



Fulda Bike Path R1

ALL ALONG THE RIVER

Families

Bike enthusiasts

Culture lovers





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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.**

SERVICE

Available in the App Store:
Hessen route planner

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BY TRAIN

ICE/IC connections in:

- Bad Hersfeld
- Bebra
- Fulda
- Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe

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 in the Weser Uplands.

Explore a variety of landscapes, no matter what time of year, and experience the wonderful variety of sights all along the Bike Path.



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SECTION 1:

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

Distance and duration:

about 40 km | 3 hours

Degree of difficulty:

Easy

from GERSFELD ... to FULDA

Arrival/departure

ICE/IC connections in:

- Fulda

Regional train connections:

- RB52 Gersfeld – Fulda

RMV service telephone

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Gersfeld Market Square (Rhön)



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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.

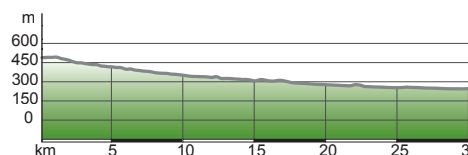
The slightly sloping terrain facilitates a relaxing cycling experience through forests and meadows along the Fulda river. The route is very suitable for beginning riders, families and leisure cyclists.

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 Lösschenrod, the districts of Fulda-Bronnzell and Fulda-Johannesberg with the German Firefighters Museum, you finally reach the beautiful baroque city of Fulda.



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Orangerie Fulda – a beautiful park in the Baroque district.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:



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wild animal park Gersfeld

36129 Gersfeld/Rhön
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Opening hours:
April - October: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
November - March: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Fasanerie Palace

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Tuesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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German Firefighter Museum Fulda e.V.

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Opening hours:
Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
closed on Mondays



SECTION 2:

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

Distance and duration:

about 45 km | 3 – 3.5 hours

Degree of difficulty

Medium



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from FULDA ...

The baroque city palace of Fulda with museum and park.



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Arrival/departure

ICE/IC connections in:

- Bad Hersfeld
- Fulda

Regional train connections:

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

RMV service telephone

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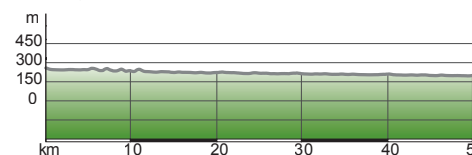
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to BAD HERSFELD



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Linggdenkmal in the city center of Bad Hersfeld.

Places worth seeing and experiencing along the route:



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Cathedral of Fulda/Museum

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Opening hours: Please ask!



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Abby ruins Bad Hersfeld (summer festival venue)

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OVERVIEW MAP

FULDA Bike Path R1

LEGEND

- FULDA Bike Path R1
- State highway
- Autobahn
- Railway line
- Railway station
- River

More information

at the following vendors:

- www.bahn.de (all connections)
- www.nvv.de (RT, RB and bus conn.)
- www.cantus.de (RB connections)
- www.rmv.de (RE connections)



Arrival/departure

ICE/IC connections in:

- Bad Hersfeld
- Bebra
- Fulda
- Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe

Regional train connections:

- RE2: Hann. Münden – Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe
- RE9: Hann. Münden – Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe
- RB5: Fulda – Kassel (central station)
- RB7: Fulda – Göttingen
- RB8 Kassel – Göttingen
- RB52: Gersfeld – Fulda
- RT5: Melsungen – Kassel (c. s.)

NVV service telephone

(toll-free): 0800-939-0800

RMV service telephone

069-24248024

RT = Regio-Trams

RB = Regionalbahnen,
Cantus-line (hourly)

RE = Regional-Express





SECTION 3:

From the 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

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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 spa and theatre festival town of Bad Hersfeld, subject of many legends, offers a fabulous ambience with the Abbey ruins and more than 210 buildings listed on the historical registry.

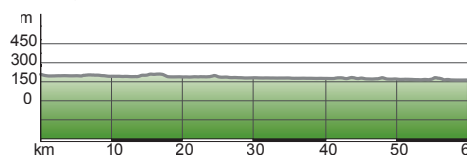
From here, you pass through a wooded nature reserve with magnificent views of the vast Fulda valley. Traveling on past the historic railway town of Bebra, you reach the romantic town of Rotenburg on the Fulda, with its half-timbered buildings. Here you can enjoy some refreshments at the narrowest point of the Central Fulda Valley. Along the river, and away from the traffic, you pass the former gravel pit biotope of Baumbach, which is rather popular with birds, and other creatures. Continue on through the renaturalized Fuldaue meadows and you will reach the Cistercian monastery Haydau in Morschen. 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:



Jewish Museum in the

former Rotenburg Mikve

Brauhausstraße 2,

36199 Rotenburg an der Fulda

www.hassia-judaica.de

Opening hours: May-October, 1st

Sunday of the month 3 - 4 p.m.

and by appointment:

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Cistercian Monastery Haydau

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Cultural events and event venue



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Malsfeld Brewery Museum

Brauereistraße 7

34323 Malsfeld

www.brauereimuseum-malsfeld.de

Opening hours:

April 23 - October 31, So 2 - 6 p.m.



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

* NVV service telephone

(toll-free): +49 (0) 800-9390800

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.)
- RT5: 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 Edermünde, 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).

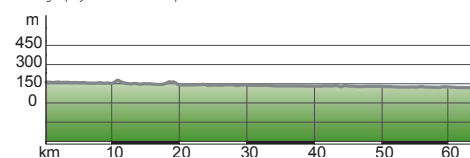
The Karlsau Park with the Orangerie Palace and the Bugasee (lake) recreation area invite you to stay a little longer on the bike path.

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

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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. to 6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., special opening hours on public holidays



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Welfenschloss with municipal museum Hann. Münden

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SECTION 5:

From Hann. Münden
to Bad Karlshafen

Distance and duration:
about 50 km | 3 hours

Degree of difficulty:
Medium



The confluence of Weser and Fulda © Hann. Münden Marketing GmbH – Peter Heilmann

from HANN.MÜNDE... to BAD KARLSHAFEN

Arrival/departure

Regional train connections:

- RE2 and RE9: Hann. Münden – Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe
- RB8: Kassel – Hann. Münden – Göttingen

NVV service telephone

(toll-free): +49 (0) 800-9390800

Tip: Bus lines 180/190
with bicycle trailer

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.

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.

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Municipality of Reinhardshagen

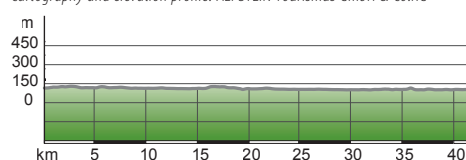
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Bad Karlshafen: Baroque city center, inland port with baroque style city hall.

Places worth seeing and
experiencing along the route:

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Historic City Hall

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Opening hours throughout the year:
Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.,
Saturday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Open-air miniature exhibition

Mühlenplatz 10
34399 Wesertal/Gieselwerder
www.muehlenplatz-gieselwerder.de

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 12 noon to 6
p.m., Saturday, Sunday, public
holidays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and by
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