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Leinfelden-Echterdingen – wo sonst.





Thoroughly welcoming and refreshingly natural:

Leinfelden-Echterdingen is well worth a visit

If you're in the mood for an invigorating walk in unspoilt countryside, this is the perfect place for you. Every year, Leinfelden-Echterdingen welcomes visitors for more than half a million overnight stays in its hotels and, just like the locals, they can access green spaces from anywhere in the town within a matter of minutes. There are many options for walking tours through the surrounding countryside, but the Siebenmühlental (Seven Mills Valley) with its two nature conservation areas 'Siebenmühlental' and 'Musberger Eichberg' stands out. This carfree valley offers clean air and tranquillity, as well as an opportunity to see horses and donkeys, and, with a bit of luck, to spot bats, fire salamanders and dippers. Why not sit outside at one of the historical mills where you can enjoy delicious freshly prepared cakes and tasty regional cuisine, making you feel right at home? The individual towns which make up Leinfelden-Echterdingen are also well worth a visit. The centre of Echterdingen has quaint cobbled alleys and lovingly restored halftimbered buildings, while the shops and restaurants amid the modern architecture of Neuer Markt in Leinfelden are ideal places to browse and relax. All of the individual towns offer quiet accommodation, from familyrun inns to upmarket hotels, and from spacious serviced apartments to private rooms. Leinfelden-Echterdingen is a friendly place that welcomes its guests with open arms and offers them a high-quality stay. Find out for yourself on a short break or a longer visit to Leinfelden-Echterdingen – where else?

Leinfelden-Echterdingen – surrounded by contrasting landscapes

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, which also includes the villages of Musberg and Stetten, is surrounded by a wide variety of landscapes that form part of the Glemswald conservation area.

The western part of the municipality consists mainly of expanses of forest. To the east of this lies the idyllic Siebenmühlental, for which the town has produced its own dedicated walking guide, the '**Guest Guide – Idyllic Recreation in Siebenmühlental**'. The wooded eastern slopes of this valley rise up to a ridge which offers panoramic views across the Filder plain to the Swabian Alb, as well as the Schönbuch nature park on the other side. The terrain then descends into the Filder plain, home of filderkraut cabbage, and of delightful meadows scattered with fruit trees that really come into their own as they blossom in the spring.

The walks suggested in this book cover all of these different landscapes. The guide also contains a sightseeing walk through historical Echterdingen with its magnificent half-timbered buildings.





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- www.efa-bw.de
- www.bwegt.de

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Walking map: Wanderkarte W228 Stuttgart, 1:25,000,
Landesamt für Geoinformation und Landentwicklung
Baden-Württemberg (LGL)

Walking map: Stuttgart Südwest Blatt 50-539,
1:25,000, NaturNavi

Walking map: Stuttgart Südost Blatt 52-539,
1:25,000, NaturNavi (Spaziergang (walk) 7)

Recommended apps with walking trails:

MAPS.ME

PhoneMaps

Both apps are available free of charge and work without an internet connection.



MAPS.ME



PhoneMaps



Starting points

Echterdingen, Gartenstrasse playground

Parking available in Gartenstrasse (GPS 48.684776, 9.174657)

Public transport: Echterdingen Hirschstrasse or Zaunacker

Leinfelden, Catholic church of St Peter and Paul

Parking available at the Catholic church of St Peter and Paul, Fichtenweg (GPS 48.694401, 9.135897)

Public transport: Leinfelden Spielkartenmuseum bus stop

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Weidacher Höhe car park

Junction of Alte Poststrasse/Waldenbucher Strasse/Waldheimweg (GPS 48.680231, 9.150991)

Bus stop: Keltterrain

Public transport: Tübinger Strasse bus stop in Echterdingen.

Then walk along Waldenbucher Strasse to Weidacher Höhe.

This walk extends the route by one kilometre, 50 metres of ascent, and 15 minutes, all easy.

Musberg, cemetery car park

Filderstraße (GPS 48.692326, 9.129482)

Public transport: Musberg Wanderweg bus stop

Musberg, Eselsmühle/Mäulesmühle car park

K 1227/Mühlweg (GPS 48.684983, 9.128146)

Public transport: Musberg Eselsmühle bus stop

Musberg, Häfnersteige car park

(GPS 48.688238, 9.109256)

Public transport: Musberg Kirche bus stop

Oberaichen, Schmellbachtal forest car park

Vaihinger Strasse/L 1192, at the turn-off for Paracelsusstrasse (GPS 48.709035, 9.108387)

Public transport: Leinfelden Schmellbachtal bus stop or Eselsmühle bus stop, Oberaichen station

Stetten, bus stop Stetten (F)

Forststraße (GPS 48.665658, 9.173200)

Lindachschule (GPS 48.666855, 9.169527)

Stetten, Stetten car park

Poststrasse (GPS 48.670136, 9.174378).

Public transport: Stetten (F) Hof bus stop

Stetten, Stettener Hütte walkers' car park

Gräbleswiesenweg 50 (GPS 48.663583, 9.166142).

Public transport: Stetten (F) Forststrasse or Lindachschule bus stop

Mäulesmühle – Jakobsbrünnele –
Leinfelden – Musberg cemetery – Bundes-
wanderweg – Eselsmühle – Mäulesmühle

Jakobsbrünnele and the Bundeswanderweg

The route starts off with a walk to the small Jacob's Well (Jakobsbrünnele) in its idyllic woodland setting. From there it continues through the forest to the outskirts of Musberg before ending up on the Bundeswanderweg (federal hiking trail). This takes you to a historical 'resting bench', from where you return to the starting point. Here you have a choice between two restaurants, at Eselsmühle and Mäulesmühle, as well as two different museums. Both mills have a historical mill wheel that you may be able to see in action.

Starting point:

Musberg, Eselsmühle/Mäulesmühle car park





Route description:

From the car park, cross the road and walk towards Mäulesmühle. Just before the building, turn left and cross the meadow and the stream to the edge of the forest, where you will find a path.

Follow it to the left, and where it splits, keep left again and cross another stream, then turn right. The path rises slightly until it merges with another path. Follow this to the right. Jacob's Well is to the left of the path soon after this.

From Jacob's Well, head back along the same path for a bit, and where you joined from the left go straight on. After a while you leave the forest and arrive on Beethovenstrasse. Go straight on for a short while, then, as the road bends to the right, keep left and walk down to Musberger Strasse

At the roundabout, go straight on until you reach the car park at the cemetery. Turn left here and follow the tarmacked Bundeswanderweg trail. After you pass a historical resting bench, turn right and leave the Bundeswanderweg to return to the car park where the route started.

Turn right here for Eselsmühle, or left for Mäulesmühle, across the road.

Distance: Approx. 3 km, Eselsmühle is an additional 1 km each way

Time: Approx. 1 hour

Elevation: Approx. 50 m

Other information: Surfaced trails

Musberg/Eselsmühle car park –
Eichberg – Häfnersteige car park –
Piz Mus – Mäulesmühle – car park

Across Eichberg to Piz Mus for panoramic views of Musberg

This route has two main scenic attractions. One is the Eichberg nature conservation area, the other the views of Musberg from the disused Piz Mus ski slopes. It also offers a chance to visit two of the prettiest mills of the Siebenmühlental, Mäulesmühle and Eselsmühle. Both have restaurants, and at Eselsmühle you can also buy organic produce and visit a geological collection, while Mäulesmühle is home to a mill museum. Both have historical mill wheels that you may be able to see in action.

Starting point:

Musberg, Eselsmühle/Mäulesmühle car park





Route description:

From the car park, head up the steps at the end of the viaduct. When you see the Bundeswanderweg (federal hiking trail) to your right, turn left to continue along an unsurfaced path up Eichberg hill. This is a nature conservation area.

The path bends to the left, towards the first mighty oak trees. Follow it as it runs parallel to the valley of the Reichenbach stream, passing through idyllic scenery of flower-filled meadows and towering trees. From the top, you can enjoy beautiful views of the disused Piz Mus ski slopes and the forest behind them.

At the 'jubilee oak' (Jubiläumseiche), turn left. A little further along, the path bends to the right to overlook sports fields and leads you past Eichberg school. After the school, the path goes down to the left and takes you past a playground. Turn left in front of the sports field. Once you can see a car park to your right, keep left and zigzag your way down to Mühlweg in the Reichenbachtal valley.

If you were to head left at this point, the road would take you back to the car park past Obere Mühle and Eselsmühle, but turn right instead to follow Mühlweg until it comes to a

T-junction with Böblinger Strasse. Turn left here, crossing the Reichenbach stream once you've gone past the last houses, and walk uphill to the Häfnersteige car park, passing a small well on the left.

At the car park, turn left and walk past the sports grounds and restaurants. The path runs along the top of the disused Piz Mus ski slopes, where you can still see some remnants of the old ski lift. You also have a good view of Musberg and Eichberg hill on the other side of the valley. After the meadow, the Haulweg leads downhill into the forest. The path runs underneath one of the viaducts that carry the Bundeswanderweg through the Siebenmühlental valley before reaching the K 1227. Cross this road, then follow the small path to the left. It runs through the grounds of the Mäulesmühle, back to the road and to the car park beyond.

Distance: Approx. 5 km

Time: Approx. 1,5 hours

Elevation: Approx. 50 m

Other information: Surfaced trails and paths

Barbecue: Mäulesmühle

Playground: Mäulesmühle





Leinfelden – Weilerwald – Oberaichen – across the fields – Musberg – Leinfelden

Through fields and forest

Part of this route runs through the beautiful Weilerwald forest, while another section takes you across fields and meadows, with excellent views all the way to Stuttgart's television tower. The route is fairly short and doesn't involve any major ascents or descents, making it suitable for everyone. It is also a good choice for those who don't have much time, or as an evening walk. Along the way you can enjoy stunning views, sequoia trees at the cemetery, and mighty oak trees along the sunken lane to Oberaichen.

Starting point:

Leinfelden, Catholic church of St Peter and Paul





Route description:

Parking is available to the south of the church. From here, follow Fichtenweg towards the forest. At Fichtenweg 27, the red cross trail marker points to the right, into the forest. Follow the unsurfaced path for a while as it rises slightly.

When you come to a crossing, turn right, and shortly afterwards, turn left onto a reinforced forestry track. At the next crossroads, turn right. You soon reach the cemetery, and the Etzweide forest playground to the right of it. There are also two sequoia trees here.

Now turn left onto Oberaicher Weg, which runs alongside the cemetery before leaving the forest. It continues downhill through fields and meadows until it reaches the outskirts of Oberaichen. Turn left here, into Hans Holbein Strasse.



Just before the playground, the street bends to the right, but keep going straight on along the edge of the village. Beyond the last houses, the path becomes a sunken lane which climbs gently upwards, flanked with impressive mature trees on the right. Once it gets beyond the wooded section, the path drops again, and it's not long before you can enjoy panoramic views across the fields all the way to the Stuttgart television tower.

Soon after this you turn left into Grüner Weg. One of the farms along this road houses a landscape gardening business, which has created beautiful garden scenes at the wayside. On reaching the edge of the forest, there are two paths ahead of you that lead uphill. Take the one on the right, Unterer Weilerwaldweg, to return to the parking spots on Fichtenweg by the church.

Distance: Approx 3,5 km

Zeit: Approx. 1 hour

Elevation: Approx. 40 m

Other information: Unsurfaced trails and paths at the start and end of the route, otherwise tarmacked roads. Additional parking is available at Oberaichen suburban railway station (charges apply). If you are traveling by train, alight at Oberaichen station. Starting from the west of the rail tracks, cross the tracks to Rohrer Strasse. Turn left and follow this road until you reach the turn-off for Hans Holbein Strasse on the right.



Echterdingen/Gartenstrasse playground –
Zeppelinstein – EnBW electrical substation
– Echterdingen – playground

From a playground to the Zeppelin stone

This short walk is great for children, as it starts (and ends) at a lovely playground. For the grown-ups there are meadow orchards in the spring, the historical Zeppelin stone, and beautiful fields and riverbank meadows. The route can be extended by adding our sightseeing tour (see the section 'A walk through historical Echterdingen') or just enjoying a wander through the town centre, taking a look at some of Echterdingen's fascinating buildings.

Starting point:

Echterdingen, Gartenstrasse playground





Route description:

Walk past the playground along the extension of Gartenstrasse in an easterly direction, and at the next crossroads turn right into Stützlesweg. At the next crossroads, turn left and walk through the fields to the Zeppelin stone by the B 27.

At the small park turn right and walk parallel to the main road for a short distance. Where the path bends to the right by the fenced properties, turn right onto a tarmacked farm track that runs through the nature conservation area. To the left you have nice views of the rows of trees that line the Fleinsbach stream. Further on, the waterside meadows are covered in reeds. Rising up beyond the stream are the houses of Stetten.

Having passed the EnBW electricity substation, turn left and briefly follow the K 1226 before turning right and walking along the gravel path through meadows scattered with fruit trees.

After a short distance, turn right. The route leads through meadows to Autenbrunnstrasse on the outskirts of Echterdingen. Cross this and continue straight on along Fleinsbachstrasse until you reach Tübinger Strasse. Cross Tübinger Strasse and then follow the narrow Kapellenweg until you get to a T-junction with Hinterhofstrasse. Turn right here and follow it until you reach Hauptstrasse. You now have the option of looking at the historical buildings in the centre of Echterdingen. They are described in the section 'A walk through historical Echterdingen'.

Otherwise continue along Untertorstrasse to the edge of the town and then straight on through the orchard meadows until you reach the crossing with Stützlesweg. Turn left to return to the starting point by the playground.

Distance: Approx. 5 km

Time: Approx. 1,5 hours

Elevation: Approx. 30 m

Other information: Surfaced trails

Echterdingen/Weidacher Höhe – history trail – Rasierbuckelallee – Alte Poststrasse – Weidacher Höhe car park

A range of options: the history trail

The history trail features ten information boards that provide fascinating facts about the area, covering nature, geology, and above all history, back as far as the Stone Age, but concentrating mostly on Celtic times. The trail's main highlight are replicas of Celtic death and deity sculptures that were discovered at various locations around Baden-Württemberg. There are three options for the route of the trail. The shortest one is just the history trail itself, but the walk can be extended at two points.

Starting point:

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Weidacher Höhe car park





Route description:

Follow the red cross signs along Pflanzschulallee into the forest. Near the start you can see two of the trail's information boards: no. 1 'Alte Poststrasse', and no. 10 'Geological overview'. Just past these, the sign points to a path on your left. This leads to board no. 2 'History of the Schönbuch forest', and then to no. 3 'Echterdingen forest'. Here, the path bends to the right and soon takes you back onto Pflanzschulallee.

Turn right and follow it until you reach the playground, then turn left until you get to the edge of the forest. Here you will find a Celtic barrow and information board no. 9 'Burial mound field from the Hallstadt culture'. Return to Pflanzschulallee and turn right. Where Stangenallee forks off to the right, keep going straight on, along Sulzallee.

Ignore information board no. 5 on the right for now and keep going straight on. Soon you will reach information board no. 4 'Wood privileges in the Schönbuch'. To the left of the board you can see a moss-covered rectangle, a remnant of the grazing privileges which used to be filled with salt for cattle to lick. This part of the forest is called 'Sulz' after the salt lick ('sulze').





Now walk back a little way and then turn left to information board no. 5 'From the Stone Age to the Middle Ages'. Go past this board and follow the path until you reach a clearing. Here you find information board no. 6 'Reconstructed Hallstatt culture burial mound', along with the mound in question, topped by a Celtic sandstone block. The mound is surrounded by a number of Celtic death and deity sculptures that were found at various locations around Baden-Württemberg. Information board no. 7 gives details about the sculptures.

Follow the path until it crosses a forestry track. Beyond this you can see signs for a Celtic enclosure ('Viereckschanze') 200 metres away. But first note the large, unusually slim sequoia tree at the crossroads. Turn right to reach the ramparts of the enclosure, where you can find information board no. 8 'The large enclosure – a Celtic Viereckschanze'.

You now have two options. If you simply want to explore the history trail, follow the path through the enclosure. Beyond it, a small path crosses yours. You can continue straight on to get to Pflanzschulallee, where you turn left to return to the starting point. Another option is to turn left and follow the narrow path. This leads directly to the burial mound at the playground, from where you can head back to the starting point along the route you took earlier.

If you would like to extend your walk a bit, head back to the sequoia tree and turn right there. The track descends for a while before crossing Rasierbuckelallee. Turn left to follow this. A little further on, note the old boundary stone from 1787 in the forest to the left of the path, an interesting historical feature.

When you reach Sulzallee you can either turn left to return to the playground with the barbecue area and the car park, or you can continue along Rasierbuckelallee until you get to Alte Poststrasse. Turn left there to return to the car park.



Distance: History trail approx. 3.5 km, extension approx. 5.5 km

Time: History trail approx. 1 hour, extension approx. 1.5 hours

Elevation: History trail approx. 40 m, extension approx. 60 m

Other information: Surfaced trails and paths

Barbecue: Picnic area near starting point; this also has playground equipment

**Stetten – through fields and forest –
Weidacher Höhe – Echterdingen**

Through fields and along the forest edge

This route is not circular. You take the bus up to Stetten and walk along a fairly level path to Weidacher Höhe before descending to Echterdingen. Along the way there are lovely views of the Schönbuch nature reserve on one side, and of Stuttgart airport and across the Filder plain towards the Swabian Alb on the other. An added attraction on this walk is the chance of watching the comings and goings at the airport, as the route runs directly under the flight path, giving a good view of the planes.

Starting point:

Stetten, Stetten (F) Forststrasse bus stop

Route description:

The bus stop is located in Jahnstrasse. Head east from the bus stop, and almost immediately turn right into Forststrasse. Follow this until you reach the edge of the forest, at which point it bends right and takes you to the restaurant at the sports fields. To the left of this is a car park, Stettener Hütte, with a large picnic and barbecue area.





Keep going straight on along Gräbleswiesenweg. Once you pass the restaurant, Gräbleswiesenweg bends to the right – at this point, continue straight on into the fields. To your left, you can enjoy panoramic views of Schönbuch nature reserve and the TV tower on Betzenberg hill. At the edge of the forest, turn right onto Reuteweg. Follow this to the right. Soon after, the tarmacked track bends right.



Where it comes to a T-junction with the extension of Siebenmühlenstrasse turn left.

The route now leads through fields and meadows scattered with fruit trees. To your right are the airport, the Filder plain and the Swabian Alb, while overhead you can watch the planes as they take off or come in to land. When you reach the forest, turn left onto Waldheimweg to walk along its eastern edge. On your left, you'll see a water tank and a memorial to the war of 1871. Then you pass the Waldheim Stuben restaurant, shortly followed by the car park on Weidacher Höhe. You can extend this walk by adding route 5 to explore the history trail.

Otherwise turn right at Weidacher Höhe and follow Waldenbucher Strasse to Tübinger Strasse. Just off to the right is the Echterdingen Tübinger Strasse bus stop.

Distance: Approx. 4 km

Time: Approx. 1 hour

Elevation: Approx. 10 m

Other information: Tarmacked tracks.

You can extend this walk at Weidacher Höhe by adding route 7 to explore the history trail.

Barbecue: At Stettener Hütte car park.





Stetten – meadow orchards – Haldenhof – meadow orchards – Stetten

A sea of blossoms in Stetten

Meadows scattered with fruit trees in full bloom are one of the prettiest sights that nature has to offer. This route runs along and through some of these meadow orchards. But it is also delightful at other times of the year, not just in the spring when the slopes are dusted with white blossom like freshly fallen snow. In summer and autumn you can enjoy the growing and ripe fruit, while winter throws the bizarre shapes of the trees' branches into sharp relief. At certain points the route also offers lovely views across to the Swabian Alb.

Starting point:

Stetten, Stetten car park

Route description:

Walk from Poststrasse to Stettener Hauptstrasse. Between houses no. 103 and no. 107, a path leads out into the fields. Follow this to a junction with a path coming from the greenhouses on the left. You now have two options.

The prettier one leads along an unsurfaced meadow path for a stretch. For this option, turn right here and then left at the next junction. The path is unsurfaced from here. After a few minutes the trail bends to the left and leads towards a small section of trees. Behind this is the tarmacked road on which walkers who have chosen the other option approach from the left. The route continues to the right.



**Oberaichen/Schmellbachtal car park –
forest pond – Drei Brunnen springs –
Waldheim Schmellbachtal – car park**

Drei Brunnen

This is a detour into neighbouring Sindelfingen forest that takes you past a small forest pond to Drei Brunnen (three springs), a popular destination for walkers. The trail continues to the Waldheim Schmellbachtal restaurant, which offers not just refreshments, but also a treetop climbing course. The route passes through beautiful woodland, with the pond and the springs providing additional natural attractions.

Starting point:

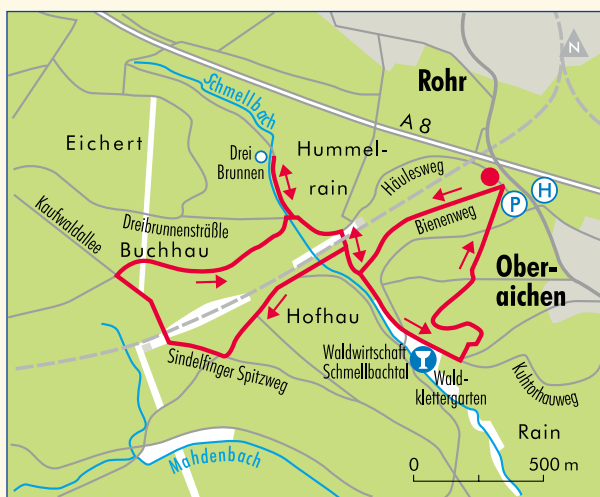
Oberaichen, Schmellbachtal forest car park

Route description:

Walk towards the end of the car park in the direction of the motorway. Before you get to the end, two paths go off to the left, into the forest. Follow the one to the right of the sign, which is called Bienenweg, but is not marked as such. This takes you into the forest, descending slightly after a while.

When a path signposted with a black, red and blue trail marker goes off to the left, follow it. Before long it comes to a T-junction with a path which runs along the Schmellbachtal. Just before that path crosses yours, you can see an old boundary stone with the Württemberg crest, a stag's antler. According to the inscription it dates from 1787.





Turn right at the T-junction for a short distance, until you reach a crossing behind which you can see a railway bridge. This is the way you will be coming back later. But for now turn left and walk slightly uphill along Schönaicher Pfad, following the signs with a red dot. You reach a triangle of paths with three trees, where the Sindelfinger Spitzweg crosses the path you're on. Turn right to follow it. Soon after this you come to a bridge across a railway line.

Cross the railway line. On your left you can admire a typical and rather quaint signalman's cottage. After the bridge, the route continues along Kaufwaldallee and past an idyllic forest pond on the left. At certain times of the year, this part of the forest is filled with the loud croaking of frogs.



Keep going straight on until you reach a crossroads. Turn right here, into Kaufwaldsträssle. Before long the path begins to lead through coniferous forest, and slopes downhill until you reach Dreibrunnensträssle. Turn right, then almost immediately turn left into Hummelrainweg, which will take you to the three springs. If you hear a rushing noise to the left of the path just before you reach the springs, do have a look into the forest. If it's been wet enough you will be able to see a small waterfall here.

After a little rest on the benches it's time to head back the way you came. Past the point where Dreibrunnensträssle merges from the right, your path changes from Hummelrainweg to Häulesweg. You soon reach a signpost in front of a house that indicates 'Hummelrain (455 m)'. Turn right here and pass under the railway line.

After the tunnel you rejoin the path you will remember from the start of the walk. Follow the trail markers with the blue line and go straight on. The path you came down at the start of the route soon merges from the left. Not long after that you reach the access road for the restaurant and the treetop climbing course. The site itself is a few metres to your right.

You have two options for returning to the car park. The easiest one is to simply follow the access road. The slightly more adventurous alternative takes you through the wilder parts of the forest. Go back to the point on the left where you emerged

from the forest earlier. Here you take a sharp right turn, go past the barrier, and then follow Kuhtorhauweg.

Follow this to the left until a small path crosses it. Turn right onto that and follow it uphill until it levels out a bit. At a fork in the path there is another boundary stone with antlers. Behind it, two paths form a triangle. Take the path on the left, which runs slightly downhill and takes you to the access road for the restaurant.

You reach a crossroads where you will see a forestry sign that says 'Weisser Ring'. Keep heading straight on along the path that leads back to the car park.

Distance: Approx. 5.5 km

Time: Approx. 2 hours

Elevation: Approx. 110 m

Other information: Surfaced trails and paths.

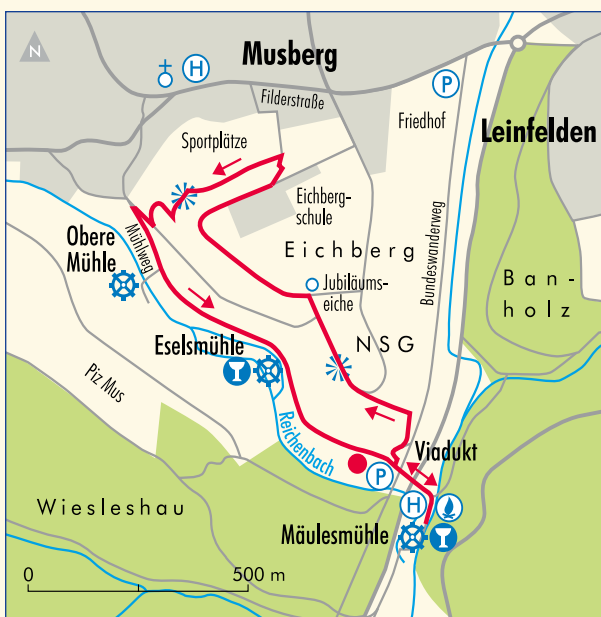
The Schmellbachtal forest restaurant also includes the Schmellbachtal treetop climbing course.



Musberg/Mäulesmühle car park – Eichberg
– playground – Siebenmühlental –
Eselsmühle – Mäulesmühle – car park

Across Eichberg to Eselsmühle

This short route has two highlights. Eichberg hill offers natural history, along with grazing goats, sheep and horses, and Eselsmühle also has donkeys. The two mills themselves are also points of interest. Eselsmühle has a well-stocked shop, and offers guided tours by prior arrangement. You may also be interested in the fossils on display in the geological collection at Eselsmühle, or in the mill museum at Mäulesmühle. Both mills also have a working mill wheel. The one at Eselsmühle operates more frequently, and you may well be able to see it as it splashes water across the mill room.





Starting point:

Musberg, Eselsmühle/Mäulesmühle car park

Route description:

From the car park follow the paved path leading up to the Bundeswanderweg (federal hiking trail), but keep left rather than joining that trail. You will soon see an old garden gate on your left, which looks like the entrance to a secret garden. The path bends to the left and takes you to the mighty oak trees from which Eichberg hill takes its name.

Under the largest oak, or just beyond it, at the point which offers the best views of the disused Piz Mus ski slopes, is a bench where you can have a bit of a rest. The path then continues along a hedge, past several other large oak trees, until you reach the 'jubilee oak' (Jubiläumseiche) and a T-junction with another path. Turn left here and walk past meadow orchards, single oaks and allotments. You may also encounter the herd of goats and sheep that graze on Eichberg hill.

When you reach the school buildings of Eichbergerschule on your right, follow the path to the right and walk past the school. Then turn left and walk downhill to the playground on Turnerweg. Once you have passed it, turn left and follow the path past the car park until you reach a lookout point from



which you can see down to Obere Mühle. Follow the path as it zigzags its way down into the Siebenmühlental valley. Turn left onto the road that leads past Obere Mühle, a former mill that is now home to an equestrian centre, and then carry on a little further to reach Eselsmühle.



Continue along the road to the large viaduct above the car park. Across the road from here is Mäulesmühle. You can admire its large mill wheel at any time, as it is outside the building. And if you happen to be passing during opening hours, the mill museum is well worth a visit. The grounds also contain a small playground and a barbecue area, and there is access to the Reichenbach stream.

Distance: Approx. 2.6 km

Time: Approx. 1 hour

Elevation: Approx. 60 m

Other information: Surfaced trails and paths.

Groups of ten or more people can arrange a guided tour of the Eselsmühle, which offers insights into everything from breadmaking in the wood-fired oven to the workings of the mill

Barbecue: Mäulesmühle



Stetten – Reichenbachtal – Kochenmühle –
Bundeswanderweg – Schlösslesmühle –
forest ascent – across the fields – Stetten

Wild trails in the Siebenmühlental

If you think that its location in the industrialised surroundings of the middle Neckar valley means the Siebenmühlental (Seven Mills Valley) offers only manicured landscapes with well-maintained footpaths, you couldn't be more wrong. This route will dispel any such notions. It leads through thick, almost jungle-like forest, across the odd trunk of a fallen tree, past small waterfalls and alongside streams bridged by logs, while providing stunning views of pastures and real wilderness scenery.

Starting point: Stetten, Stettener Hütte walkers' car park

Route description:

Leave the car park the way you came in and go past the restaurant and the tennis court before turning left onto Gräbleswiesenweg. Follow this and then take the next turning to





the left. The path runs through a pretty valley and past allotments down to the forest. Where the path forks, continue straight on and enter the forest. To the left of the path is a deep gorge. At certain points it is possible to safely go down and look at the fallen trees. As you reach the bottom of the Reichenbachtal valley you leave the forest.

The path turns left. You can launch your first bark boat on the stream here. Follow the path until it forks and then take the right fork over the Gräbleswiesenbrücke, a bridge that spans the Reichenbach stream. If you would like to add a detour to Kochenmühle you can continue straight on and rejoin the route at this point later.

The Reichenbach is at its most untamed here, forming small waterfalls over the rocky bed of the stream, with fallen trees lying across the water. When you have finished admiring this wonder of nature, walk uphill towards the Bundeswanderweg (federal hiking trail) that runs through the Siebenmühlental. There is also a barbecue area here.

If you're not planning on having a barbecue, keep right just before you get to the Bundeswanderweg and turn onto an unsurfaced trail. This soon crosses a small stream, and then runs along to the right of the tarmacked Bundeswanderweg, where you can see the occasional walker and cyclist.



On your right you have a view of pastures through the forest trees. After a while you pass the Walzenmühle equestrian centre, and with a bit of luck you may be able to see the horses. The trail continues to be quite rough and untamed, and you may even have to scramble over a few fallen trees.

After a while you reach the tarmacked Alte Poststrasse. Turn right for Schösslesmühle, which has a restaurant. Beyond the mill, turn right, but then turn left into the forest almost immediately. The path is steep and overgrown with roots at the start, a real adventure for children. Later on it levels out and you reach a forestry track. Turn right there. Soon after joining the track you will see a bench with a wooden mushroom to your left. After you pass it, turn left. The path splits immediately – follow the trail on the right, climbing up to the edge of the forest, where a bench awaits.



Once you've had a rest, turn right and walk along the forest edge. After a while, the path bends to the left. To the right you have pretty views across the Schönbuch nature reserve. The path brings you back to Gräbleswiesenweg, at the point where you turned off to begin the walk. But this time go straight on to the Stettener Hütte car park, which also has a barbecue area.

Distance: Approx. 5.5 km

Time: Approx. 1.5 hours

Elevation: Approx. 200 m

Recommended maps: Walking map: Wanderkarte Stuttgart, 1:25,000, Landesamt für Geoinformation und Landentwicklung Baden-Württemberg (LGL).

Walking map: Stuttgart Südwest Blatt 50-539, 1:25,000, NaturNavi

Other information: Surfaced trails and paths, which may have the occasional tree trunk lying across them.

Barbecues: At the starting point at Stettener Hütte car park, on the Bundeswanderweg after Gräbleswiesenbrücke bridge.



Stetten – along the stream – Reichenbachtal – Kochenmühle – Bärensee lake – Stetten

Wilderness walk to Bärensee lake

This is another walk that offers a wilderness experience. It starts off along a scenic gorge that runs down into the valley of the Reichenbach and then follows the stream to the romantic Kochenmühle. This is followed by a steep, but short ascent. The last stop is idyllic Bärensee lake, then you return to the starting point where a playground and barbecue area await.

Starting point:

Stetten, Stettener Hütte walkers' car park

Route description:

Parking is available at the restaurant on the road that leads down to Kochenmühle, or at the large picnic area with barbecue area at Stettener Hütte. From the restaurant, follow the small road marked with the red dot signs downhill towards Kochenmühle. Soon Brandklingenweg turns off to the right.





Follow this, first downhill, then up again, to reach Gräbleswiesenweg and then turn left.

Walk alongside the allotments until you reach the last weekend cottages on a meadow at the edge of the forest. Turn right here and follow the stream towards the forest. Turn left onto Busswaldweg.

Walk straight on into the forest and keep going straight on once you are there. The stream runs to the right of the path in an ever-deeper gully, which looks quite wild. Naturally it is very tempting to want to get a bit closer. However, be careful at the edge, as the drop down to the bed of the stream is quite steep and long. After a while you reach the Reichenbachtal, where you emerge from the forest. Turn left onto a narrow footpath and follow the stream. Soon a gravel path joins from



the left. A bit later the path splits, turning right to Gräbleswiesenbrücke bridge. Keep going straight on here, through the jungle-like wilderness. After a while the path merges with the access road for Kochenmühle. Turn right onto this, and follow it briefly until you reach a narrow path that leads down to the romantic mill.

Head left as you leave the mill grounds, and walk past the car park until you reach the Siebenmühlental pastures. A path marked with the red dot sign turns off to the left. Follow this as it leads uphill. The ascent is quite steep for a bit, but you can soon see the light patch that signals the edge of the forest. After the steep section, the path now rises only slightly until it crosses Hauweg. Turn left to follow it, path number 18, until you reach Bärensee lake.

After a short break at the lake, follow Bärenseeweg to the left. Once you have crossed Bärenhüttenweg, keep going straight on and follow the unsurfaced path that leads you into the forest. Along this section you will see lots of dead wood next to the path.

The path takes you uphill to a gravel path, Oberer Langenwaldweg. Follow this to the right for a little way. At the next junction turn left, and then left again almost immediately, onto Erlachweg. These are path numbers 17 and 18. Follow Erlachweg as you stroll back to the starting point. Before you get to the large clearing, there is a big playground in the forest, on your right. The large picnic area also includes a barbecue area.

Distance: Approx. 5.5 km

Time: Approx. 1.5 hours

Elevation: Approx. 160 m

Other information: Surfaced trails and paths.

Take care at the steep descent into the gully near the start, where the ground is soft and covered with leaves.

Barbecue area/playground: At Stettener Hütte car park

Winter walks – also highly recommended



WINTER IN LEINFELDEN- ECHTERDINGEN

Although Leinfelden-Echterdingen does not have any specific winter trails that are specially cleared of snow, you can still go walking in the winter. It's best not to choose routes that are too long, as the winter cold is likely to tire you out more quickly. Routes on unsurfaced paths are also not necessarily recommended – it may be better to stick to those that run along gravel-surfaced forestry tracks.

Sturdy walking boots with good grip are essential for winter walking. But even these may not be sufficient if you come across any icy patches along the way. So it is important to take care, and to think ahead as you are walking. During the winter it is highly advisable to always carry shoe spikes in your backpack (and to put them on when they are needed). Telescopic hiking poles can also make you feel a lot safer. Once you've wrapped up properly, with a warm jacket and trousers, scarf and hat, and perhaps even packed a thermos flask of hot tea, then you're ready for a successful winter walk through what is hopefully a beautiful snowy landscape. It's even better when you have somewhere to stop off for refreshments along the way or at the end. If you're planning to end your walk at a particular establishment, it is advisable to check the opening times beforehand.

Of the routes described in this guide, we would recommend the ones that stay on surfaced trails and are not too long. But here are two additional winter routes. The best thing about them is that they are lovely walks at any time of the year.

Musberg/Häfnersteige car park – clearing – lake – Böblinger Strasse – car park

Clearing, lake and forest

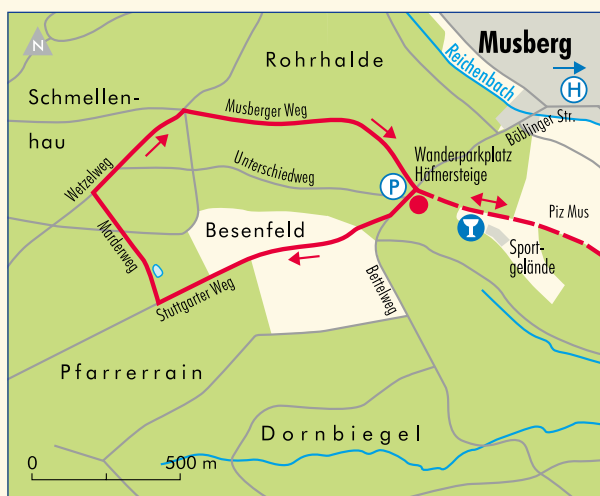
This short walk is suitable for the really cold days of winter, when you want to get out for some fresh air, but you'd rather not stay there too long. The route starts off in a large clearing scattered with fruit trees and then runs through woodland. Along the way, an idyllic small pond, which in the summer delights walkers with its display of water lilies, exudes a pleasant sense of calm. If you're lucky enough to enjoy some sunshine during your walk, do carry on to the disused Piz Mus ski slopes after you pass the sports fields. They offer lovely views of Musberg and across the upper Siebenmühlental.

Starting point:

Musberg, Häfnersteige car park

Route description:

Two paths lead downhill from the car park. Descend briefly on the right-hand one, signposted Schönaich (Stuttgarter Weg), which is marked with a blue dot trail marker. At the bottom, cross an open space with meadows and fruit trees, then re-enter the forest.





Shortly after this, follow the blue bar trail marker to the right, onto Marderweg. Walk past the quiet forest pond – which is carpeted in water lilies during the summer – until you reach the second path that crosses yours (Wetzelweg). Follow the blue bar trail marker to the right, signposted for Schmellbachtal. Ignore Unterschiedsweg which turns off to the right. Soon you reach Böblinger Strasse. Turn right here to return to the starting point.



If the sun is shining we would recommend a brief extension to the route. Follow the small road to the sports fields. Once you've passed the car park you emerge from the forest to find yourself on the upper edge of the disused Piz Mus ski slopes. To your left you have fantastic views of Musberg, and of Eichberg hill to the right of the town on the opposite side of the upper Siebenmühlental valley. After a few minutes' walk you can see the remnants of the old ski lift to your left.



Distance: Approx. 2.5 km
Time: Approx. 45 minutes
Elevation: Approx. 30 m
Other information: Surfaced trails



Musberg/cemetery – Bundeswanderweg – Schlösslesmühle – Musberg

Through the Siebenmühlental to Schlösslesmühle

A tarmacked trail through magnificent scenery, such as the Bundeswanderweg (federal hiking trail) that runs through the Siebenmühlental, is ideal for a winter excursion. It is also suitable for wheelchair users or buggies. You can choose how far you want to walk, as you will be returning the same way, but if you make it all the way to Schlösslesmühle you can vary the route.



**Starting point:**

Musberg, Musberg cemetery car park

Route description:

From the cemetery, simply follow the tarmacked Bundeswanderweg as far as you like, possibly all the way to Schlösslesmühle where there is a restaurant. The simplest option for the return leg is to follow the Bundeswanderweg back again.

Should you prefer your return journey to be a bit closer to nature, and with fewer cyclists (unless it's the winter season), walk a little way up Alte Poststrasse. Here, a forestry track turns off to the left. Follow this as it comes back past Schlösslesmühle, past the idyllic Schlechtsmühle and then on to Seebrückenmühle. From the car park there, turn left to walk through the grounds of the mill. After a short, steep climb you reach the Bundeswanderweg. Turn right to follow this back to the starting point.

Should you want to stop for refreshments on your return, take the steep paved path down to the car park after the viaduct. From there you have the option of going right to Eselsmühle or left to Mäulesmühle (across the main road). But to return to the starting point from here you will need to climb up the short steep section to get back on the Bundeswanderweg.

Distance: Approx. 8 km

Time: Approx. 2,5 hour

Elevation: Approx. 50 m

Other information: The figures above are for the route on the Bundeswanderweg to Schlösslesmühle and back the same way. If you are returning on the gravel-covered Reichenbachertalweg, this will add another 30 metres of ascent and descent. The first section of the route is on the tarmacked Bundeswanderweg. The Reichenbachertalweg variant is a gravel-covered forest track. There is a short descent from the Bundeswanderweg down to Schlösslesmühle and back up, and also if you are returning from there via Reichenbachertalweg. The car park at the cemetery is relatively small, so you are advised to come early, especially on weekends if the weather is nice. There is ample additional parking at Seebrückenmühle, from where a short steep walk leads up to the Bundeswanderweg. Schlösslesmühle has a small car park for guests, which is accessed from Weidacher Höhe, and there is a slightly larger walkers' car park on the other side of the Bundeswanderweg, which is accessed from Steinenbronn. Using these two car parks as starting points allows you to walk along the Bundeswanderweg in either direction. To the south you can walk to Burkhardtsmühle, which has a ground-floor beer garden.



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THE MANAGED MILLS IN THE SIEBENMÜHLENTAL

ESELSMÜHLE

The name Eselsmühle first appeared in 1582. Between 1795 and 1937 it was owned by the Lorenz family, whose sons were all called Karl, earning it the name ‘Karlesmühle’ during that period. The mill now incorporates a small café and a shop selling organically produced food and bread (which is still baked in the mill’s wood-fired oven). You can still see the old mill wheel inside, and the shop leads to an interesting mineralogical-geological collection of stones and fossils from around the world. Chickens and ducks roam freely around the mill grounds, and in the surrounding fields you’ll find the donkeys that the mill is named after. The Eselsmühle also has a popular café and outdoor eating area.

Eselsmühle, around 1943.





Musberg, Eselsmühle 1
Phone: 07 11 / 7 54 25 35
Phone: 07 11 / 7 54 28 05

info@eselsmuehle.com
www.eselsmuehle.com

Opening times:

1 April to 31. Dezember:

Tue–Sun 12 am– 11 pm, closed on Mondays

1. January to 31 March:

**Sun–Thu 12 am–9 pm, Fri and Sat 12 am– 10 pm,
closed Mondays**

MÄULESMÜHLE

Between 1645 and 1665, this mill was also known as Metzger-mühle ('Butchers Mill'), because it was owned by butchers from Echterdingen. These days, it is best known as the home of the Komede-Scheuer, a dialect-focused theatre group that stages its 'Hannes und der Bürgermeister' plays here. The building you see today was constructed in 1819. Thanks to renovation work, it is in the best condition of any mill in the area. Inside the mill itself, there is a mill museum which is well worth a visit. It traces the history and technological development of the miller's craft and features a fully functioning grinding mechanism from 1819. When the museum is closed, you can still go round the back of the building to see the huge mill wheel. There is also an organic restaurant and a beer garden that opens in fine weather.

The TV comedians "Hannes und der Bürgermeister".





Mäulesmühle, then and now.



Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Mäulesmühle 2
Phone: 07 11 / 99 75 96 10

Opening hours:

Sat 2 pm – 10 pm
Sun 2 pm – 8 pm
Mon 2 pm – 10 pm
Tue 2 pm – 10 pm

info@bio-muehle.de

www.bio-restaurant-maeulesmuehle.de

Theaterscheune „Komede-Scheuer“: www.maeulesmuehle.de

SCHLÖSSLESMÜHLE

The Schösslesmühle is situated on the historical 'Schweizer Strasse', also known as Alte Poststrasse. This route provided a vital link to Switzerland, and was often travelled by notable personalities, including the German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. The name Schösslesmühle ('Little Palace Mill') first appeared in 1747, presumably because the stately-looking stepped gable is reminiscent of a German palace. It was also once known as Doktorsmühle ('Doctors Mill'), because at one point the owners were primarily aristocrats and those of higher standing. It once operated as a large mill with lots of stables. Today, however, it houses a restaurant and guesthouse. Rooms available.

Schösslesmühle, around 1907.





Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Schlössesmühle 1
Phone: 07 11 / 7 92-7 12

www.schloessesmuehle.de

Opening times:

Wed-Fri 12 am-8 pm

Sat 11 am-7 pm

Sun 11 am-7 pm

Mondays and Tuesdays closed



Kochenmühle, around 1922.

KOCHENMÜHLE

It was already called in 1451. In the second half of the 17th century, it was called Janowitzer mill to the owner Ludwig von Janowitz, Obervogt in Brackenheim, in the early 18th century and Thummsche mill to the owners Thumm (or Thumb) of Neuburg. From 1720 she was owned by the Koch family. The present building dates from 1702 and is designated as a cultural monument. Today restaurant with beer garden.

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Kochenmühle 1
Phone: 07157 / 4764

Opening time:
Thu and Fri from 3 pm
Sat, Sun and public holidays from 10 am



A walk through historical Echterdingen:

Historical sights and art in Echterdingen

All of the places of interest listed here are described in detail on information boards at the relevant sites. This guide only contains a brief summary of the essential information. Further information can also be downloaded from www.leinfeldenechterdingen.de or ordered from "marketing@le-mail.de". The information boards have QR codes to enable you to download detailed information from the internet while you're on the trail.

HISTORICAL TRAIL ECHTERDINGEN

The trail starts at the **town hall 1**, which is located at the junction of Bernhäuser Strasse and Burgstrasse. This imposing timber-framed building is thought to date from 1524.

Opposite it is **House Schimpf 2**, one of the few buildings that was not destroyed during the Thirty Years' War.



From here, turn right and walk towards the church. In front of it is the parish bakehouse, next to it the churchyard and the Pfarrwette (parish pond). To the right of this is the large bakehouse.

Public bakehouses like the Echterdingen **bakehouse** ³ were built in the 19th century in order to reduce fire risks. The **Wette** used to be fed by a spring. Among other things, its water was used for firefighting.

You now have two options. The **churchyard** ⁴ is only open at certain times but is well worth a look if it is open. Like most churchyards it was once used as a cemetery, and it was surrounded by a protective wall and moat. Talk a walk around the **church** in a clockwise direction. It was first mentioned in records in the year 1185. Its nave ⁵ is Romanesque, and it also has an arch frieze, a window and a door on its northern side from that period. The 52 metre tower ⁶ was built in 1439. The Late Gothic chancel ⁸ was constructed between 1508 and 1510 using stones from Echterdingen's lower castle. The northern churchyard ⁷ contains the grave of pastor, theologian,

astronomer, engineer, mechanic and entrepreneur

Philipp Matthäus Hahn (1739–1790). He was the pastor of Echterdingen from 1781 until his death, and also operated a famous workshop here.



Churchyard opening times:

Holy week to Filderkraut Cabbage Festival:

Wed–Sat 10 am–12 pm

Sun 10:30 am–12 pm

Advent and Christmas: Special opening times

After walking around the church, leave the churchyard where you came in. Then – or if the churchyard is closed – cross to the other side of Burgstrasse to the **parsonage** [9](#). This was built in 1744 in a baroque style, and originally the outside walls were rendered. The exterior has an information panel commemorating Philipp Matthäus Hahn.

Walk along Burgstrasse. On the left opposite the parsonage you can see the **‘Kantorentörle’** [10](#) in the church wall. This is the gate through which the cantors and pastors would walk to the church. To the right of it, a memorial plaque commemorates the poet and pastor Albrecht Goes (1908–2000), who was a curate here when he met Elisabeth Schneider, the daughter of the postmaster.



Past this, on the right, is the former **school** [11](#), built between 1865 and 1867. There were three classrooms for around 90 children, with two teachers’ apartments above. After the Second World War the building was used as a bank, and it now houses a restaurant.

Just after this, on the left, is **‘Kirchbeckenhaus’** [12](#) where Jakob Auch was born as the son of a baker. He is regarded as Philipp Matthäus Hahn’s most talented pupil, and later became mechanic to the Weimar court.

Behind this, to the left, along a line that marks the position of the walls of the **lower castle**, first mentioned in 1281, are several more recent houses [13](#).

Continue along Burgstrasse, but turn left when you reach the timer-framed building of the **AOK** [14](#). This was the regional health insurance fund’s first building in the area and was constructed between 1913 and 1915. Turn left here. This street, called Schafrain, has a courtyard entrance with a stone head atop a gate post [15](#). Its significance is uncertain, but it may have been intended to ward off demons.

The former primary school, or '**Kinderschule**' on the left had up to eighty children, who were looked after by a nurse. The building's entrance features several round arches **16**. Its timber-framed sections are best seen from Burgstrasse, slightly to the left.



Now turn right before the church wall. Very soon you reach the **tithe barn** **17**, first mentioned in 1356. It initially belonged to Bebenhausen Abbey, and then to the rulers of Württemberg from 1535. It was destroyed in the



Second World War, rebuilt in 1952, and again in 1996, having been demolished in the early 1990s. Walk along Maiergasse to the right of the barn. Opposite the tithe barn are the '**Maierhöfe**' **18**.

Originally, a 'maier' was a caretaker who farmed part of the estates of Bebenhausen Abbey after the monks had given up the land.

When you reach the T-junction with Hauptstrasse, turn right. Where Obergasse turns off to the right you come to the **Stadtmuseum** (municipal museum), with the old **church tower clock** **19** in front of it. Apart from the clock, which may have been built by Philipp Matthäus Hahn's workshop in Kornwestheim, the museum forecourt also features an old stone fountain with a round trough. The inscription above the museum entrance indicates the building's former use as a savings bank.

Walk along **Obergasse** **20**, which may once have been the location of the upper castle. Where it splits, follow Kleine Obergasse to the right until you reach Dragoner Hof with its '**Schof**' **21**. This 19th century building was originally used

as a pigsty. The name 'Dragoner Hof' derives from Karl Friedrich Stähler (1860–1910), who had served with Queen Olga's Dragoons in Ludwigsburg.



Just past this on the left is **Scheuer Alber** ²², a well-preserved barn which is likely to have been built soon after the Thirty Years' War. Turn left and continue until you reach **Limbächer Hof** ²³. The well-preserved, front-gabled building dates from the 17th or 18th century. In front of the house is a fountain.

Follow Obergasse round to the left to reach **Nagelschmiede** ²⁴. The former blacksmith workshop was built at the end of the 19th century.

Now turn right. Note the small half-timbered building in the gardens on your right. Dating from 1885, this is a "**Hopfendarre**" (hop barn), where the hops required for beer production used to be dried ²⁵.

Continue south until you reach a T-junction with Hirschstrasse.

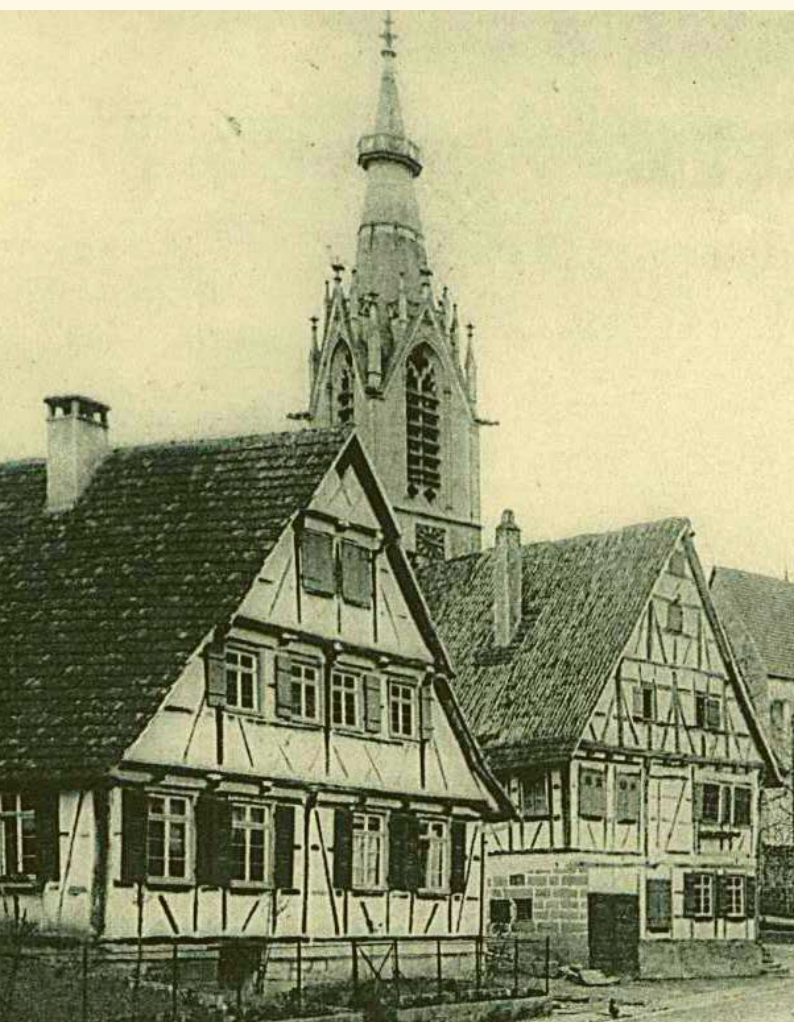


Turn left here and continue to the junction with Hauptstrasse. Across the road you can see **Hof Stollsteimer** ²⁶ with its arcade entrance. The rendered timber-framed building, formerly the Adler Inn, was built in the 18th century.

Turn left and follow Hauptstrasse. On your right you can see the **Gasthof Hirsch** ²⁷ restaurant. It was situated on what used to be the important Schweizer Strasse (Swiss road), also known as Alte Poststrasse (old post street). The inn was established by Duke Carl Eugen von Württemberg (1728–1793),

who was a frequent guest here while hunting in the Schönbuch forest. Other famous visitors included Friedrich von Schiller, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin.

Shortly after this on the left, you will see several timber-framed buildings around a courtyard. Within the courtyard is the **Schwedenscheuer**²⁸ (Swedish barn). It was probably built during or just after the Thirty Years' War, perhaps by a Swedish soldier who settled here.





For other hikes, walks and bike routes see the following guides:

Dieter Buck: Guest Guide – Idyllic Recreation in Siebenmühlental. Leinfelden-Echterdingen Town Council

The Guest Guide can be downloaded from www.leinfelden-echterdingen.de or ordered from marketing@le-mail.de.

Dieter Buck: Im Naturpark Schönbuch.
(Schönbuch Nature Reserve) Silberburg-Verlag, Tübingen

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Afterword by the mayor:

A flourishing environment

Dear visitor,

Wherever you are in Leinfelden-Echterdingen, you are never more than a few minutes' walk away from the countryside. The forests, fields and meadows are perfect for an invigorating stroll.

This close proximity to nature is extraordinary for a town that is also a very popular business location, has an airport and a major trade fair centre within its boundaries, and can offer its citizens a comprehensive infrastructure. A flourishing environment wherever you look. Figuratively speaking, thanks to the many successful companies that are located here, and in a literal sense, with the wealth of green expanses all around the town.

When I step out of my town hall, I'm only five minutes away from Weilerwald forest, or from the walking trail along the disused railway line that leads through the Siebenmühlental, one of the most popular recreation areas in the Schönbuch.

There are also plenty of tranquil places for our guests to enjoy. After a busy day or if you find yourself with a few minutes to spare, treat yourself to some time out in and around Leinfelden-Echterdingen – the most beautiful part of the Filder plain.

I hope you enjoy your stay.



Roland Klenk,
Mayor of Leinfelden-Echterdingen



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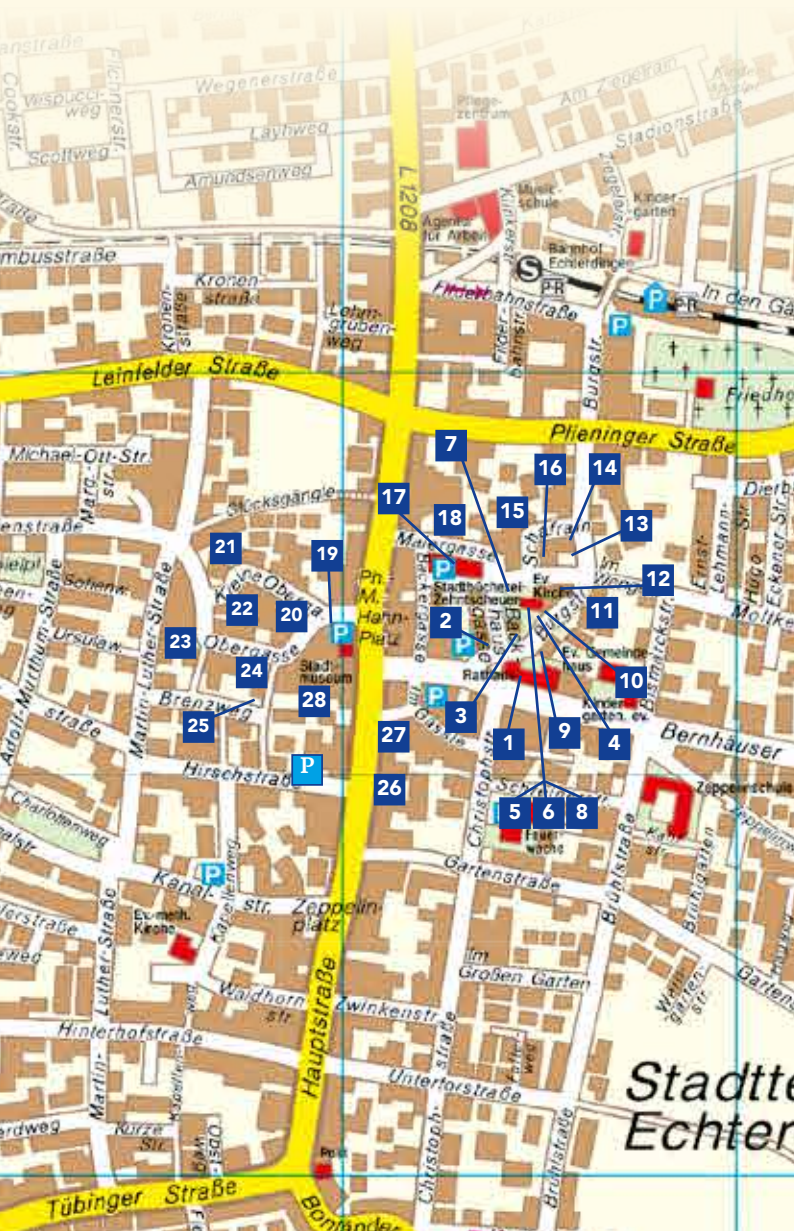
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Historical trail
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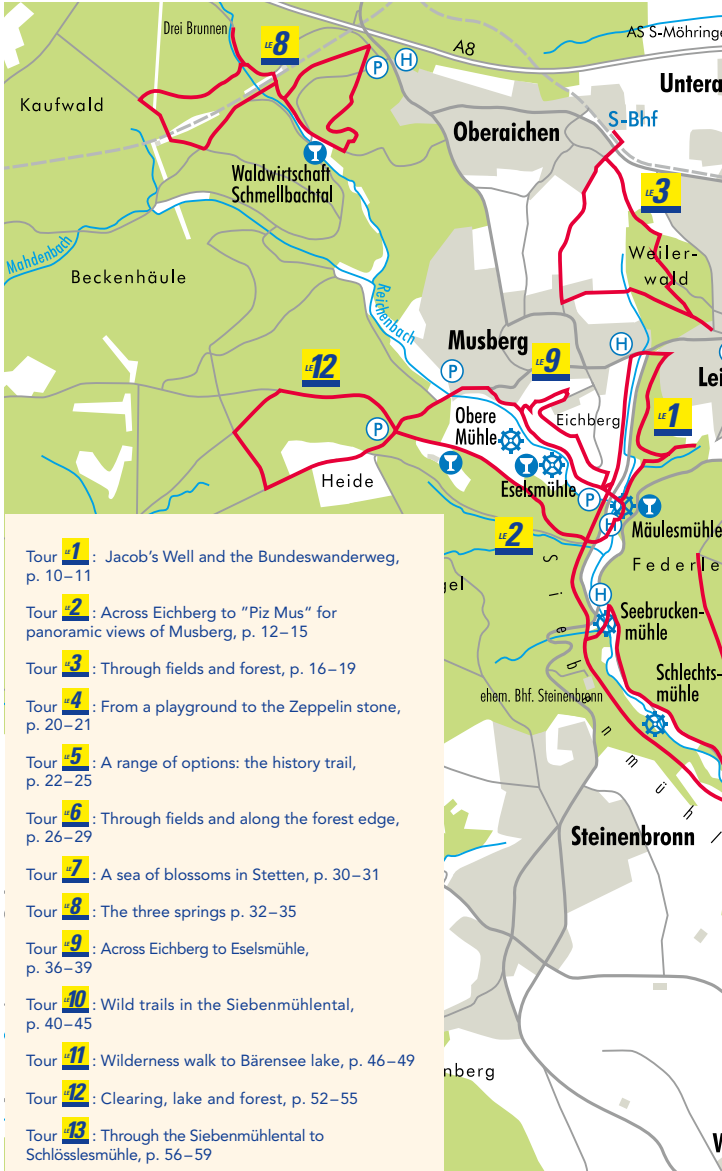


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Everything at a glance:

Tour map





car park, stop



farmstead, hamlet (outside of villages), point of interest



mill



Barbecue, restaurant



viewpoint



railway station



starting point



Tour direction

0 2 km

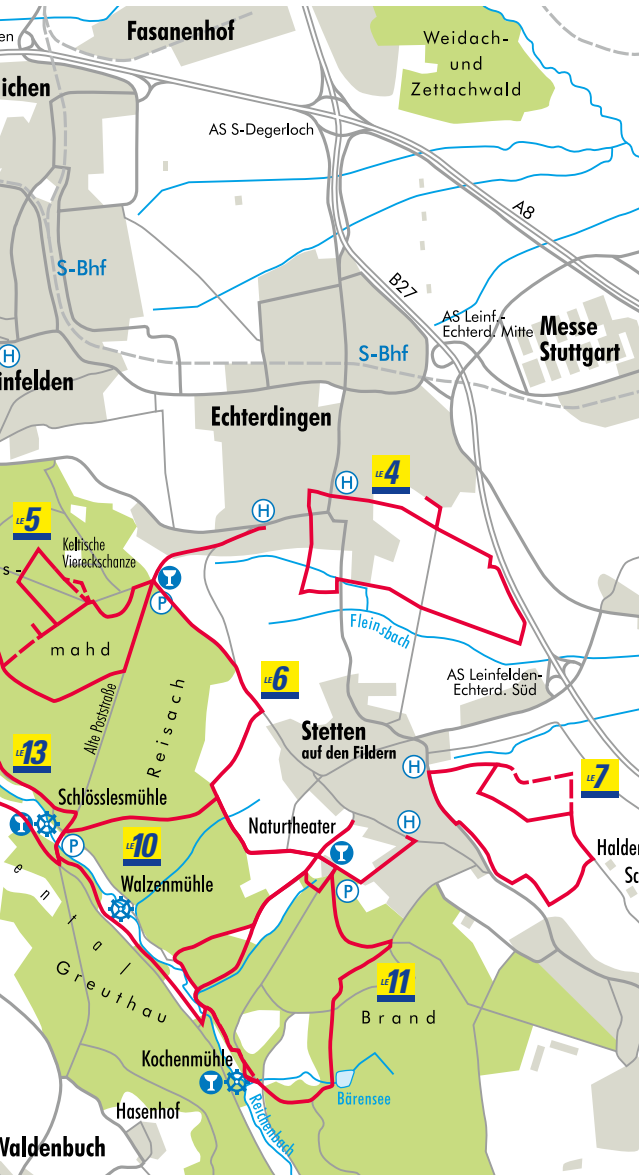
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North direction



Tour



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