

Fulda Bike Path R1

ALL ALONG THE RIVER





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Whole Route in Sections



Fulda Bike Path R1

255 km of cycling from the source of the Fulda river in the Rhön region to the mouth of the river and further along the Weser.

The first four bike path sections are signposted with the Fulda Bike Path logo and the R1 logo. From Hann. Münden please follow the R1 signs. The entire route with individual section descriptions can also be found on Komoot.

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Welcome to the R1 Fulda Bike Path

"All along the river" is the motto of the R1 Fulda Bike Path, which crisscrosses through Hesse for 255 kilometers from the South to the North of the state. And in fact, between the Rhön and the southern Weser Hills, there are many unique natural and cultural experiences to be enjoyed. Calm, lazy sections of the river alternate from romantic half-timbered backdrops to an urban metropolitan flair.

But the R1 Fulda Bike Path is not only an experience for cyclists, because the long-distance bike path is part of a broad network of regional bike paths and thus offers a variety of possibilities for day trips as well.

On the river bike path, you can cycle through the gentle low mountain ranges with almost no inclines. This makes a tour on the R1 Fulda Bike Path well suited for families and pleasure cyclists. The moderate elevations and the numerous possibilities for rest and nourishment invite you to an enjoyable and relaxing ride. More ambitious cyclists are able to find athletic challenges, particularly on the connector of the R1 Fulda Bike Path to the Eder, Weser and Werra Valley Bike Paths.

Discover cycling pleasures in the heart of Germany - the R1 Fulda Bike Path.

FOOD AND DRINKS

SECTION 1:



From Gersfeld in the UNESCO Rhön biosphere reserve to the baroque city of Fulda

Distance and duration: about 40 km | 3 hours

Degree of difficulty: Easy

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

ICE/IC connections in:

• Fulda

Regional train connections:

• RB52 Gersfeld — Fulda

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from GERSFELD ...

Gersfeld Market Square (Rhön)



Enjoying nature and baroque flair

Gersfeld, with its market square lined with half-timbered buildings, offers the ideal starting point for an unforgettable cycling experience through the Fulda valley. The small town is well-known for its Spa facilities and healthy climate. It offers many attractions for adults and children alike. The 50-acre wildlife park, for example, to name just one.

The slightly sloping terrain facilitates a relaxing cycling experience through forests and meadows along the Fulda river. The route is very suitable for beginning riders, families and leisure cyclists.

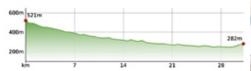
Charming villages such as the towns of Hettenhausen, Schmalnau, Ried and Eichenzell offer opportunities to stop for a good meal along the way. One of the most beautiful baroque palaces of Hesse is located In Eichenzell, the 18th century Fasanerie Palace. It is definitely worth a stopover, and not just because of their significant collections of antiques and porcelain.

After riding past the district of Löschenrod, the districts of Fulda-Bronnzell and Fulda-Johannesberg with the German Firefighters Museum, you finally reach the beautiful baroque city of Fulda.

to FULDA



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Orangerie Fulda — a beautiful park in the Baroque district.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:



wild animal park Gersfeld 36129 Gersfeld/Rhön Phone +49 (0) 6654-680 www.wildpark-gersfeld.de Opening hours:

Opening hours:

April - October: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

November - March: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Fasanerie Palace 36124 Eichenzell Phone +49 (0) 661-94860

info@schloss-fasanerie.de www.schloss-fasanerie.de

Opening hours: From beginning of April to end of October, Tuesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Castle tours, porcelain collection, children's tours



German Firefighter Museum Fulda e.V.

St. Laurentius-Str. 3, 36041 Fulda Phone +49 (0) 661-75017 info@dfm-fulda.de

www.dfm-fulda.de

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SECTION 2:



From the baroque town of Fulda to Bad Hersfeld, the town of spa & theatre festival

Distance and duration: about 45 km | 3 - 3.5 hours

Degree of difficulty: Medium

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

ICE/IC connections in:

- · Bad Hersfeld
- Fulda

Regional train connections:

- · Line RB5 Kassel-Fulda
- · Line RB7 Fulda-Göttingen

RMV service telephone Phone +49 (0) 69-24248024

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from FULDA ... to BAD HERSFELD



Castles, ruins and festivals

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The cathedral city of Fulda exudes a very special charm with its baroque district, many churches, the city palace and the lively historic downtown. On partly hilly paths, accompanied by meadows and fields, you reach the foot of the 4-castle city of Schlitz just behind the half-timbered village of Pfordt. From here you ride along the river through very impressive scenery of the Fulda valley.

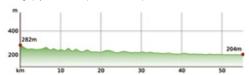
Although the romantic castle town, with its beautiful half-timbered buildings, castle towers and ruins, is not directly on the way, it is well worth a quick side trip.

From Unter-Schwarz, you continue relaxed on the old railway track that has been converted into a bike path. In the Niederaula region, the Lutherweg (Luther Route) 1521 and the Ars Natura art trail runs alongside the R1. Quotes from Konrad Duden and Konrad Zuse make you smile and think. From Niederaula you then cycle on the renovated bike path through the idyllic Fulda valley to Bad Hersfeld.

In the ruins of Bad Hersfeld's Abbey, the largest Romanesque church ruins in the world, the popular theatre festival of Bad Hersfeld takes place each summer.

Heringen (Werra) Philippsthal Kirchheim Schenklengsfeld Niederaula Steinbach Geisa Burghaun Schlitz Hünfeld Hofaschenbach Marhari Schwarzbach Großenlüde

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Linaamonument in the city center of Bad Hersfeld.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:



Cathedral of Fulda/Museum Phone +49 (0) 661-87207 dommuseum@bistum-fulda.de www.bistum-fulda.de

Openina hours and services at: www.tourismus-fulda.de

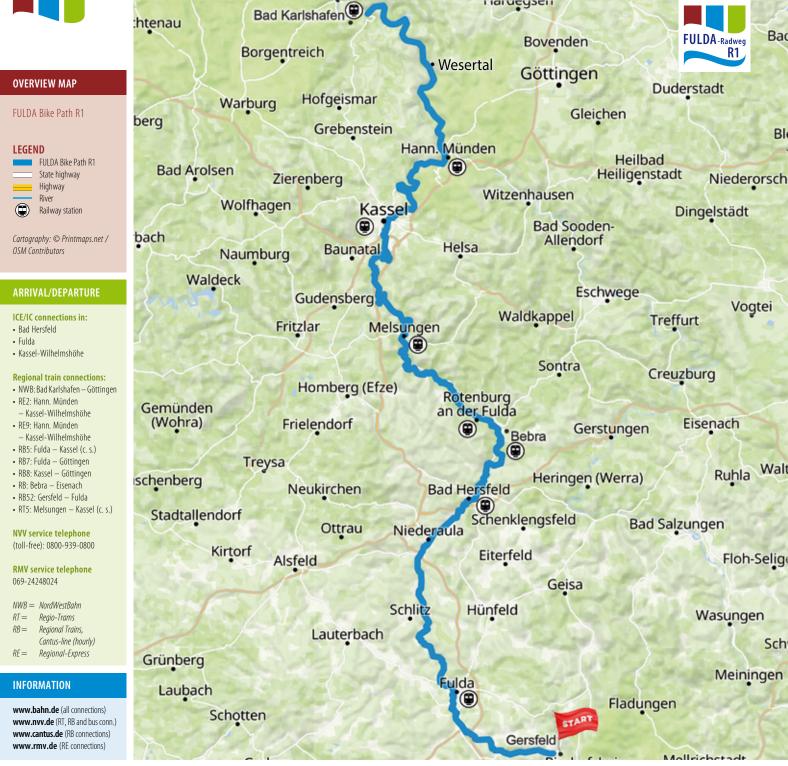


Back tower Schlitz

(Observation tower with elevator and the worlds largest candle during Advent) 36110 Schlitz Phone +49 (0) 6642-97062 www.schlitz.de Opening hours: Please ask!



Abby ruins Bad Hersfeld (summer festival venue) 36251 Bad Hersfeld Phone +49 (0) 6621-400731 www.bad-hersfelderfestspiele.de Opening hours: Please ask!



SECTION 3:



From the spa & theatre festival town Bad Hersfeld into the half-timbered town of Melsungen

Distance and duration: about 55 km | 3.5 - 4 hours

Degree of difficulty:Medium

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Regional train connections: RB5: Fulda — Kassel (central station)

NVV service telephone (toll-free): +49 (0) 800-9390800

RMV service telephone +49 (0) 69-24248024

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Kultur- & Tourist Info Melsunger Land e.V. (see page 12)



from BAD HERSFELD

Crossing the Fulda, using the bicycle cable car between Binsförth and Beiseförth.



Half-timbered idylls and nature experiences

The R1 inner city route leads through the legendary ambience of the spa and festival town of Bad Hersfeld with its abbey ruins and over 210 listed buildings back to the Fulda R1 bike path.

Back at the river you have arrived in the Central Fulda Valley. When the heat is shimmering, you can cool off in the Breitenbacher lakes near the village of Bebra-Breitenbach. Refreshed, the natural journey to the half-timbered jewel of Rotenburg on the Fulda, enchants you. Meadows and gnarled fruit trees line the cycle tour on the next stretch. The next stop is at the Haydau monastery with a short walk through the small park.

A most extraordinary experience will be a ride on the bike cable car system, unique to Germany, between Morschen-Binsförth and Malsfeld-Beiseförth. In Beiseförth, Hesse's only wicker making museum is prepared for your visit, or even the small, fine brewery museum, on the former premises of the Hessian Löwenbier brewery, to name just a few highlights along the way.

In Melsungen, visitors will find many lovingly decorated half-timbered houses with one half-timbered house in particular designated as the most beautiful in Germany.

. to MELSUNGEN



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Timbered-buildings and get-togethers in Melsungen at the historic city hall.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:



Swingforest

Im Schlosspark, 36199 Rotenburg an der Fulda https://www.mittleresfuldatal.de/attraktionen/ schaukelwald

Opening hours: all year round



Monastery Haydau

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Malsfeld Brewery Museum
Brauereistraße 7
34323 Malsfeld
www.brauereimuseum-malsfeld.de
Opening hours: end of April — end of
October, every 1.+ 3. So 2 - 5 p.m.

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SECTION 4:



From the half-timbered idyllic town of Melsungen to Hann. Münden

Distance and duration: about 65 km | 4.5 hours

Degree of difficulty: light to medium

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

ICE/IC connections in:

Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe

Regional train connections*:

- RE2/RE9: Hann. Münden Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe
- RB 5: Fulda Bad Hersfeld
 Bebra Melsungen Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe Kassel (c. s.)
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from MELSUNGEN ...

View from the Wilhelmshöhe Mountain Park over Kassel.



World Heritage City and Alexander von Humboldt

From the beautiful half-timbered town of Melsungen, the mostly level route leads on through a wonderful region of meadows and fields. The "Fulda loop" at Büchenwerra is particularly beautiful.

A short trip to the other side of the Fulda to the Nazi memorial in Guxhagen at the Convent of Breitenau is worthwhile. At Edermüde, the R1 Fulda Bike Path meets up with the Eder Bike Path before it splits into two variants to the left and the right of the Fulda. to later reunite in Kassel.

Kassel is ideally suited for a longer stay; for example, to make a side trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe or to the GRIMMWELT Kassel (the experience world of the brothers Grimm)

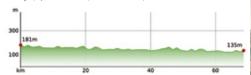
The Karlsaue Park with the Orangerie Palace and the Bugasee (lake) recreation area invite you to stay a little longer on the bike path.

Continue on through the Fulda Valley to the city of Hann. Münden, who Alexander von Humboldt supposedly called a city in one of the most beautiful regions in the world. The Fulda and the Werra "meet and kiss" in this medieval 3-river town, to continue their journey united as the river Weser.

to HANN. MÜNDEN



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View of Hann. Münden's half-timbered buildings.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:

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Breitenau Memorial

Brückenstraße 12, 34302 Guxhagen Phone +49 (0) 5665-3533 www.gedenkstaette-

breitenau.de

Opening hours: Mo - Fr 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m., So 1 - 5 p.m., closed on Sat/holidays



GRIMMWELT Kassel

Experience exhibition about the creative work of the Grimm brothers. Weinbergstraße 21, 34117 Kassel www.grimmwelt.de
Opening hours: Tue - Sun 10 a.m.

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., special opening hours on public holidays



Welfenschloss with municipal museum Hann. Münden

Schlossplatz 5, 34346 Hann. Münden Phone +49 (0) 5541-75202 and -75348

www.hann.muendenerlebnisregion.de

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SECTION 5:



From Hann, Münden to Bad Karlshafen

Distance and duration: about 50 km | 3 hours

Degree of difficulty: Medium

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Regional train connections:

- RE2 and RE9: Hann. Münden - Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe
- RB8: Kassel Hann. Münden - Göttingen
- NWB: Bad Karlshafen Göttingen

NVV service telephone (toll-free): +49 (0) 800-9390800

Tip: Bus lines 180/190 with bicycle trailer

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von HANN. MÜNDEN ...

German Huguenot Museum.



'Kissing' rivers and relaxation

The roughly 700 half-timbered houses that can be found in Hann. Münden create a unique backdrop, with the historic city hall being one of the most important buildings of the Weser Renaissance. From here, the route continues along the Weser river, following the twists and turns of the river, past the Bursfelde monastery and the Lippoldsberg monastery church.

Tip: Here you can reach the other side of the Weser in Hemeln in a most nostalgic way: by using the reaction ferry in Reinhardshagen. A stop at the cult restaurant "Zur Fähre" (the Ferry) is definitely worth your while.

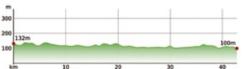
Another popular destination for excursions is the open-air miniature exhibition "Der Mühlenplatz" in Gieselwerder, with its affectionately built replicas of various buildings of the Weser region.

Finally, you arrive in the baroque New Town of Bad Karlshafen, which stands in contrast to the otherwise all-present Weser Renaissance. You may want to enjoy a visit the German Museum of Huguenot here, or maybe the hot-springs spa 'Weser-Therme', where you can unwind and enjoy a relaxing end of the day.

nach BAD KARLSHAFEN



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Bad Karlshafen: Baroque city center, inland port with baroque style city hall.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:



Historic City Hall

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-erlebnisregion.de

Opening hours 01.04. to 30.09.: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Opening hours 01.10. to 31.03.: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. - 2 p.



Open-air miniature exhibition Mühlenplatz 10

34399 Wesertal/Gieselwerder Tel. (0 55 72) 15 10 www.gemeinde-wesertal.de/ freizeit-tourismus/tourismus/ sehenswuerdigkeiten-in-

wesertal



Weser-Therme Bad Karlshafen

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Opening hours: daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri/Sat 9 a.m. 11 p.m.



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