

## HIKING IN THE BRANDENKOPF HOLIDAY REGION



Our well-signposted network of trails offers excellent options for **extended hikes** as well as **short strolls** through the **Black Forest Nature Park Central/North** landscape. Most routes pass by local hostelries providing a chance to relax and enjoy some local specialities.

Each of the four places in the holiday region - **Biberach, Nordrach, Oberharmersbach and Zell am Harmersbach** - offer highlights for **young explorers, food lovers and also, of course, adventurers who are looking for challenging physical activity**. The Tourist Information centres can advise on selecting an appropriate tour. Hiking poles are available to hire in Oberharmersbach and Zell am Harmersbach.



At almost **1,000m above sea level**, **Brandenkopf** is the **highest peak in the central Black Forest as well as name of the region as a whole**, and it certainly represents a challenge. A visit to the summit offers a viewing tower with panoramic views across to the Alps (on clear days), a hostel with a rustic mountain restaurant and a playground with a rope pulley. It is well worth the climb for **active holiday-makers, families with children and bon vivants** alike.

### Getting together: Hikers often meet up to enjoy group walks

Guided hiking tours in

Biberach:	August and September / on request
Nordrach:	March - October (Mon-Sat) and November - February (x3 per week) / no booking necessary
Zell am Harmersbach:	From May (every 2nd Tuesday of the month) / bookings must be made at least one day before the hike
Oberharmersbach:	January - December (every Wednesday) / bookings must be made at least one day before the hike



## NETWORK OF TRAILS - SIGNPOSTS AND MAPS

Throughout the Black Forest there is a **standardised hiking trail signposting system**.

At every intersection of marked hiking trails, there is a **signpost**. For each direction hikers find at least one sign with destination and distance information. **Between two signpost locations**, hikers are generally guided using just one symbol - that is the symbol shown on the signpost for that particular direction. In **many cases this is the yellow diamond-shaped symbol for local hiking trails**. If the walk you are following is also part of a long-distance trail, only the symbol of the long-distance trail will feature on the section of the trail which you are following.



### DESTINATION SECTION

Shows the name of the next destination as well as the distance. With pictograms for additional information.

### LOCATION SECTION

Includes the name of the location, heights and trail markers.

Source: Schwarzwaldverein e.V.

The **locations of the signposts** are marked with **yellow flags** on the **hiking map of the Brandenkopf holiday region**. The names of the locations also feature. This **hiking map** is therefore extremely useful for determining your current location as well as how you would like to continue.

The „**Brandenkopf – Gengenbach Holiday Region**“ **hiking map (scale 1:25,000)** with a corresponding hiking guide which includes 41 hiking tour routes, is available for € 6.90 from any of the four local Tourist Information centres and in all book stores (ISBN-No. 978 939657 44 6).



## BIBERACH 1

### AROUND THE PRINZBACH VALLEY



Prinzbach – a village with a rich history – still has remains of the wall which once surrounded the former silver mining town. The St. Mauritius church in Prinzbach has an altar with baroque features. A varied tour with a water treading pool (above the church), beautiful vistas from the Karl Knauer pavilion and a view of the Hohengeroldseck Castle ruins (from Kirchberg).

**Route:** ▶ Prinzbach Kirche

▶ Kirchberg ▶ Am Rebio ▶ Sodhof

▶ Neuneichen ▶ Kambacher Eck

▶ Beim Kambacher Eck

▶ Liboris Kreuz

▶ Niederbacher Eck

▶ Grundwald

▶ Gasthaus

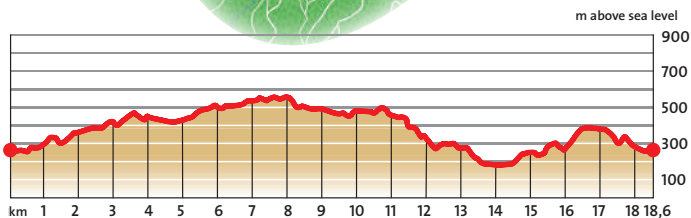
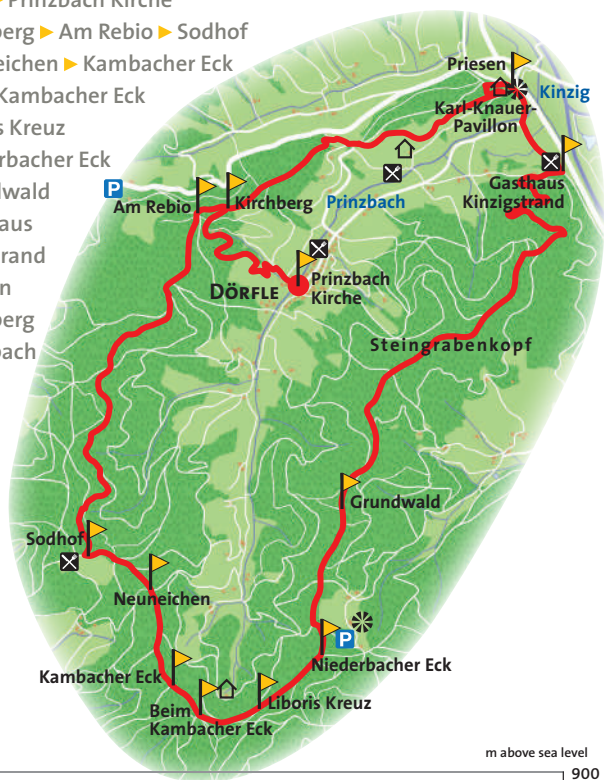
Kinzigstrand

▶ Priesen

▶ Kirchberg

▶ Prinzbach

Kirche



18,6 km  
Distance

257 m  
Starting  
Point Height

350 m  
Highest  
Point

197 m  
Lowest  
Point

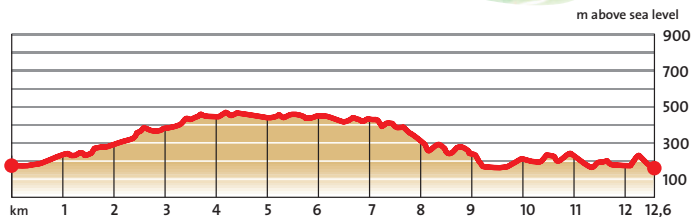
470 m  
Total  
ascent

## BIBERACH 2

### HIKE AROUND THE ERZBACH VALLEY

Enormous craters and interesting minerals ensuing from mining activities (ore mining galleries) can still be seen on this trail today. The hiking trail offers beautiful views across the Kinzig valley (from Steinberg and from Eckle in the direction of Gengenbach).

**Route:** ▶ Gasthaus Linde ▶ Bildstöckle ▶ Steinberg  
▶ Bei den Erzknappenlöchern ▶ Schönwasen ▶ Guttahütte  
(open Sundays) / Rebmesserstein ▶ Oberer Waldmattengrund  
▶ Holdereck ▶ Hohberg ▶ Harben ▶ Vordertal ▶ Eckle  
▶ Bildstöckle ▶ Gasthaus Linde



12,6 km  
Distance

190 m  
Starting  
Point Height

501 m  
Highest  
Point

189 m  
Lowest  
Point

410 m  
Total  
ascent

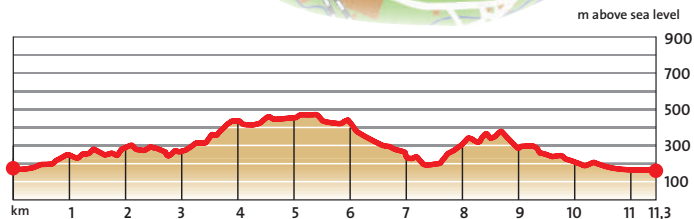
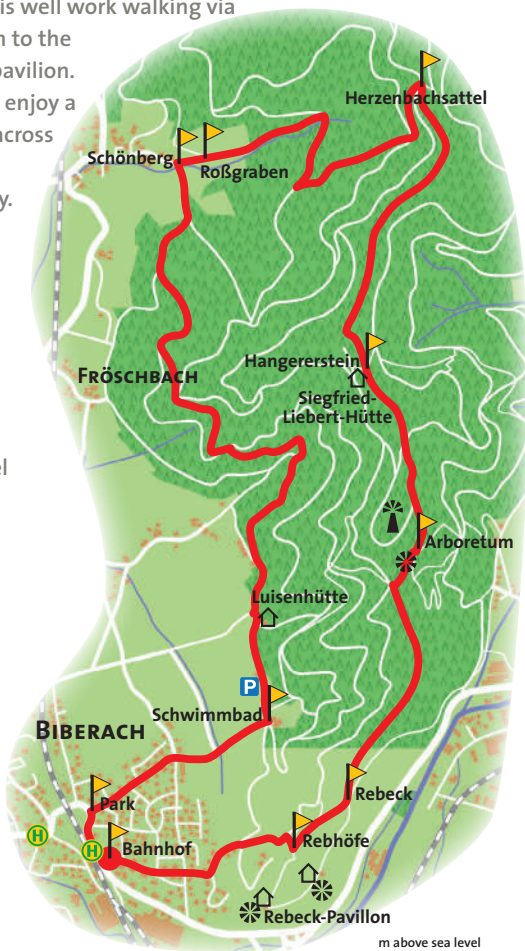
## BIBERACH 3

### HIKE TO HANGERERSTEIN

A charming hike along narrow trails. There is also an option of turning off onto the educational nature trail and to the arboretum. At Rebh fe it is well worth walking via the Rebeck pavilion to the August-Lehmann pavilion. From here, you can enjoy a magnificent view across Biberach and the Harmersbach valley.

#### Route:

- ▶ Bahnhof
- ▶ Rebh fe
- ▶ Rebeck
- ▶ Arboretum
- ▶ Hangererstein
- ▶ Herzenbachsattel
- ▶ Ro graben
- ▶ Sch nberg
- ▶ Schwimmbad
- ▶ Park
- ▶ Bahnhof



11,3 km  
Distance

193 m  
Starting  
Point Height

480 m  
Highest  
Point

193 m  
Lowest  
Point

360 m  
Total  
ascent



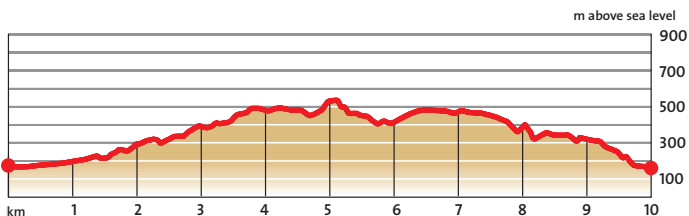
## BIBERACH 4

### KONRAD CHAPEL AND HOHENGGEROLDSECK CASTLE



This hike leads you to the Hohengeroldseck Castle ruins. From here, you can enjoy an exquisite 360-degree view across the Kinzig and Harmersbach valley. The return route takes you past the Konrad chapel (Konradskapelle) back to the town.

**Route:** ▶ ehem. Ziegelhütte ▶ Bildstöckle ▶ Steinberg  
▶ Ponyhof ▶ Höflewald ▶ Eckwald ▶ Ev. Jugendheim  
▶ Geroldseck ▶ Schlossberg ▶ Geroldseck ▶ Ev. Jugendheim  
(then past Konradskapelle) ▶ ehem. Ziegelhütte



10 km  
Distance

190 m  
Starting  
Point Height

520 m  
Highest  
Point

190 m  
Lowest  
Point

350 m  
Total  
ascent

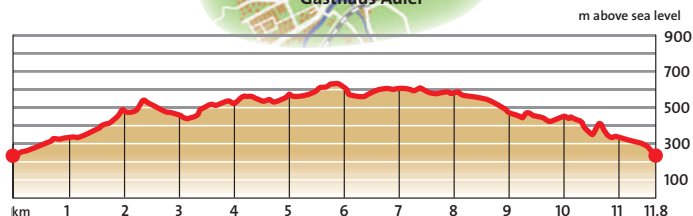
## ZELL AM HARMERSBACH 5 VIA KUHORNKOPF TO MÜHLSTEIN




The first stage of the hike is a steep climb via the Kuhhornkopf-hütte (open: on Sundays and public holidays, except in August). A stop at the historical „Vogt auf Mühlstein“ mountain inn (closed: Mondays and Tuesdays) with its court chapel is an absolute must. The trail back is a haven of peace and tranquillity - through forests and orchards and past Black Forest farms.


### Route:


- ▶ Gasthaus Adler
- ▶ Pavillon Eckwald ▶ Auf Eck
- ▶ Unterm Kuhhornkopf
- ▶ Überm Heugraben
- ▶ Heugrabeneck
- ▶ Heugraben
- ▶ Wolfsdobel
- ▶ Uf de Weid
- ▶ Mühlstein
- ▶ Mühlsteineck
- ▶ Haldeneck
- ▶ Fautzenwald
- ▶ Herme
- ▶ Reutegut
- ▶ Sodlach
- ▶ Höllhaken
- ▶ Am Katzen-schrofen
- ▶ Am Wasser-behälter
- ▶ Bachwegle
- ▶ Gasthaus Adler



  
11,8 km  
Distance

  
245 m  
Starting Point Height

  
626 m  
Highest Point

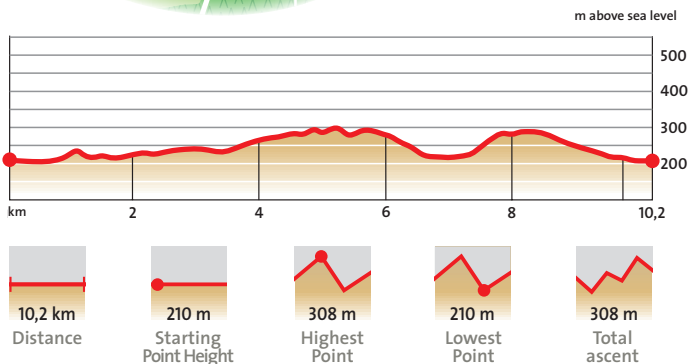
  
245 m  
Lowest Point

  
420 m  
Total ascent

## ZELL AM HARMERSBACH 6

### PANORAMA-KNEIPP-TRAIL

Get to know the former imperial town of Zell am Harmersbach by walking around the valley. Take a moment to relax on benches positioned to let you enjoy stunning views of the city and beyond from above. Those wishing to feel the coolness of spring water can freshen up at the radium source and also invigorate themselves with a foot and arm bath at any of the three Dr. Kneipp water treading pools. The trail is also accessible with a sturdy pushchair.



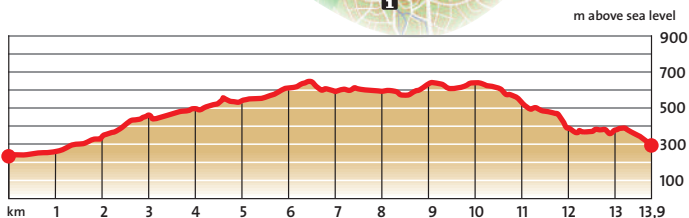
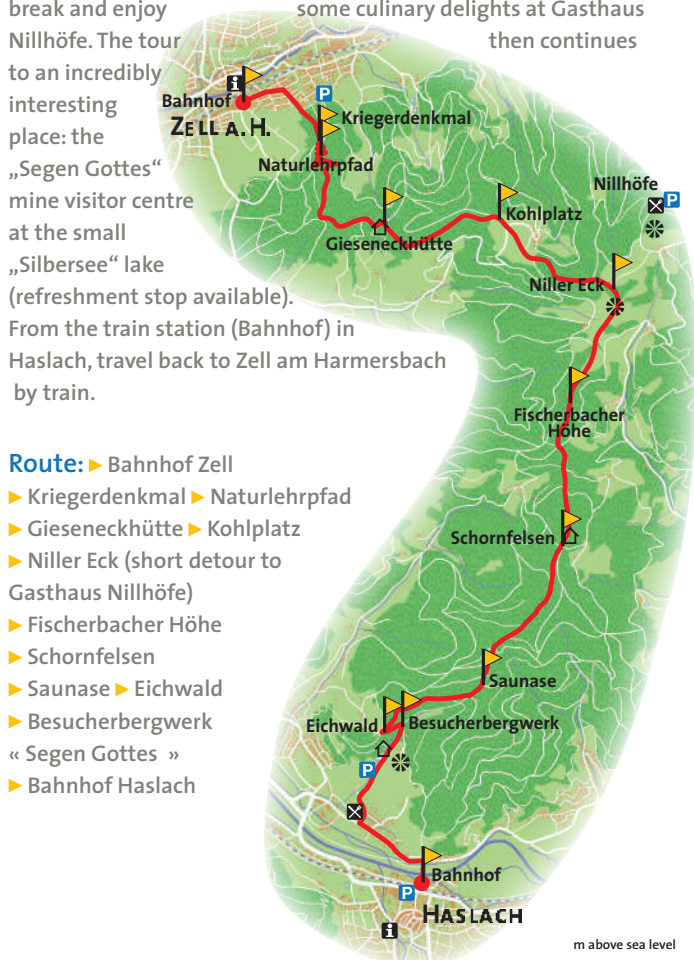


## ZELL AM HARMERSBACH 7 OVER HILLS AND VALLEYS TO SILBERSEE

A challenging hiking tour on varied forest paths. At the top, experience fantastic views of the Vosges mountains, and take a break and enjoy some culinary delights at Gasthaus Nillhöfe. The tour then continues to an incredibly interesting place: the „Segen Gottes“ mine visitor centre at the small „Silbersee“ lake (refreshment stop available). From the train station (Bahnhof) in Haslach, travel back to Zell am Harmersbach by train.

**Route:** ▶ Bahnhof Zell

- ▶ Kriegerdenkmal ▶ Naturlehrpfad
- ▶ Gieseneckhütte ▶ Kohlplatz
- ▶ Niller Eck (short detour to Gasthaus Nillhöfe)
- ▶ Fischerbacher Höhe
- ▶ Schornfelsen
- ▶ Saunase ▶ Eichwald
- ▶ Besucherbergwerk « Segen Gottes »
- ▶ Bahnhof Haslach



**13,9 km**  
Distance

**217 m**  
Starting  
Point Height

**648 m**  
Highest  
Point

**217 m**  
Lowest  
Point

**510 m**  
Total  
ascent

## ZELL AM HARMERSBACH 8 PICNIC TOUR

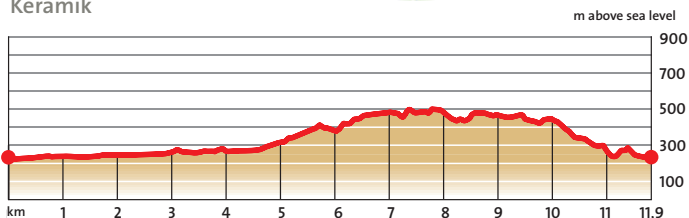


This trail takes you around the edge of the forest towards Nordrach to arrive at the ridge between the Kinzig and Nordrach valley at Bäumlisberg. The steep climb is rewarded by astounding views from the top and some beautiful resting places.

Tip: After reaching Hangerenstein, take a short detour to the picnic spot at Badwaldblick.

### Route:

- Wanderparkplatz Keramik
- Kleebad (cross the street)
- Villa Anna
- Mattacker
- Holzbrücke
- Lindach
- Grafenbergstüble
- Schwarzes Kreuz
- Auf'm Schänzle
- Herzenbachsattel
- Hangerenstein
- Arboretum
- Badwaldweg
- Wanderparkplatz Keramik



**11,9 km**  
Distance

**213 m**  
Starting  
Point Height

**500 m**  
Highest  
Point

**213 m**  
Lowest  
Point

**340 m**  
Total  
ascent

## NORDRACH 9

### HIKING TRAILS TO OUR HISTORIC SITES



The first historic site on this trail is the former glass factory in Glasloch. The hike then continues through the Hanselwald forest to Schäfersfeld where a water cistern can be viewed. Then continue via the Brücklewaldhütte to Ibacher and Mitteleck (with remains of a former mountain farmstead and a soldier memorial cross) and further to Ramsbacher Holzplatz. Continue on via Geißschleifsattel to the Grimmelshausen monument. Now the route goes via the Gengenbach intersection to Hilseck where the remains of further farmyards can be seen. We follow the intersection signs further as far as the Moosbach valley to the restored coal kiln. Via the newly signposted Talweg valley path, the trail leads back to the starting point.

#### Route:

Parkplatz

Rehaklinik Klausenbach

► Nordrach-Kolonie

► Hanselwald ► Löwenrücken

► Schäfersfeld ► Brücklewaldhütte ► Ibacher Eckle

► Ramsbacher Holzplatz

► Geißschleifsattel

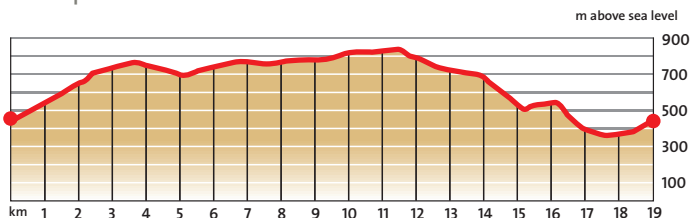
► Hilseckhütte

► Wanderheim Sonnenhaus

► Moosbach

► Moosbachbrücke

Parkplatz Rehaklinik Klausenbach



19 km  
Distance

450 m  
Starting  
Point Height

839 m  
Highest  
Point

384 m  
Lowest  
Point

504 m  
Total  
ascent

## NORDRACH 10

### ORCHARD HIKES: LIFE IN THE ORCHARDS

From the village, this trail takes you in the direction of Zell am Harmersbach to the machine works of the Junker company. The hike then continues past many mountainside orchards with views across Brandenkopf and the Vosges mountains to the west. There are also more orchards in Heugraben. Then through the forests to a local carver and ceramics painter's workshop in Lindach. The newly signposted valley path leads back to the town.

**Route:** ▶ Rathaus ▶ Maile-Gießler-Mühle

▶ Hutmacherdobel ▶ Lehmannshütte ▶ Oberm Weier

▶ Lehmansberg ▶ Uf de Weid ▶ Wolfsdobel ▶ Heugraben

▶ Heugrabeneck ▶ Landersberg

▶ Lindach ▶ Grafenbergstüble

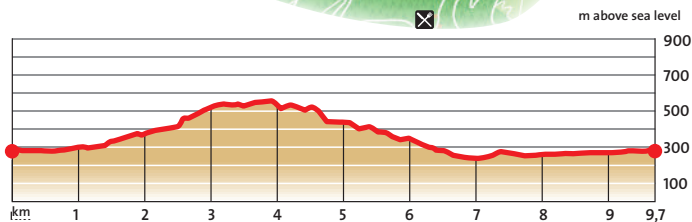
▶ Mühlenstüble

▶ Allmendbrücke

▶ Spitzerhof

▶ Maile-Gießler-Mühle

▶ Rathaus



9,7 km  
Distance

305 m  
Starting  
Point Height

559 m  
Highest  
Point

260 m  
Lowest  
Point

320 m  
Total  
ascent

## NORDRACH 11

### FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HEINRICH HANSJAKOB TO THE OLD GASTHAUS MÜHLSTEIN

This route begins at the Maiersäge bus stop where the first wayside shrine can be seen. It continues through Wippersbach, past a wildlife reserve to Stollenberg. From here there is a fantastic view across to the other side of the valley. At Simonebene there are a number of wayside shrines commemorating the story of „Vogt auf Mühlstein“.

**Route:** ▶ Bushaltestelle

Maiersäge ▶ Wippersbach

▶ Am Stollenberg ▶ Baumanns Hütte

▶ Stollengrund ▶ Simonebene

▶ Flackenwald ▶ Oberer Flacken

▶ Haldeneck ▶ Mühlsteineck

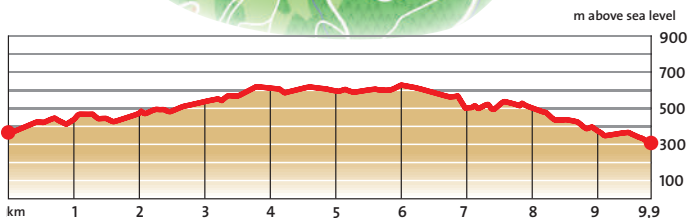
▶ Mühlstein ▶ Uf de Weid

▶ Oberm Weier ▶ Lehmannsberg

▶ Schwarzeburewald ▶ Schanzbach-

rank ▶ Pfarrwald ▶ Schanzbach

▶ Rathaus



9,9 km  
Distance

374 m  
Starting  
Point Height

617 m  
Highest  
Point

307 m  
Lowest  
Point

270 m  
Total  
ascent

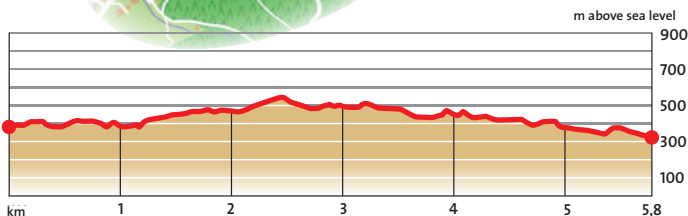


## NORDRACH 12 FLOWER-MEADOW-HIKE



This trail begins at the Junker sawmill. Then it goes up the Hasenberg to Letscheck which offers a magnificent view of Hintertal. It then takes you past splendid, lush meadows to Kohlberg and Haseneck. Via Heidenbühl, where there are glorious views extending over the town and valley and beyond, the trail takes you past the doll and toy museum (Puppen- und Spielzeugmuseum) and back to the centre of the town.

**Route:** ► Bushaltestelle ► Maiersäge ► Haaseneck  
► Ernsbach ► Vor Ernsbach  
► Hansjakobhalle



5,8 km  
Distance

380 m  
Starting  
Point Height

543 m  
Highest  
Point

309 m  
Lowest  
Point

190 m  
Total  
ascent

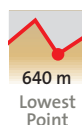
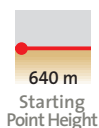
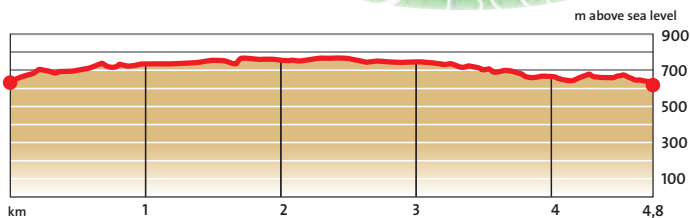
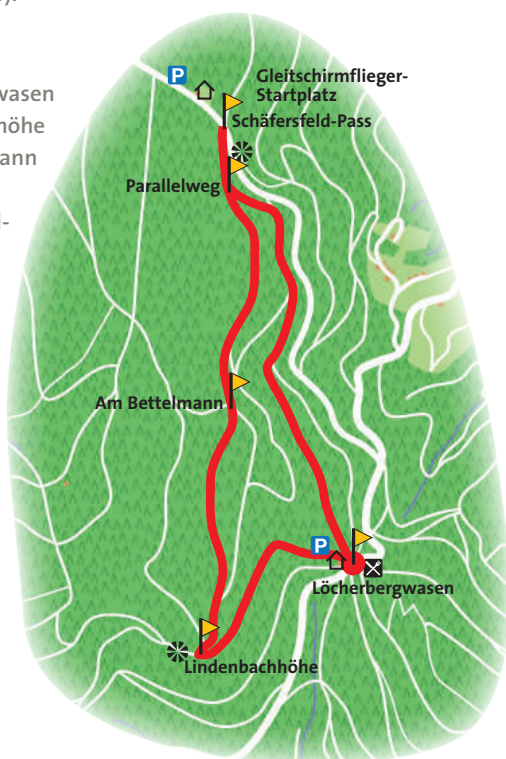
## OBERHARMERSBACH 13

### LÖCHERBERG CIRCULAR TRAIL

The Löcherberg divides the Harmersbach and Rench valley. The starting point for this trail at Löcherbergwasen is a main intersection for many of the hikes. This circular route leads to Gleitschirmflieger-Startplatz. This is the perfect place to take a breather and enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of the Rench valley. Löcherbergwasen offers the chance to rest and savour local cuisine (open daily from 10.30 from the beginning of April - end of October).

#### Route:

- ▶ Löcherbergwasen
- ▶ Lindenbachhöhe
- ▶ Am Bettelmann
- ▶ Parallelweg
- ▶ Schäfersfeld-Pass
- ▶ Löcherbergwasen

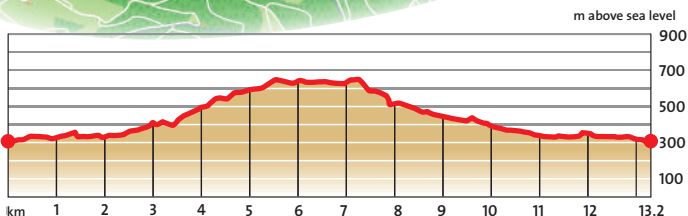


## OBERHARMERSBACH 14 „IM HOLDERSBACH“ PANORAMIC TOUR



Holdersbach valley is one of the tributary valleys along the Harmersbach. This hike features numerous panoramic views of Kreuz and of Köpfle. The tour starts at the Tourist Information centre in Oberharmersbach. From the car park, walk to the right past the hall and cross the railway tracks. Then turn left onto the „Reichstalpfad“ and follow this all the way to „Lokschuppen“. Between the locations of „Im Holdersbach“ and „Wattereck“ (upper path), the trail leads past a crossroad and the „Himmliche Höhe“ (heavenly heights) lookout point with a bench on which to relax. From here you will have a fantastic view across the Zuwälder Tal (valley) and - in springtime - beautifully flowering meadows. On the other path there is a chance to rest and enjoy local culinary treats (closed Mondays).

**Route:** ▷ Tourist-Information ► Lokschuppen ► A.d.Schmiede  
 ► Riersbach ► Dörfle ► Im Holdersbach ► Wattereck  
 ► Im Holdersbach ► Dörfle ► Riersbach ► A. d. Schmiede  
 ► Lokschuppen  
 ▷ Tourist-Information



13,2 km  
Distance

300 m  
Starting  
Point Height

676 m  
Highest  
Point

300 m  
Lowest  
Point

410 m  
Total  
ascent

## OBERHARMERSBACH 15

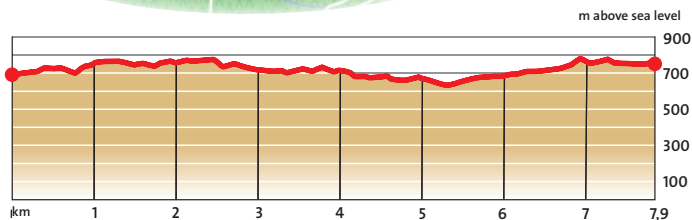
### BLACK FOREST SPECIALITY TOUR VIA DURBEN AND NILLHÖFE



This trail leads through the forests below the Brandenkopf mountain. The snack places in Nillhöfe (closed in winter / open daily in summer) and Durben (closed Wednesdays and Thursdays) offer Black Forest specialties. Bon appetit!

#### Route:

- ▶ Durben ▶ Schwarzenbachsattel ▶ Heidenkirche
- ▶ Kammacker ▶ Nillhöfe ▶ Nillwald
- ▶ Schwarzenbachsattel
- ▶ Durben



7,9 km  
Distance

715 m  
Starting  
Point Height

794 m  
Highest  
Point

616 m  
Lowest  
Point

270 m  
Total  
ascent

## OBERHARMERSBACH 16

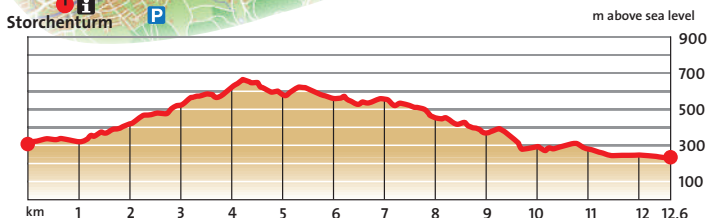
### THE HANSJAKOB ROUTE BETWEEN OBERHARMERSBACH AND ZELL

The circular Hansjakob path covers a distance of 105 km around the Kinzig valley. Picture and text boards are located along the route, providing hikers with information as they walk. This section leads you from Oberharmersbach towards Zell am Harmersbach. The tour begins at the Tourist Information centre in Oberharmersbach. Leave the car park to the right past the hall and cross over the railway tracks. Then turn left onto the „Reichstalpfad“ and follow it to „Lokschuppen“, then continue by following the signposts.

**Route:** ▶ Tourist-Information ▶ Lokschuppen ▶ Limrain ▶ Schafloch ▶ Hermersberg ▶ Hermersberghütte ▶ Holzbrunnen ▶ Täschenwasen ▶ Fautzenwald ▶ Haldeneck ▶ Mühlsteineck ▶ Mühlstein ▶ Uf de Weid ▶ Wolfsdobel ▶ Heugraben ▶ Heugrabeneck ▶ Landersberg ▶ Steinenbach ▶ Rebberg ▶ Röllengarten ▶ Schule ▶ Kirchstraße ▶ Storchenturm



From the Zell am Harmersbach train station, you can return to Oberharmersbach on the „Bähle“ historical train.



12,6 km  
Distance

300 m  
Starting  
Point Height

669 m  
Highest  
Point

218 m  
Lowest  
Point

380 m  
Total  
ascent