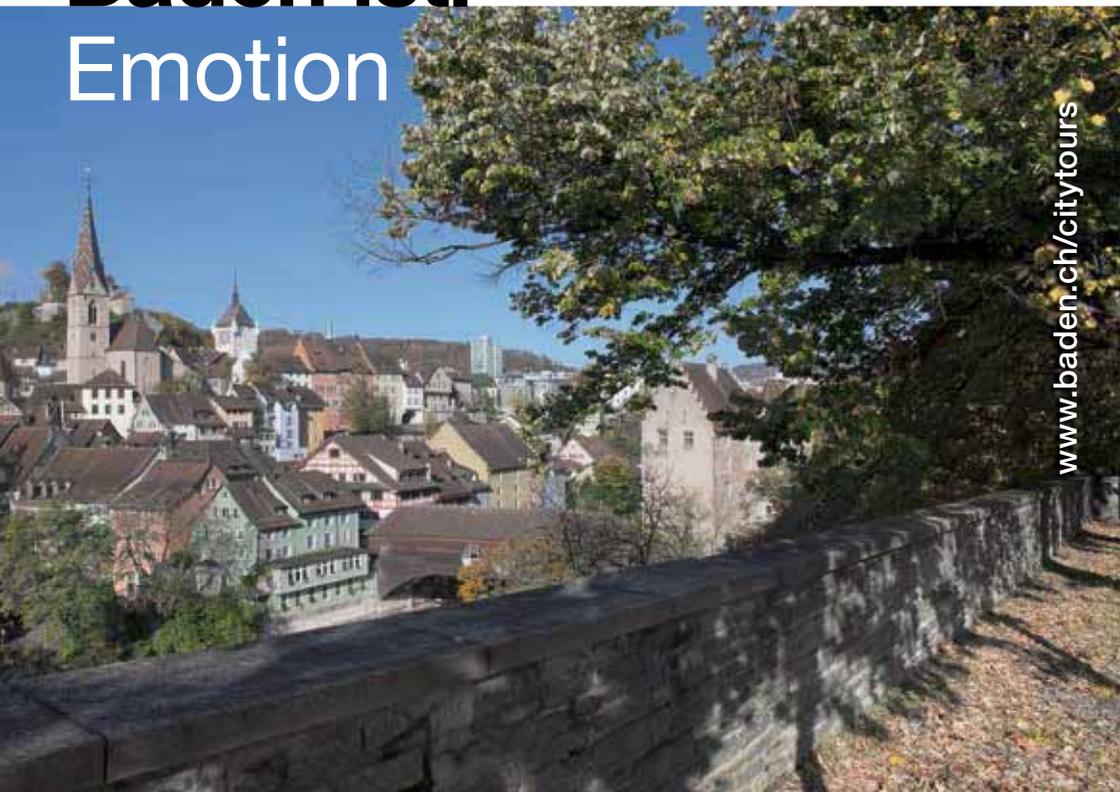
### 17 Stadthaus (City Hall)

The Stadthaus was built in 1497 on the site of an older city hall. The hall, where court hearings were held during the old Confederation, is on the second floor.

### 18 Amtshaus (Council Office)

During the second half of the 16th century, this building was constructed on top of the foundation of a semidetached building (market house and salt storehouse) from the 14th century. The late classicistic façade portions (1878) are by Baden architect Kaspar Joseph Jeuch. The building was completely gutted from 1985 to 1987, and now a modern, new interior hides behind the original façade.

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# City walks



## The lower Old Town (takes approx. 1.5 hours)

You can reach the lower Old Town by passing under the flying buttresses near the Stadthaus (City Hall).

This part of Baden is considered one of the most impressive mediaeval city quarters in Switzerland. It has a splendid setting as the old barrage in the Jura gorge between the Lägern Mountains (Schartenfels) and the Schlossbergfelsen rocks.

### 1 Halde

Up until the middle of the 19th century, all traffic used to make its way up through the steep Halde into the city and then either followed the narrow Mittlere Gasse in the direction of Mellingen or turned towards Brugg and the spa area by way of the Stadtturm (city tower).

### 2 Propstei / Trudelhaus

This building, which still has a Gothic interior, was the home of the provost of the Baden canons from 1624 to 1875. A small wooden bridge connects the house with the church square. The house was renovated in 1821 and was the workshop of Baden sculptor Hans Trudel (1881-1958) for many years. In 1969, the Hans Trudel Haus Foundation was started up and since then, very high-calibre contemporary art has been displayed here.

### 3 Lange Stiege (Long Staircase)

These stairs take you to the former artisan and residential quarter on Kronengasse. The city stream, which flowed near the steps, used to power three mills.

### 4 Haus zum Mühlengrund

This house used to be called "The Executioner's House", as it was given to him as a home. It is not surprising that the executioner, who would have been ostracized socially, had no choice but to accept the place, which was of ill repute at the time. Turn right into Kronengasse.

### 5 Kronengasse

The tradespeople used to live primarily on Kronengasse. The names of the houses indicate which trade each resident practiced. There were bakers, tanners, coopers, furriers, millers, smiths, tailors, rope-makers, tinsmiths, joiners, weavers, carpenters, etc. The house at Kronengasse 5 is still the site of a smithy today.

### 6 Hohes Siechenamtshaus (quarantine office)

The mediaeval handling of disease and sickness was influenced by religion, superstition and medical tradition. Sickness was seen as a punishment from God and as the work of the devil. If people displayed strange maladies or behavioural symptoms, they were taken to the Hohes Siechenamtshaus, where it would be decided if they were allowed to continue living in society or whether they must spend the rest of their days in isolation. Walk towards the small, bare square between the houses and look out over the River Limmat. Behind the Landvogteischloss (Bailiff's castle) in the direction of Wettingen you can see the Siechenhaus (infirmary 7) and St. Anna's Chapel.

### 7 Siechenhaus (infirmary)

A Siechenhaus, which is a type of hospice, is a place of quarantine that is usually situated somewhat outside of the city. From the 11th to the 18th century, the sick and languishing were sent here for fear of contagion.

### 8 St. Anna's Chapel

This chapel was built from 1482 to 1484 as a church for the Siechenhaus (infirmary). Two bells remain from the original building and in the interior, you can see two sculptures from the 16th and 17th centuries, as well as two stained-glass images from 1899.



### 9 Kornhaus

The Kornhaus was erected in 1511 as the storehouse for the Agnes Hospital, which was located on the church square. The late Gothic wall with stepped gables served many purposes over the years, including as a prison. In 1965, the Kornhaus was turned into a youth centre and today the ThiK. Theater is situated in the cellar vault of the Kornhaus.

### 10 Baroque statue of St. John of Nepomuk, protector against floods

The emperor's emissary, Count Trautmannsdorf, who lived at the Haus zum Wilden Mann during his time in Baden, gave the city the sandstone statue of St. Nepomuk, protector against floods, in 1707. The sandstone figure deteriorated so much during the 1930s that it had to be moved from its outdoor location to the Baden Museum of History. In 1974, a copy was finally made.

### 11 Covered Holzbrücke (Wooden Bridge)

This bridge had many predecessors. The oldest known one stems from 1242 and probably replaced a ferry system. The immediate predecessor to today's bridge was burned down in 1799 by Napoleon's troops under General Massena after the first battle of Zurich during the 2nd Coalition War. By burning the bridge, Massena escaped the pursuit of the Russians and the Austrians. Because Baden was also affected by the chaotic consequences of the war, today's bridge was not rebuilt until 1809. The renowned craftsman and bridge builder Blasius Balteschwiler was in charge of its construction.

### 12 Hochbrücke (High Bridge)

Through the viewing holes of the Holzbrücke (Wooden Bridge), you can see the elegant Hochbrücke. It spans the River Limmat in one arch in order to accommodate the larger boat traffic planned at the time it was built. The bridge was inaugurated in 1926. Since then, the traffic that used to travel through the Halde and over the Holzbrücke has used this bridge instead.

### 13 Landvogteischloss (Bailiff's Castle)

This castle was the seat of the federal bailiff of the county of Baden from 1415 to 1798 and today it is part of the Baden Museum of History. On the picturesque main building with its stepped gables, you can see the painted crests of the "Eight Old Places." The exhibition in the historic rooms of the Landvogteischloss revolves around Baden in the old Confederation, its transformation to a middle-class society, the Jewish emancipation, and life in the 1930s.

### 14 Baden Museum of History

The museum expansion (nicknamed "the slice of watermelon" by locals) was opened in 1993. The museum (designed by architects Katharina and Wilfried Steib, Basel) features primarily the history of the city and region of Baden. Changes in the environment and society, in daily life and relationships are highlighted with life-like special exhibitions. From the museum entrance, pass the Landvogteischloss once again and then ascend the small set of stairs through the tunnel in the direction of Schartenfels.

### 15 Schloss Schartenfels (castle)

This castle was built by Gottfried Anner as a restaurant with a view between 1875 and 1887. The final highlight of your walk is the lovely view of the entire city of Baden that can be enjoyed from this vantage point.



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# City walks

## North Baden (Architectural highlights and industrial history – takes approx. 2.5 hours)

This walk starts at the Baden SBB Railway Station and takes you to the newest part of Baden in the former industrial district. If you make a detour and visit the spa area, you will experience the oldest part of the city in the former “Aquaе Helveticae,” where the Romans discovered Baden’s healing springs over 2,000 years ago.

### 1 Baden SBB Railway Station

The station was constructed in 1847 and is the oldest preserved historic building of its kind in Switzerland today. The first railway line in Switzerland, the “Spanischbrödlbahn,” ran between Zurich and Baden starting in August 1847. Leave the lower railway square (take the station exit in the direction Limmat/Badstrasse) and turn left towards the spa area.

### 2 Reformed church

This church was built in 1713/1714 by decree of Zurich and Bern at the conclusion of their victory in the 2nd Villmerger War in 1712. It was constructed of the stones from the Stein castle that was razed to the ground.

### 3 Kursaal / Grand Casino Baden

The history of the Kursaal began in 1866 with building plans by the famous architect Gottfried Semper. However, the imposing project was never realised due to the horrendous costs involved. The existing edifice was constructed by Baden architect Robert Moser from 1872 to 1875. After diverse renovations to the interior, the “Grand Casino Baden” (A-license) was opened in July 2002.

### 4 Kurpark (park)

The park surrounding the Grand Casino with its centuries-old trees is a green oasis in the middle of the city.

### 5 Synagogue

The Baden Israeli Cultural Association has been in existence since 1859. The Jewish place of prayer was first located in the Bernerhaus on Weite Gasse and then in the Kaufhaus Schlossberg department store, where the Manor department store stands today. The synagogue was built in 1912/1913.

### 6 Kurtheater

Lisbeth Sachs (1914 – 2002) was the architect of the Kurtheater. She was the second female in Switzerland to work as an independent architect. In the spring of 1939, the 25-year-old participated in the architectural competition to design a new theatre in Baden and won. Due to World War II, construction was not started until 1952.

From the Kurtheater, you can fit in a tour of the spa area or continue following Römerstrasse to Museum Langmatt.

### 7 Spa area

Baden’s springs, the “Aquaе Helveticae,” were first mentioned by the Roman scribe and historian Tacitus in 69 AD. During the Romans era as well as the Middle Ages, Baden’s baths were described as a place of healing, but even more often as a place of joie de vivre. The healing springs were supposed to provide health, well-being and beauty, as well as rejuvenating youth. Despite intensive research, the exact origins of the wondrous water remain unknown. Every day, one million litres of 46.5 degree warm water bubble forth from the 18 springs. The Baden springs are considered to be the richest in mineral content in all of Switzerland.

In the 21st century, the spa area is being returned to its original form from 2,000 years ago: a spa town that attracts guests from all over the world. In the new baths, planned by internationally renowned Ticinese architect Mario Botta, both bathing guests and fans of different



wellness programmes will feel at home. In addition to various attractive pools both indoors and outdoors, unique wellness and sauna areas have been created within this spa city with views of the River Limmat and the surrounding vineyards. Also, a modern rehabilitation clinic with a boutique hotel and restaurant has been built within the area of the Verena Hof complex. Flats, a doctor's surgery, and office space further complement the complex. This ensures that the spa city of Baden is being revived and will remain so. The first properties have already been renovated, others are in the building stage and a number are in the final planning phase. Find the latest information and activities on [www.baden.ch/wellness](http://www.baden.ch/wellness)

#### 8 Museum Langmatt

Villa Langmatt, situated on the periphery of the industrial district, was the residence of the co-founders of the Brown Boveri & Cie. (BBC), and occupied by Sydney Brown and his family. During their lifetime, Sydney and Jenny Brown-Sulzer collected paintings by French Impressionists, rare ceramics and carpets.

In 1987, the villa was made accessible to the public. The park surrounding the house is also public and is the perfect place for a picnic when the weather is nice. The Villa Boveri (9) is somewhat farther away from the BBC building and was built on Ländliweg. Walter Boveri was also a founder of this industrial company. The park grounds around the villa are distinctive, thanks to the unusual combination of landscape and French neo-Baroque gardens. It is open daily.

#### 10 Power Tower

At the end of Römerstrasse, the shining edifice on the left is the Power Tower, the engineering and office building designed in 2002 by architects Diener & Diener, Basel. Four glass structures are connected with wings made of concrete. At the Power Tower, cross Bruggerstrasse and you will be standing on the newly-designed Schmiedepplatz square.

#### 11 Berufsbildung Baden BBB (technical college)

The BBB commercial and industrial technical college is closely intertwined with the history of the Brown Boveri & Cie., where a strong emphasis was placed on excellent training right from the start. The building on the right of the Schmiedepplatz was built by Baden architect Burkard Meyer in 2006.

#### 12 Martinsberg

The Martinsberg hill is crowned by the former recreational building (architect: Armin Meili, Lucerne) that was built in 1954 for the BBC employees. The architects from Burkard Meyer redesigned the building as a technical college in 2005.

#### 13 Service Center Turbo Systems

Via Fabrikstrasse, the route passes by the Service Center of Turbo Systems AG, a subsidiary of ABB Switzerland. The enormous warehouse allows every single order of replacement parts to be shipped worldwide within 24 hours.

#### 14 Alter Friedhof (Old Cemetery)

Should you wish to take a break from the technological world, the picturesque park of the former cemetery is the perfect place to do it. Surrounded by slender cypresses, box-tree spheres and ivy-covered trees, you can really relax here.

#### 15 Merkerareal premises

In the distinctive "Yellow Square," where washing machines and household appliances were once manufactured, an attractive and centrally-located working and residential district has appeared. Today, around 80 tenants work on the former factory premises. The Merkerareal has developed into a centre for architecture, art, communication, and services. The former dispatch building is now the restaurant Spedition, and the Stanzerei provides a unique event venue for the premises.

# City walks



The inner courtyard of the Yellow Square was covered with a colourful “woven carpet” created by artist Beat Zoderer (\*1955).

## 16 BBC original founder's building

Follow Kreuzweg and cross the street to Trafoplatz. On the left side of the square you can see the Brown Boveri & Cie. original founder's building from 1891. For decades, the old bell accompanied the employees throughout their work day.

## 17 Convention Center Trafo Baden

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## City Tours

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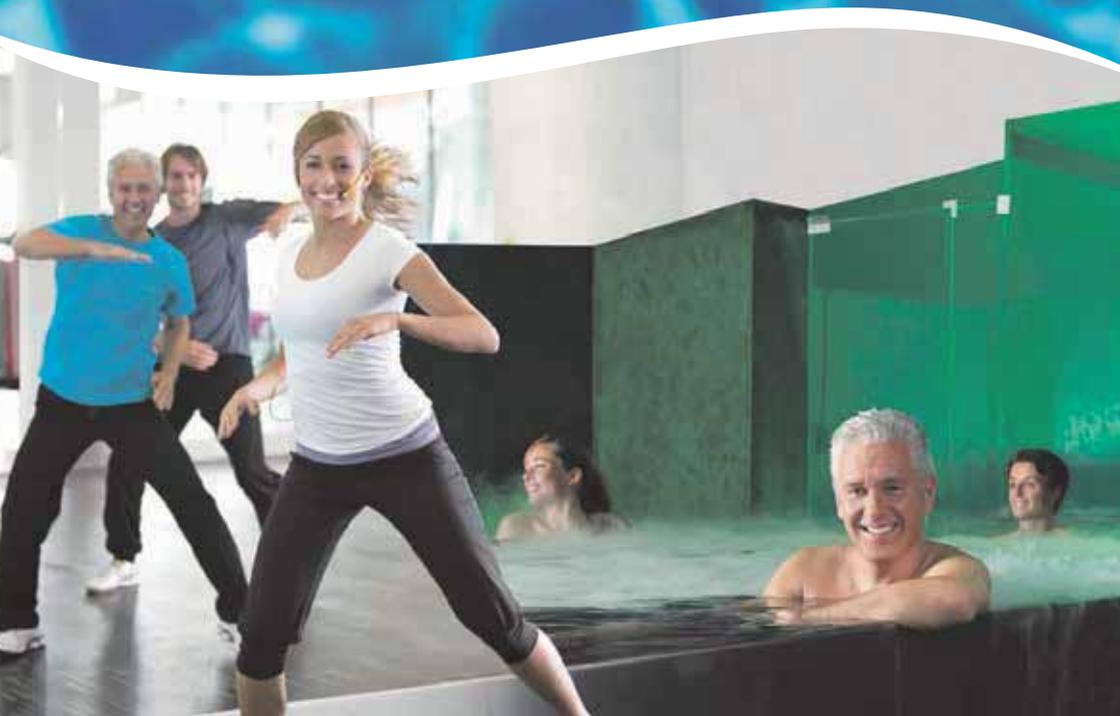
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# Hikes



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**Baden Railway Station – Landvogteischloss – Schloss Schartenfels – Hertenstein-Chänzeli – Martinsberg-Chänzeli – Stein ruins – Baden Railway Station**

From Baden Railway Station, take the Promenade lift down to the River Limmat and continue upriver to the Landvogteischloss (Bailiff's Castle). The first steep incline, with an altitude difference of 110 metres, leads to the Restaurant Schloss Schartenfels. After a descent of 132 metres to Ennetbaden and a climb of 107 metres, you will pass through the vineyards, known as the "Golden Wall", and reach the Hertenstein-Chänzeli lookout point. One hundred metres below you lies the spa area, which you pass through before the path climbs again behind the Nordportal (north portal) to the Martinsberg-Chänzeli. After another descent of 63 metres, you will reach the Stein ruins (see p. 4). From there, the path down to the railway station is only 44 metres.

### Places of interest:

The Chänzeli, or lookout points, have been in existence for more than one hundred years and were a vital part of the therapy programme of Baden's baths during the 'belle époque.' These supplements to bathing cures were known as 'terrain cures.' It is worth climbing the approximately 1,300 steps because of the lovely view you will be rewarded with at the summit. It will also give you a completely different perspective of the city of Baden and its surrounding region.

### Route info:

7.6 km / 380 m climb / 380 m descent /  
approx. 2 hrs 30 min.  
Individualised hiking route

### Restaurants:

Restaurant Schloss Schartenfels  
Schartenfelsstrasse, CH-5430 Wettingen  
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[www.schloss-schartenfels.ch](http://www.schloss-schartenfels.ch)  
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# Hikes

## Experience the Jewish Surbtal Valley

**Baden Railway Station – Ennetbaden Goldwand – Badenerweg to Endingen – Steinenbühl – Siggenthal – Baden Railway Station**

From Baden Railway Station, the route first passes through the spa area (see p. 12) and then up into the Ennetbaden vineyards, known as the Goldwand (Golden Wall). Continue on by following the marked hiking route, which is also sometimes called the "Badenerweg." This route was used right up until the 1920s by labourers from Endingen who worked in Baden. A panorama display board is located on 'Ebni.' This pleasant hike continues through forests to Endingen and back via Steinenbühl through the Siggenthal Valley and is ideal for hot summer days.

### Places of interest:

In the "Judendorf" in Endingen, the synagogue, the Jewish cemetery (see picture) and the former Jewish bathhouse are reminiscent of earlier times. Particularly striking is the fact that some buildings have two separate entrances. Jews and Christians were not permitted to use the same entrance to a building in those days.

A "Jewish Cultural Route" has been formed between Endingen and Lengnau, [www.juedischerkulturweg.ch](http://www.juedischerkulturweg.ch) (2–3 hours). It points out the historic sites of a time when Jews in Switzerland were only allowed to live in the two Surbtal Valley villages.

Follow the Surb River upriver some 150 metres from the Jewish bathhouse and, behind the silo of the former mill, you will see the mighty eroded rocks of what was once a glacial gorge. The gorge was formed at the end of the Riss ice age around 100,000 years ago when an extension of the Linth Glacier that stretched all the way to the Jewish cemetery melted.

### Route info:

Total 16.0 km / 530 m climb / 580 m descent approx. 4 hrs 30 min.

Baden – Endingen 10 km, approx. 2 hrs 45 min.

Endingen – Untersiggenthal, approx. 1 hr 45 min.

Official hiking trail

### Public Transport:

Hike the entire route to Siggenthal, then take bus number 2 or number 6 from the "Untersiggenthal Gemeindehaus" bus stop back to Baden.

The hike can be shortened by taking the bus to Endingen and walking to Siggenthal from there. From the Postauto bus station at Baden Main Railway Station (Bahnhofstrasse level, see signage) take bus number 252 or 253 to Endingen.

You can also hike to Endingen and take the bus back to Baden. The return bus, number 252 or 253, leaves from the "Endingen Post" bus stop.

### Restaurants:

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## High above the Wasserschloss confluence

**Baden Railway Station – Kappelerhof – Anzfluh – Gebenstorfer Horn – Baldegg – Baden Railway Station**

From Baden Railway Station, follow Bahnhofstrasse towards the Grand Casino Baden. Here, Parkstrasse will take you past the Kurpark to the Römerstrasse fork, which you will follow to the Bruggerstrasse pedestrian underpass. On the other side of Bruggerstrasse, opposite the Siggenthaler bridge, the hiking route turns left.

The 'Sieben Brüggliweg' leads through the fairytale, mystical Eiben Woods to Anzfluh and beyond, to Gebenstorfer Horn and via Baldegg back to Baden.

### Places of interest:

At Römerstrasse 30, you will find today's Impressionist Museum Langmatt. The villa was the former residence of the Brown family, co-founders of Brown Boveri & Cie. A visit to the museum or a picnic in the park is something that should not be missed (see p. 13).

After the rather steep climb to Anzfluh (same history as the Tüfels Chäller and Lake Egelsee [see p. 28]), you will be rewarded with an expansive view over the Siggental Valley, the Höhtal Valley and the Lägern Mountains. From Gebenstorfer Horn, you can see what is known as the 'Wasserschloss,' a confluence of three rivers: the Aare, Reuss, and Limmat. This river landscape is one of the most beautiful in Europe. The Wasserturm (Water Tower) on Baldegg also offers you a spectacular panoramic view from the Alps to the Black Forest.

### Route info:

13.4 km / 390 m climb / 390 m descent  
approx. 3 hrs 40 min.  
Official hiking trail

### Variations:

Baden Railway Station via the Old Town and the St. Niklaus Stiege staircase through the Stein ruins to Baldegg (or by bus No 5 to Baldegg) – Gebenstorfer Horn – Gebenstorf. Return to Baden by bus. 9.0 km / 235 m climb / 281 m descent / approx. 2 hrs 30 min

### Public transport:

If you would like to begin your hike to Gebenstorfer Horn from Baldegg, take bus number 5 from the Bahnhof Baden Ost (Baden East railway station) bus stop to Baldegg. You can also ride back to Baden from Baldegg with bus number 5. If you hike to Gebenstorf, bus number 1 or number 4 will take you back to Baden from the "Alter Löwe" bus stop.

### Restaurants:

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**Baden Railway Station – former Oberstadt  
Railway Station – Tüfels Chäller – Rüsler –  
Heitersberg – Lake Egelsee – Widen**

From Baden Railway Station, the route follows Badstrasse, Stadtturm (city tower) and Mittlere Gasse to Cordulaplatz. The 'Glas' pedestrian underpass takes you to Mellingerstrasse and Hotel Linde, where you can cross the street. Left of the library, the route starts to climb and passes over the walkway of the KV Baden-Zurzach Business School. From there, follow the 'Heitersberg' sign. The route continues through the Tüfels Chäller to Rüsler and up the Höhenweg (high route) to Heitersberg. Open stretches in the woods offer numerous gorgeous views over the Limmat and Reuss Valleys.

### Places of interest:

The Tüfels Chäller and Lake Egelsee share the same geographic history. The forested area of the Tüfels Chäller (see p. 42) with its own primeval forest character and mighty rock formations was placed under conservation protection in 1987. After the retreat of the Riss Glacier 100,000 years ago, a sinkhole was formed on the east face of the Baregg, and interlinked chunks of stone up to 30 m high gradually slid on the wet molasse marl towards the valley. This type of landslide created a large depression, which provided a place for Lake Egelsee to form. It is possible to bathe in Lake Egelsee. Myths and legends surround the Tüfels Chäller (devil's cellar) and Lake Egelsee. The devil is said to have stored his casks in the gorges of the Tüfels Chäller, and legend has it that a sunken castle of an evil knight lies at the bottom of deep Lake Egelsee.

### Route info:

15.8 km / 300 m climb / 586 m descent /  
approx. 4 hrs  
Official hiking trail

### Public transport:

The route can be shortened depending on how keen you are on hiking. For example, you can travel back to Baden from Oberrohrdorf or from the Remetschwil "Post" bus stop. If you want to hike the entire route, board the bus in Berikon. Bus number 320 or 321 will always take you back to Baden.

### Restaurants:

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## From monastery to monastery

**Baden Railway Station – Kloster Wettingen (monastery) – Neuenhof – Würenlos – Oetwil a. d. L. – Dietikon – Kloster Fahr (monastery) – return from Schlieren Railway Station**

From Baden Railway Station, the route leads through the Old Town and down to the River Limmat. Before the Holzbrücke (Wooden Bridge), the route sign 'Kulturweg Baden – Wettingen – Neuenhof' points to the right fork ([www.kulturweg-limmat.ch](http://www.kulturweg-limmat.ch)). Follow the signs and hike past the Holzbrücke and Kloster Wettingen (monastery) along the left-hand Limmatuferweg (Limmat riverbank route) to Würenlos and then cross over to the right-hand bank. From there, follow the 'Kloster Fahr' signs. Along the way, you will encounter a fascinating river landscape, in which both idyllic scenery and urbanised civilisation are in close proximity to one another. The route passes significant cultural and industrial landmarks.

### Places of interest:

Kloster Wettingen (monastery) is an artistic monument of European significance and Switzerland's best-preserved Cistercian monastery. It houses richly-carved Baroque choir stalls and a Roman-Gothic cloister with stained-glass paintings. Today, an Aargau cantonal school is located in the monastery. [www.kanti-wettingen.ch/kloster](http://www.kanti-wettingen.ch/kloster)

The Benedictine Kloster Fahr (monastery) has belonged to the Einsiedeln Monastery since its founding in 1130 and is still run as a monastery. The name 'Fahr' or 'Vare/Var' refers to the fact that a landing for a ferry crossing over the River Limmat was situated on the site of today's monastery before 1130.

### Route info:

Baden – Kloster Fahr 17.2 km / 215 m climb / 210 m descent / approx. 4 hrs 15 min.  
Kloster Fahr – Schlieren Railway Station 2.7 km, 40 min.  
Official hiking trail

### Variations:

Detour up the Altberg  
At Oetwil an der Limmat, a steep path taking about 45 minutes leads via the village and the Wiesentäli Valley up to the Altberg. The Altberg is a worthwhile excursion destination in summer and in winter. From the idyllic garden restaurant, you can enjoy a gorgeous view of the city of Zurich and the Alps. A recent addition is a lookout tower.

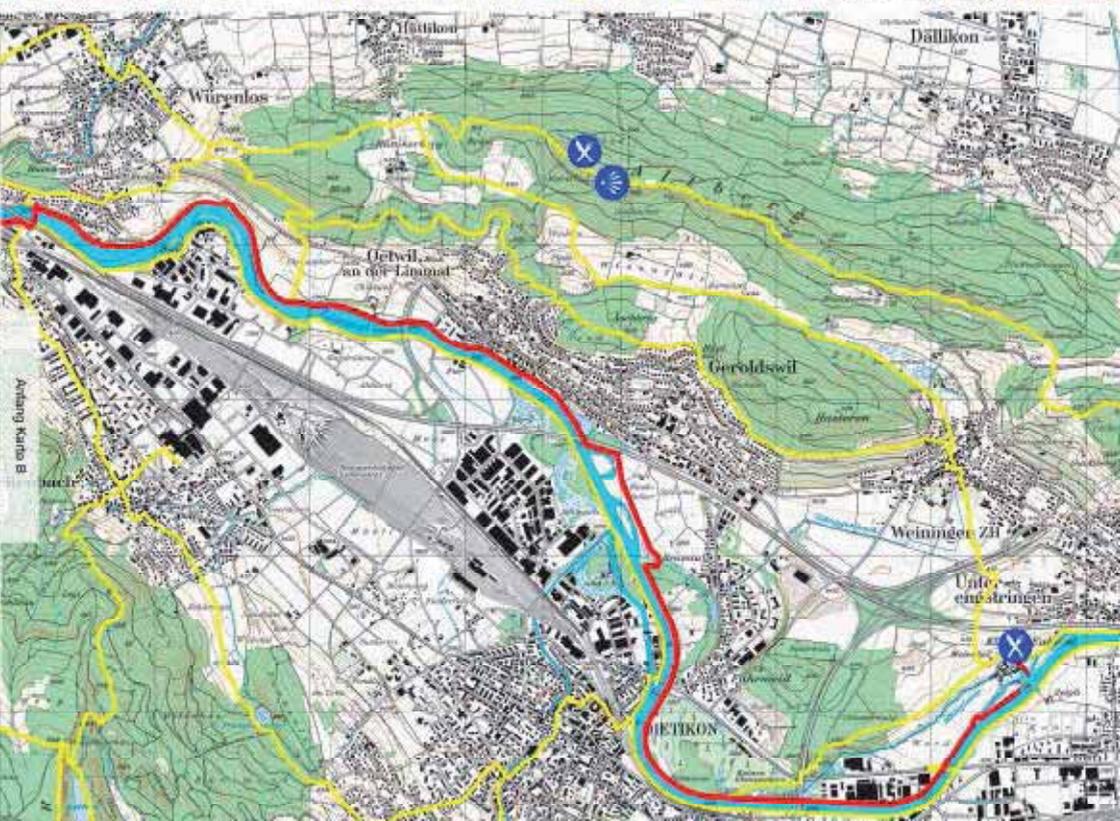
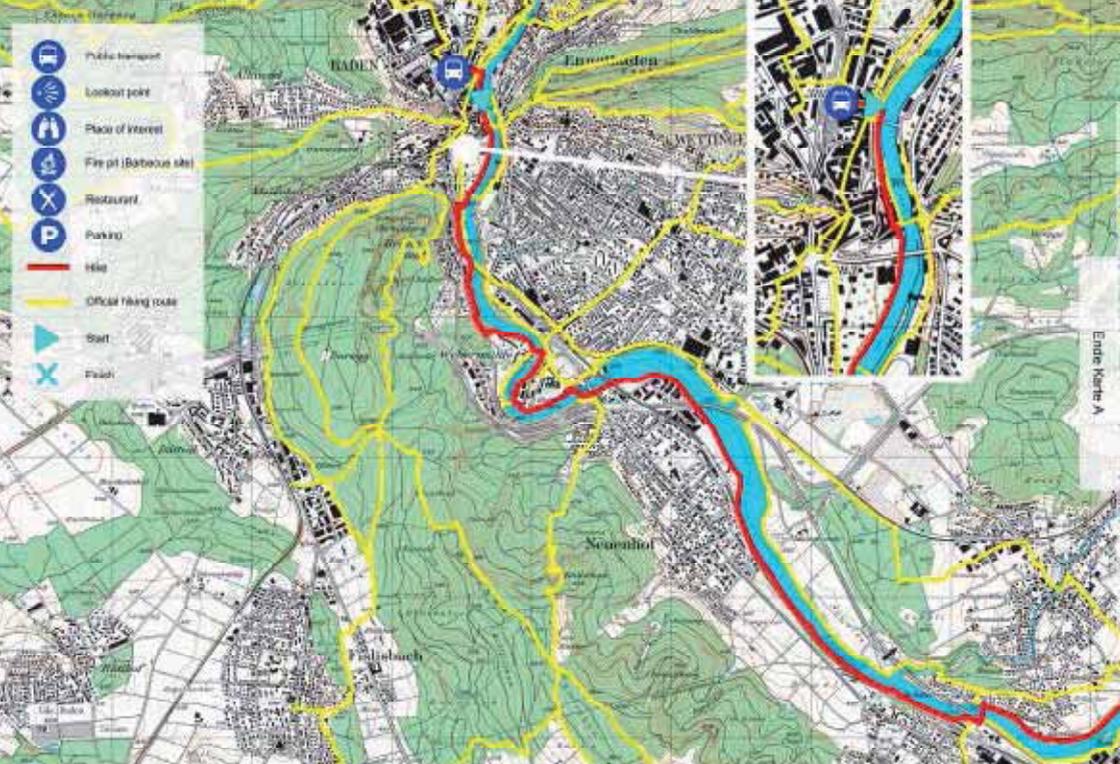
### Public transport stops:

This hike can also be shortened. For example, you can take the suburban train S12 from Neuenhof Railway Station back to Baden or take the S12 train and bus number 2 or 4 from Killwangen Railway Station to Baden. From Dietikon Railway Station, you can take the Intercity train or suburban train S12 back to Baden, and from Schlieren Railway Station, the S12 also runs to Baden.

### Restaurants:

Restaurant Waldschenke Altberg  
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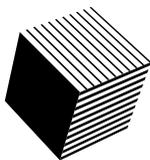
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## Romantic ridge hike

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#### Places of interest:

The Lägern ridge is very striking with its steeply cut, nearly vertical chalk walls. The panoramic view towards the north and the south is spectacular. The castle buildings of the Alt-Lägern were probably abandoned at the beginning of the 13th century. Numerous archaeological finds suggest that this was the seat of the wealthy noblemen of Regensburg. The Planetenweg route between Hochwacht und Regensberg, the mediaeval town of Regensberg with its round guard tower, deep well, and splendid gardens are further highlights of this park.

#### Route info:

10.9 km / 477 m climb / 535 m descent / approx. 3 hrs 20 min.

Challenging mountain hike. Sturdy footwear recommended.

Official hiking trail

#### Public transport:

From Regensberg, you can travel on public transportation back to Baden. In Regensberg-Dorf, take bus number 593 to Dielsdorf, Altmoos. Once there, change to bus number 456 travelling to Regensdorf-Watt Railway Station, and from Regensdorf-Watt, take the suburban train S6 to Baden.

#### Restaurants:

Restaurant Schloss Scharthenfels  
Scharthenfelsstrasse, CH-5430 Wettingen  
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Restaurant Löwen  
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# Hikes



## Through moors and marshes

**Baden Railway Station – former Oberstadt Railway Station – Dättwil – Fislisbach – Niederrohrdorf – Marsh areas: Torfmoos, Taumoos, Egelmoos**

The actual hike begins at the former Baden Oberstadt Railway Station. You can reach it via Badstrasse, Stadtturm (city tower), Mittlere Gasse and Cordulaplatz. The 'Glas' pedestrian underpass takes you to Mellingerstrasse and Hotel Linde, where you can cross the street. Left of the library, the route leads to the former railway station and passes over the walkway to the KV Baden-Zurzach Business School. Here, the route veers off to the right and follows the forest edge to Fislisbach and over gently-rolling hills and through meadows and woods to the moor area and small lakes. The hike is especially charming thanks to its lovely landscape and also contains a rich diversity of plant life.

### Places of interest:

Near the village of Fislisbach, you can find witnesses of the last ice age. A moraine hill from this era is the 'Boll.' The rounded moraine with a gorgeous view of the village and the Reuss Valley is a place of contemplation today. The Niederrohrdorfer Möser (marshes) are from the same era. The receding Reuss Glacier left behind masses of dead ice between moraine walls and these formed smaller and larger lakes and a unique moor landscape with diverse animal and plant life.  
[www.niederrohrdorf.ch](http://www.niederrohrdorf.ch)

### Route info:

13.2 km / 250 m climb / 208 m descent /  
3 hrs 20 min  
Individualised hiking route

### Variations:

If you want to shorten the hike, you can start in Fislibach instead. From the Postauto bus station at Baden Main Railway Station (Bahnhofstrasse level, see signage), take bus number 321, 322, 332 or 334 to the Fislisbach "Post" bus stop, and start your hike from there. (6.8 km / 105 m ascent / 104 m descent, 1 hr 40 min)

### Public transport:

From the Niederrohrdorf "Welschland" bus stop, the Postauto bus number 322 will take you back to Baden.

### Restaurants:

Wirtschaft Täfern  
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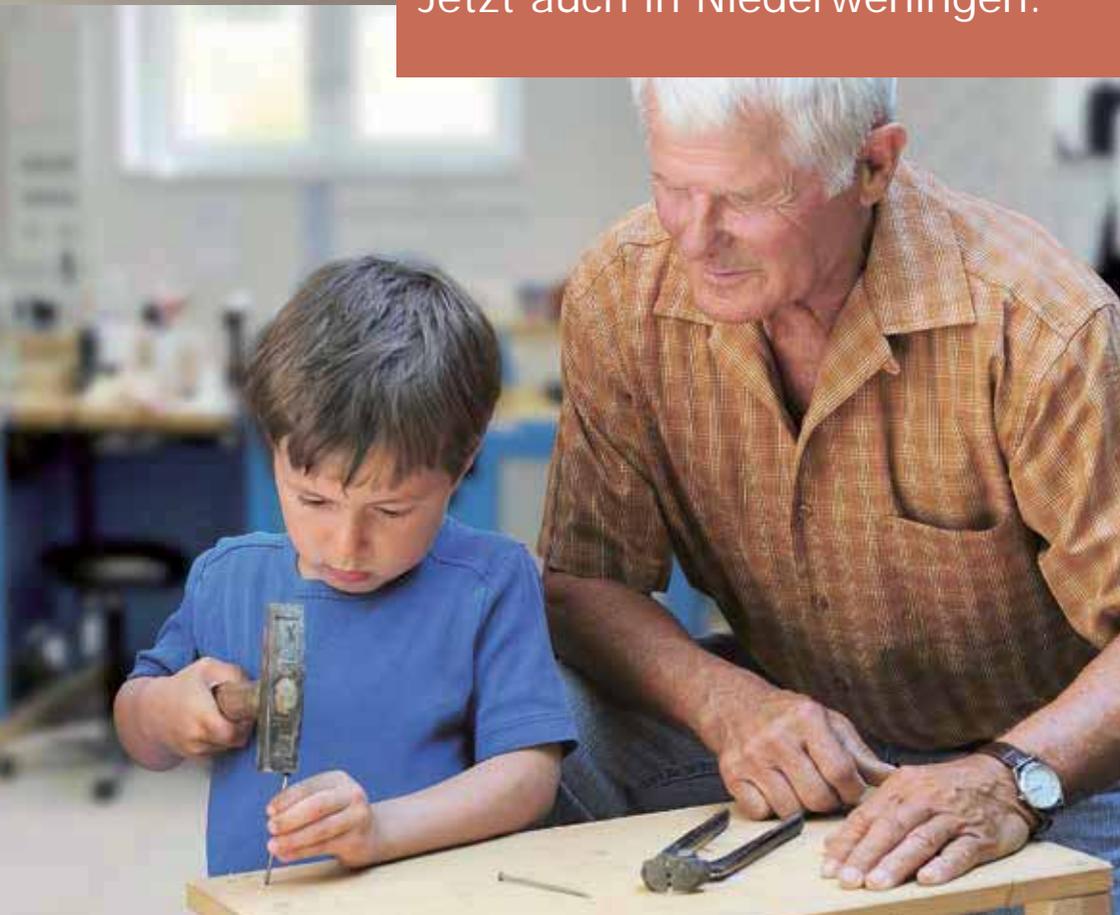
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Niederrohrdorferstrasse 1, CH-5442 Fislisbach  
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## Forest hike with a view

**Baden Railway Station – Hertenstein – Ebni –  
Steinenbühl – Iflue – Siggenthal Station**

From Baden Railway Station, hike via the Kurpark (park) to the spa area. The Grand Casino Baden and the Kurtheater are located in the park. The park itself is an oasis within the city with its centuries-old trees. From the spa area (see p. 12), the route continues through the vineyards up to Hertenstein and then farther up to Ebni, from where you can enjoy a spectacular view. The path to the desired excursion points is well marked. The view from Iflue and the descent to Siggenthal Railway Station are both memorable. The descent is rather steep but easy to walk and well marked with yellow route signs.

### Places of interest:

This hike provides one splendid view after another over the entire Siggental Valley and leads through forest glades with huts and fire pits (barbecue sites) to small hamlets, including the hamlet of Steinenbühl. Here, you will find some residential and farm buildings, as well as the traditional Restaurant Steinenbühl, where you can enjoy a meal or light snack outdoors in the fresh mountain air.

### Route info:

12 km / 375 m climb / 419 m descent

3 hrs 40 min.

Official hiking trail

### Public transport:

From Siggenthal-Würenlingen Railway Station, you can take the suburban train S27 back to Baden.

### Restaurants:

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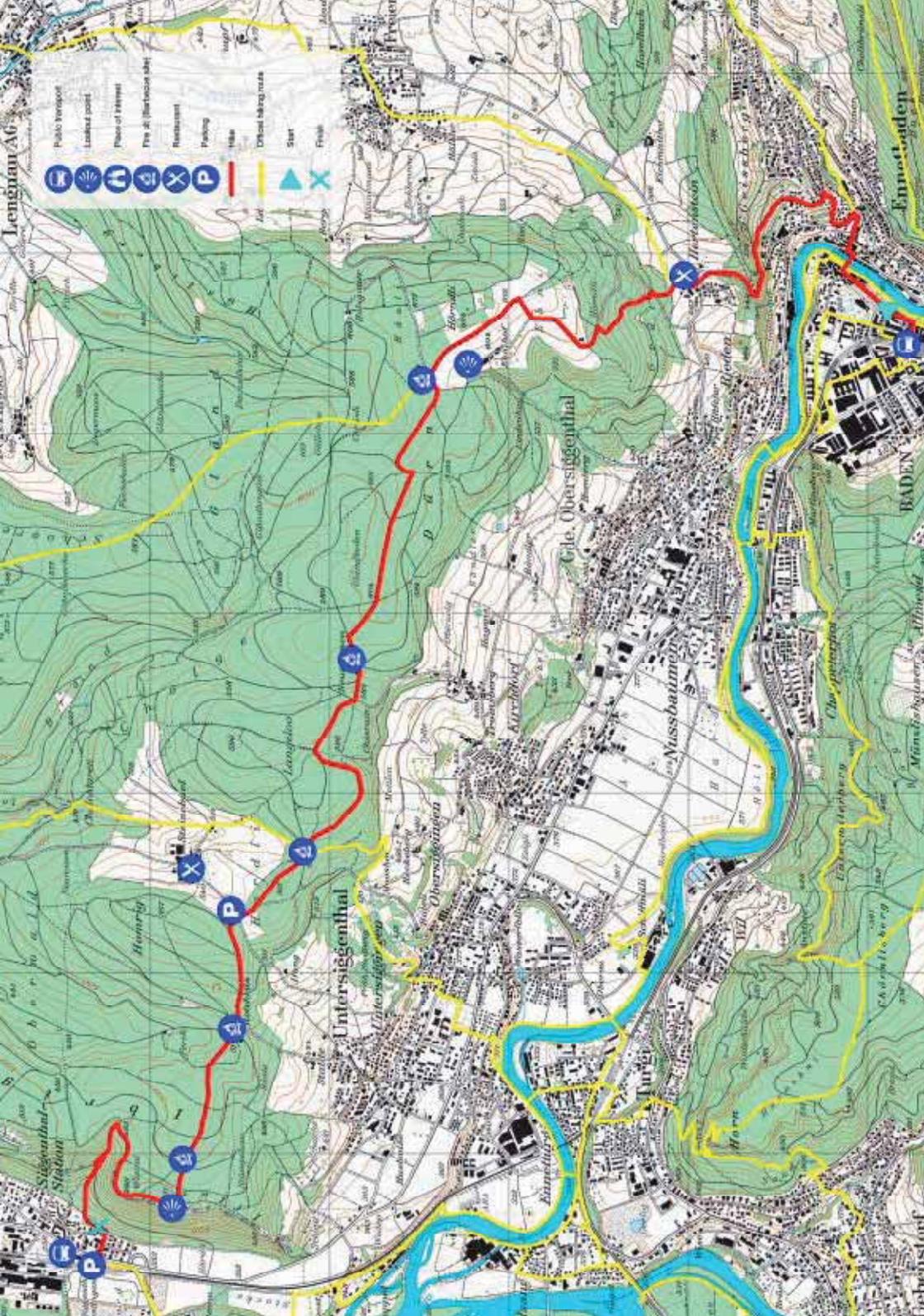
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# Hikes



## Primeval forest and playground

**Baden Railway Station – former Oberstadt Railway Station – Tüfels Chäller – Täfern – Baregg tunnel – former Oberstadt Railway Station**

From Baden Railway Station, the route follows Badstrasse, Stadtturm (city tower) and Mittlere Gasse to Cordulaplatz. The 'Glas' pedestrian underpass takes you to Mellingerstrasse and Hotel Linde, where you can cross the street. Left of the library and the former Mariä Krönung nunnery, the path continues up to the railway station and over the walkway to the KV Baden-Zurzach Business School. You can enter the woods by following the wooden steps, where you can discover a world that is so far and yet so near to civilisation.

### Places of interest:

The Baden Forest covers almost 56 percent of the municipal region and is thus the perfect recreational area for Baden's inhabitants. In 1987, the local citizens' community declared the Tüfels Chäller to be a nature reserve. The devil may not have been seen in the past few years, but in the nature reserve, which has not been logged since 1999, you have the feeling you are in a primeval forest perfect for playing and gazing around in awe. The Tüfels Chäller is a rocky landslide area with breccia obelisks, caves, crevices and ravines. A diverse mosaic of plant life with typical plant varieties and imposing giant trees has developed here. Sign-boards provide info about the formation of this unusual world.

[www.wald.baden.ch](http://www.wald.baden.ch)

### Route info:

7.45 km / 179 m climb / 210 m descent

approx. 2 hrs

Official hiking trail

### Public transport:

From the Dättwil "Täferer" bus stop, take bus number 320, 321, 322, 332 or 334 back to Baden.

### Restaurants:

Wirtschaft Täfern

Mellingerstrasse 209, CH-5405 Baden-Dättwil

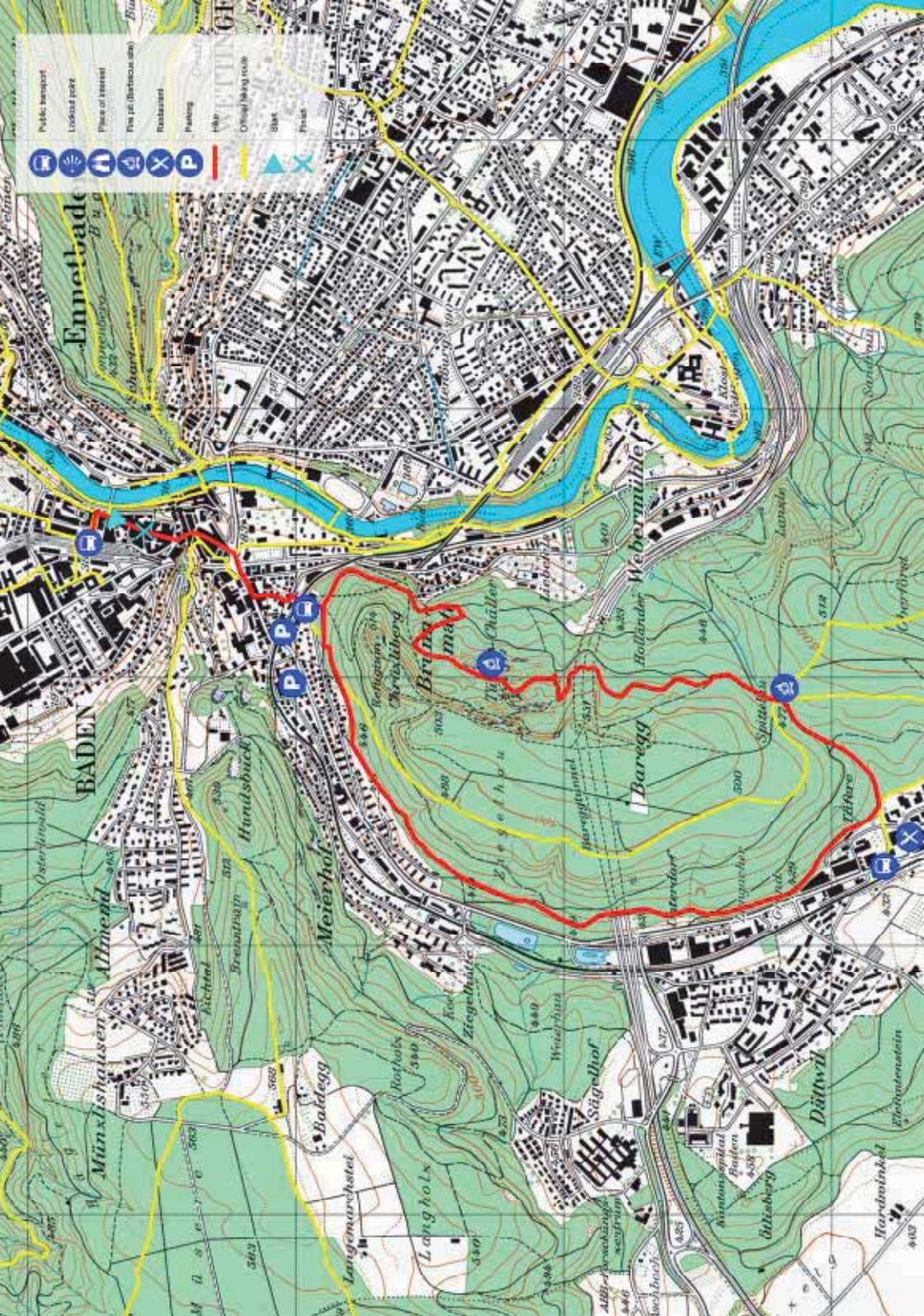
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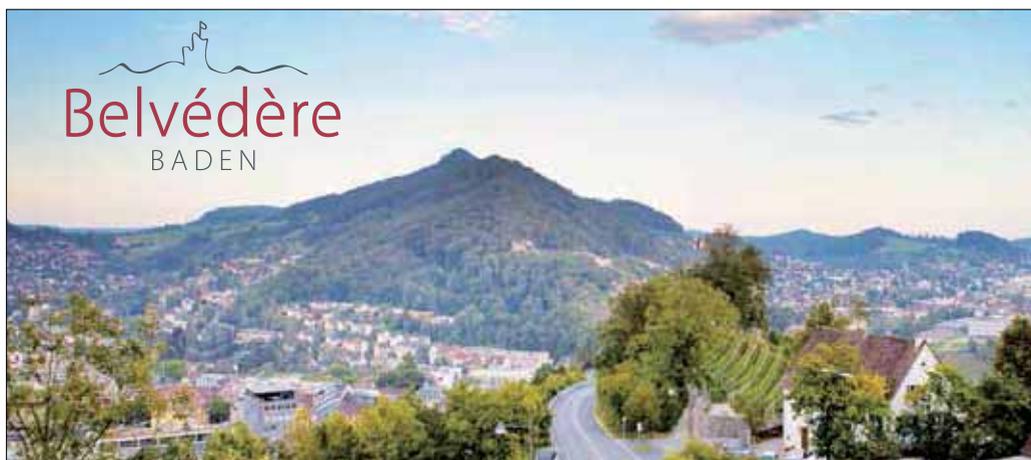
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# Hikes



## Beavers and industrial culture

**Baden Railway Station – Limmat – Turgi – Vogelsang – Wasserschloss (river confluence) – Bahnhof Turgi – or Windisch**

At first, this route takes you through the spa area, then along the Limmat/Aareuferweg (riverbank trail) to Turgi and beyond, to the Wasserschloss river confluence. Beyond the Kappelerhof power station, beavers have marked out their territory. Their gnawed yet spectacular ‘tree carvings’ can be found all along the riverbank route. In Vogelsang, at the west end of the bridge (parking lot), cross the wooden footbridge and follow the footpath that leads along the water’s edge. You will cross the River Aare at the sanitation pumping station (Rohrbrücke bridge).

### Places of interest:

The area in the triangle between Brugg, Turgi, and Klingnau is known as ‘Switzerland’s Wasserschloss,’ or natural reservoir, and is part of the Auenschutzpark Aargau Project. The Aare, Reuss, and Limmat rivers meet at Vogelsang, creating a unique river landscape with expansive alluvial forest and a rich variety of flora and fauna. In Vogelsang, before you cross the bridge over the Aare, a side trip upriver (approx. 300 m) to the Limmatspitz is highly recommended. Due to its large rivers, the north-eastern part of Aargau became a thriving industrial area in the 19th and 20th centuries. Many of the factories and power plants are still standing. The ‘Industrial Cultural Path Limmat – Wasserschloss’ was specifically created to experience this history up close. The section ‘Turgi – Vogelsang – Untersiggenthal’ is part of this hike.  
[www.industriekultur.ch](http://www.industriekultur.ch)

### Route info:

13.5 km / 115 m climb / 156 m descent  
approx. 3 hrs 20 min.  
Official hiking trail

### Variations:

Circular hike starting at the parking lot to Vogelsang – Brücke West with a detour to the Limmatspitz. Impassable during high water or flooding.  
6.5 km / 1 hr 30 min.

### Public transport:

You can finish this hike at three different points. From Turgi Railway Station, take the suburban train S12, S23 or S27 back to Baden. Or, you can hike to Lauffohr and take bus number 376 from the "Dorf" bus stop to Brugg Railway Station. From Brugg Railway Station, take the suburban train S12 or S23, the IR (Interregio) train or the RE (Regioexpress) train back to Baden. You can also take the same trains if you end your hike in Brugg.

### Restaurants:

Restaurant Central  
Vogelsangstrasse 10, CH-5300 Turgi  
Tel. +41 (0)56 223 90 90 / closed Wed

Restaurant Landhus  
CH-5300 Turgi  
Tel. +41 (0)56 223 10 43 / closed Tue/Wed

Restaurant zur Brücke  
CH-5300 Vogelsang b. Turgi  
Tel. +41 (0)56 223 11 53  
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Restaurant Kurve  
Dorfstrasse 57, CH-5210 Windisch  
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# Hikes



## Alpine hike in the lowlands

**Baden Railway Station – train to Schneisingen Murzlen – hike to the Alpine roses – Vogelsang – Endingen – return trip aboard Post bus to Baden**

The route sets off opposite the Bucher industrial premises in a northerly direction to the village of Schneisingen. Follow the signs 'Mittel- und Ober-Schneisingen, Koblenz und Bad Zurzach.' In the Bowald Woods, you will soon find Alpine roses (in bloom from the middle of May), which were carried into the lowlands during the ice age and have continued to survive up until today. After admiring the Alpine roses, get on the trail network once again and walk westward through the shady woods to the hamlet of Vogelsang. The trail follows the sloping meadow and then the forest's edge all the way to Endingen.

### Places of interest:

A side trip above Schneisingen to the Oberhard area with the Egg lookout point (only 7 minutes) is definitely worthwhile. You will be rewarded by a view that spans from the Churfirsten Mountains to the Black Forest and over the entire Surbtal Valley. In May, this is one of the most beautiful flower meadows anywhere in Switzerland.

A 'Jewish Cultural Path' (2–3 hrs) has been created between Endingen and Lengnau, [www.juedischer-kulturweg.ch](http://www.juedischer-kulturweg.ch). It draws your attention to historical sites from a time when Jews in Switzerland were only permitted to live in the two Surbtal Valley villages. See also 'Experience the Jewish Surbtal Valley' (p. 22).

### Route info:

9 km / 200 m climb / 257 m descent / approx. 2 hrs 20 min.  
Official hiking trail

### Public transport:

From the Postauto bus station at Baden Main Railway Station (Bahnhofstrasse level, see signage), take bus number 354 to the Schneisingen "Murzlen" bus stop. The "Alpine Hike" begins here. At the end of this hike, you can travel back to Baden from the Endingen "Post" bus stop on bus number 352 or 353.

### Restaurants:

Restaurant Alpenrösli  
Dorfstrasse 26, CH-5425 Schneisingen  
Tel. +41 (0)56 241 19 01  
[www.alpenroesli-schneisingen.ch](http://www.alpenroesli-schneisingen.ch)  
Closed Mon/Tue

Restaurant Post  
Marktstrasse 18, CH-5304 Endingen  
Tel. +41 (0)56 242 10 80  
[www.restaurant-post-endingen.ch](http://www.restaurant-post-endingen.ch)  
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# Hikes



## Birdwatcher's paradise on Lake Flachsee

**Baden Railway Station – train to Rottenschwil – hike to Lake Flachsee – train back to Baden**

The hike to the unique nature reserve area 'Lake Flachsee' begins in Rottenschwil. In the 1960s, a soil improvement project for the Reuss plain as well as the construction of a power plant were planned. The plain would have been drained with a canal system without consideration of the diverse flora and fauna living there. After years of debate, an alternative project was developed with the initiative of the then 'Aargau Association for Nature Preservation.' This project recommended the creation of a shallow lake. After a fiercely-fought vote, a small majority of Aargau citizens chose the current, eco-friendly variation.

### Places of interest:

The entire area is home to countless rare bird species, especially in the winter months, and has very diverse flora. The loops of the River Reuss below the power plant at Bremgarten are also geographically fascinating.

The Hermetschwil Monastery is one of the Benedictine abbeys dedicated to St. Martin. It is situated on a small hill directly on the west bank of the River Reuss. The monastery was founded at the end of the 12th century but was closed down in 1876. However, it has been operating as a monastery again since 1985.

### Route info for the left- or right-hand bank:

Rottenschwil – Hermetschwil Dominilochsteg – Emaus, 8 km, flat, 2 hrs  
Official hiking trail

### Variations:

Circular path around the lake. Cross at Hermetschwil Monastery. 8 km, flat, 2 hrs

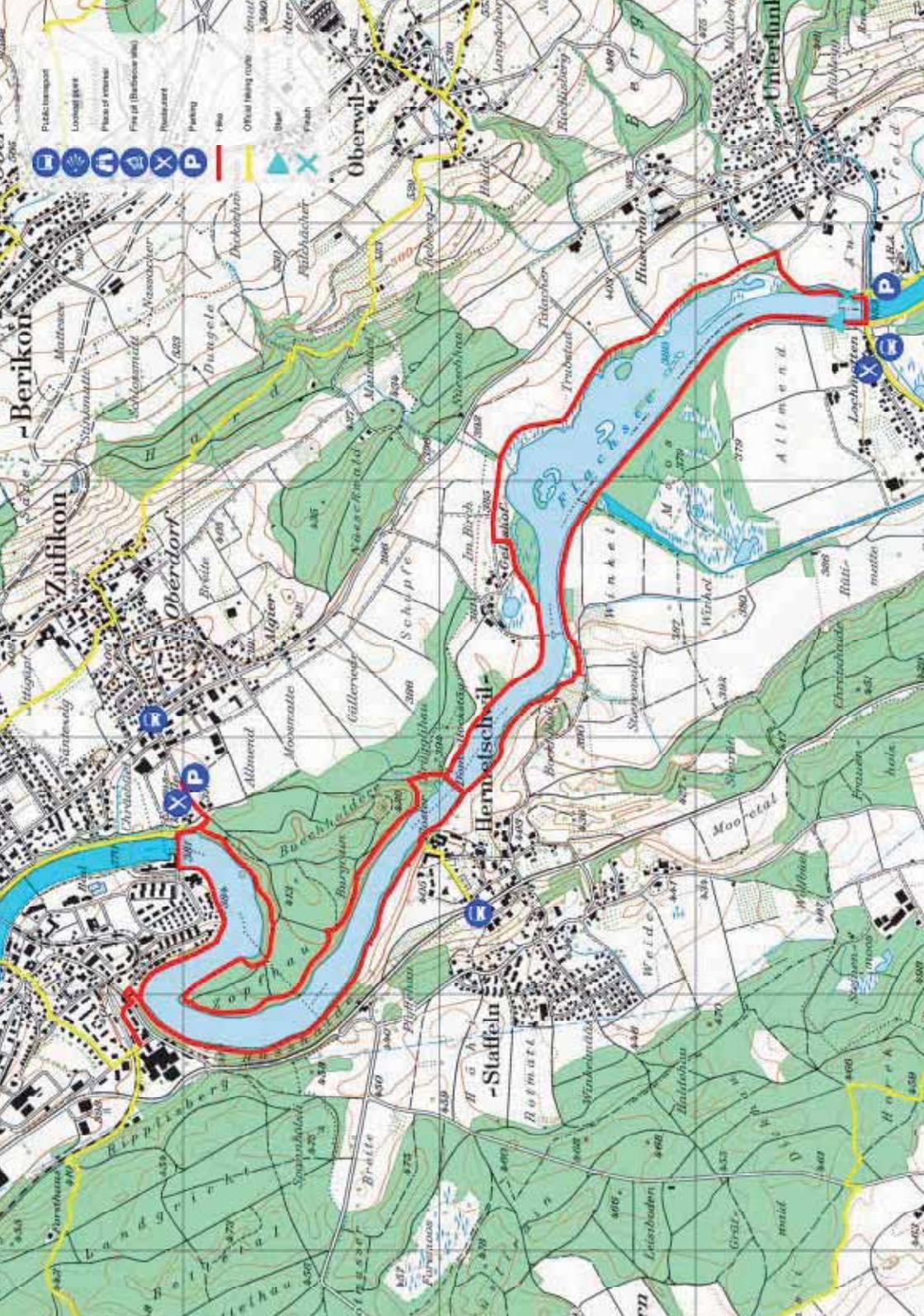
### Public transport stops:

If you would like to start your hike in Rottenschwil, take the suburban train S12 from Baden Main Railway Station to Zürich-Altstetten Railway Station. From there, take the suburban train S9 to Birmensdorf ZH, where you will have to change to bus number 245 and travel to the starting point at the Rottenschwil "Hecht" bus stop. If you would like to hike around Flachsee, you can use the same public transportation combination to return to Baden. If you would like to shorten this hike, you have the following options for returning to Baden: From the Hermetschwil "Kloster" bus stop, take bus number 339 to Bremgarten, Bibenlos. There, change to Postauto bus number 322 to return to Baden. Alternatively, you can end your hike in Zufikon. From the Zufikon "Emaus" bus stop, take bus number 231 or 338 to Bremgarten Railway Station. There, change to Postauto bus number 322 or 332 travelling to Baden.

### Restaurants:

Restaurant Hecht  
Hauptstrasse 2, CH-8919 Rottenschwil  
Tel. +41 (0)56 634 11 06  
Closed Mon from 2 p.m. and all day Tue

Restaurant Emaus  
Emausstrasse 15, CH-5621 Zufikon  
Tel. +41 (0)56 633 13 85 / Closed Mon/Tue





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centre in Switzerland. You will discover everything from traditional shops and sophisticated labels to luxury items and international brands. Restaurants and cafés invite you to take a break, and a boat cruise on Lake Zurich is the best way to end your excursion.

Zürich Tourism, at the Main Railway Station, CH-8021 Zurich  
Tel. +41 (0)44 215 40 00, [www.zuerich.com](http://www.zuerich.com)

1 November – 30 April: Mon–Sat 8.30 a.m.–7 p.m.,

Sun 9 a.m.–6 p.m. / 1 May – 31 October:

Mon–Sat 8 a.m.–8.30 p.m., Sun 8.30 a.m.–6.30 p.m.

Public transport: Baden SBB – Zurich SBB, S 6, S 12, IR

**travel time 16 min**

## Kloster Wettingen (monastery)



This monastery is the best-preserved Cistercian monastery in Switzerland. Its history began in 1227 with the founding of the Maris

Stella (sea star) Monastery. It contains richly-carved Baroque choir stalls and a Roman-Gothic cloister with stained-glass paintings. The Aargau monastery was closed in 1841. Today, the Wettingen cantonal school is located in the monastery.

Klosterstrasse 11, CH-5430 Wettingen

Tel. +41 (0)56 437 24 05, [www.kanti-wettingen.ch](http://www.kanti-wettingen.ch)

1 March – 31 October, Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sundays and holidays 12 noon–5 p.m. Public transport: Baden Railway Station

Ost – Kloster Wettingen, bus L 4

**travel time approx. 20 min.**

## Roman amphitheatre, Windisch



In the first century AD, the only camp of legionaries in what is now Switzerland was located in Vindonissa, known today as Windisch near

Brugg. It served as a support post for the Roman army and was a strategically important site. The Roman amphitheatre of Vindonissa is the largest and best-preserved one in Switzerland. Its circumference measures 112 × 98 m and can seat up to 8,000 people. Today, the amphitheatre is a stop on the Vindonissa Legionary Trail.

Hauserstrasse, CH-5210 Windisch

Public transport: Baden SBB – Brugg SBB, S 12, S 23, IR, RE, Brugg SBB – Windisch Gemeindehaus, bus L 364, 366

**travel time approx. 20 min.**

## Legionary's trail, Windisch



The Legionary Trail is an educational and discovery park highlighting history and archaeology. It allows the public to experience the

cultural heritage of the only Roman legionary camp in Switzerland in an interactive manner. Audioguide-Tours lead you through the impressive archaeology sites, such as the sunken officers' canteen. You can also see the ruins of the Roman thermal baths or inspect the Roman aqueduct system that is still working today.

Postfach 158, CH-5210 Windisch

Tel. +41 (0)848 871 200, [www.legionaerspfad.ch](http://www.legionaerspfad.ch)

1 April – 31 October, Tue–Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.,

Sat / Sun 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Brugg SBB, S12, S23, IR, RE trains, 10-minute walk on marked route

**travel time approx. 20 min.**



## Königsfelden Monastery



Museum Aargau. The queen dowager Elisabeth founded the monastery for her husband, the Hapsburg King Albrecht I, who was

murdered in 1308. The monastery was secularised in 1528 after the Reformation took place. The windows in the Königsfelden Church, are one of the finest examples of European stained glass from the late Middle Ages.

Königsfelden, CH-5210 Windisch

Tel. +41 (0)848 871 200, [www.klosterkoenigsfelden.ch](http://www.klosterkoenigsfelden.ch)

1 April – 31 October, Tue – Sun and bank holidays, including

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Brugg SBB, S12, S23, IR,

RE trains / Brugg SBB – Windisch centre, bus L 362

**travel time approx. 30 min.**

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[skulpturenpark@bruno-weber.ch](mailto:skulpturenpark@bruno-weber.ch), [www.bruno-weber.ch](http://www.bruno-weber.ch)

Public viewing, opening times: April – end of October 2013:

every Saturday and Sunday 11a.m. – 6 p.m. / public tour

2 p.m. every Wednesday 1 p.m – 6 p.m.

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Dietikon SBB, S12 train /

Dietikon SBB – Dietikon, bus numbers 303, 306, 325

By car: Stadthalle Dietikon, Fondlistrasse, public parking; 10 min. walk

**travel time approx. 30 min.**

## Vindonissa-Museum, Brugg



The Vindonissa-Museum presents the history and stories of the only Roman legionary camp in Switzerland. A lively exhibition

displays the most significant objects and findings from more than 100 years of excavations in Vindonissa.

Museumsstrasse 1, CH-5200 Brugg

Tel. +41 (0)56 441 21 84, [www.vindonissa.ch](http://www.vindonissa.ch)

Tue–Sat 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Brugg SBB, S12, S23, IR, RE trains. Follow marked route for 10 minutes

**travel time approx. 30 min.**

## psi forum – Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen



The psi forum is the visitors' centre of the Paul Scherrer Institute. More than 20 interactive exhibits display the various projects that the

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psi forum, Paul Scherrer Institut, CH-5232 Villigen PSI

Tel. +41 (0)56 310 21 00, [www.psiforum.ch](http://www.psiforum.ch)

Mon–Fri / Sun 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Public transport: Baden SBB – Siggenthal-Würenlingen SBB, S 27, Siggenthal-Würenlingen – PSI-Ost bus L 357

**travel time approx. 35 min.**

# Excursions



## Schloss Wildegg (castle)



Museum Aargau. Schloss Wildegg was the family estate of the Effinger family for eleven generations from 1483 to 1912. This feudal

domain, founded in 1200 by the Hapsburgs, majestically dominates the landscape with its castle, vegetable garden, pleasure and rose garden, vineyards, forest, farm and outbuildings. Today, 37 originally furnished residential and utilitarian rooms are accessible to museum visitors.

Effingerweg 5, CH-5103 Wildegg

Tel. +41 (0)56 848 871 200, [www.schlosswildegg.ch](http://www.schlosswildegg.ch)

1 April – 31 October, Tue–Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Wildegg SBB, RE train / Wildegg SBB – Schloss Wildegg, bus L 380, 381

**travel time approx. 40 min.**

## Schloss Habsburg (castle)



Museum Aargau. This double castle founded in 1030 was the ancestral seat of the Hapsburg family. It was from here that the Hapsburgs set

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CH-5245 Habsburg

Tel. +41 (0)848 871 200, [www.ag.ch/habsburg](http://www.ag.ch/habsburg)

9 a.m. – midnight, 1 May – 30 September: Closed Mon,

1 October – 30 April: Closed Mon/Tue

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Brugg SBB, S12, S23, IR, RE trains / Brugg SBB – Habsburg Dorfplatz, bus L 41

**travel time approx. 45 min.**

## Schloss Lenzburg (castle)



Museum Aargau. Schloss Lenzburg was first inhabited by the Lenzburgers, then by the Kyburgers and the Hapsburgs. The castle changed

from being the home of the counts to the official residence of the Bernese bailiffs and then became the private home of rich American families. The oldest part of the castle houses the "Knighthood and Nobles" exhibition and provides an insight into a knight's life ranging from claims to power and battles to cultural life.

CH-5600 Lenzburg

Tel. +41 (0)848 871 200 [www.ag.ch/lenzburg](http://www.ag.ch/lenzburg)

1 April – 31 October, Tue–Sun and

bank holidays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Lenzburg SBB, S23 train / Lenzburg SBB – Lenzburg Schloss, bus L 391

**travel time approx. 1 hr**

## Höllgrotten Caves, Baar



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Höllgrotten, CH-6340 Baar

Tel. +41 (0)41 761 83 70, [www.hoellgrotten.ch](http://www.hoellgrotten.ch)

1 April – 31 October, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last entry)

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Zürich SBB, IR train /

Zürich SBB – Zug SBB, IR train / Zug – Baar / on foot from

the SBB Railway Station Baar in around an hour; accessible in approx. 25 minutes from the "Lorzentobelbrücke" bus stop (bus number 2 Zug-Menzingen).

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Technoramastrasse 1, CH-8404 Winterthur

Tel. +41 (0)52 244 08 44, [www.technorama.ch](http://www.technorama.ch)

Tue–Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; opened on normal bank holidays (and Mondays).

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Oberwinterthur SBB with the S12 train, Baden SBB – Winterthur SBB, Bus number 5 to Technorama, Bus number 1 to Römertor / 7 minutes on foot /

**Travel time approx. 1 hr 20 min.**

## Axporama, Böttstein Interactive exhibitions



Axporama is the visitors' centre of Axpo and features the "Living with Energy" exhibition on two floors.

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also enjoy free guided tours both of the Axporama and the Beznau hydroelectric power station and nuclear power plant. A playground, outdoor picnic area and the nearby restaurant in Schloss Böttstein round off the variety of options available. Plan a visit and immerse yourself in the fascinating world of electricity!

Axporama, Schlossweg 16, 5315 Böttstein

Tel. +41 (0)56 250 00 31, [www.axpo.com/erleben](http://www.axpo.com/erleben)

Mon–Fri 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m., Sat–Sun 11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. free admission

Public transportation: Baden SBB – Brugg SBB, S12, S23, IR, RE / Brugg SBB – Böttstein Schloss Bus L376

**Travel time approx. 40 min**

## Lake Zürich Trail



The landscape around Lake Zürich is not only one of the most sought-after residential regions in the world; it also offers hiking opportunities

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