

## Parking in Radolfzell

There is good parking along the "Altstadtring" (old city ring) with limited park times for short errands in the city. For longer visits, we recommend our parking garages or outdoor parking areas.

### City Parking Fees

Hour / day  
0.50 euro / 30 minutes, 1 euro / hour, max. 8 euro / day  
Exception: Beach 5 euro / day

### Public Parking Fees

Year round Monday – Saturday 8 am – 6 pm. Exceptions: the Herzen parking lots, the Markelfingen railway parking lot, and Mettnau peninsula year round Monday – Sunday 8 am – 6 pm. Free parking at the beach and the Markelfingen railway parking lot only from October 1 – April 30.

### Additional Parking

There are four privately operated parking garages and parking spaces in the downtown area (prices and opening times as posted): Parking lot seemaxx Outlet Center, parking garage Mühlbachcenter, parking garage Höllturm, parking garage Gerberplatz.

### Disabled Parking

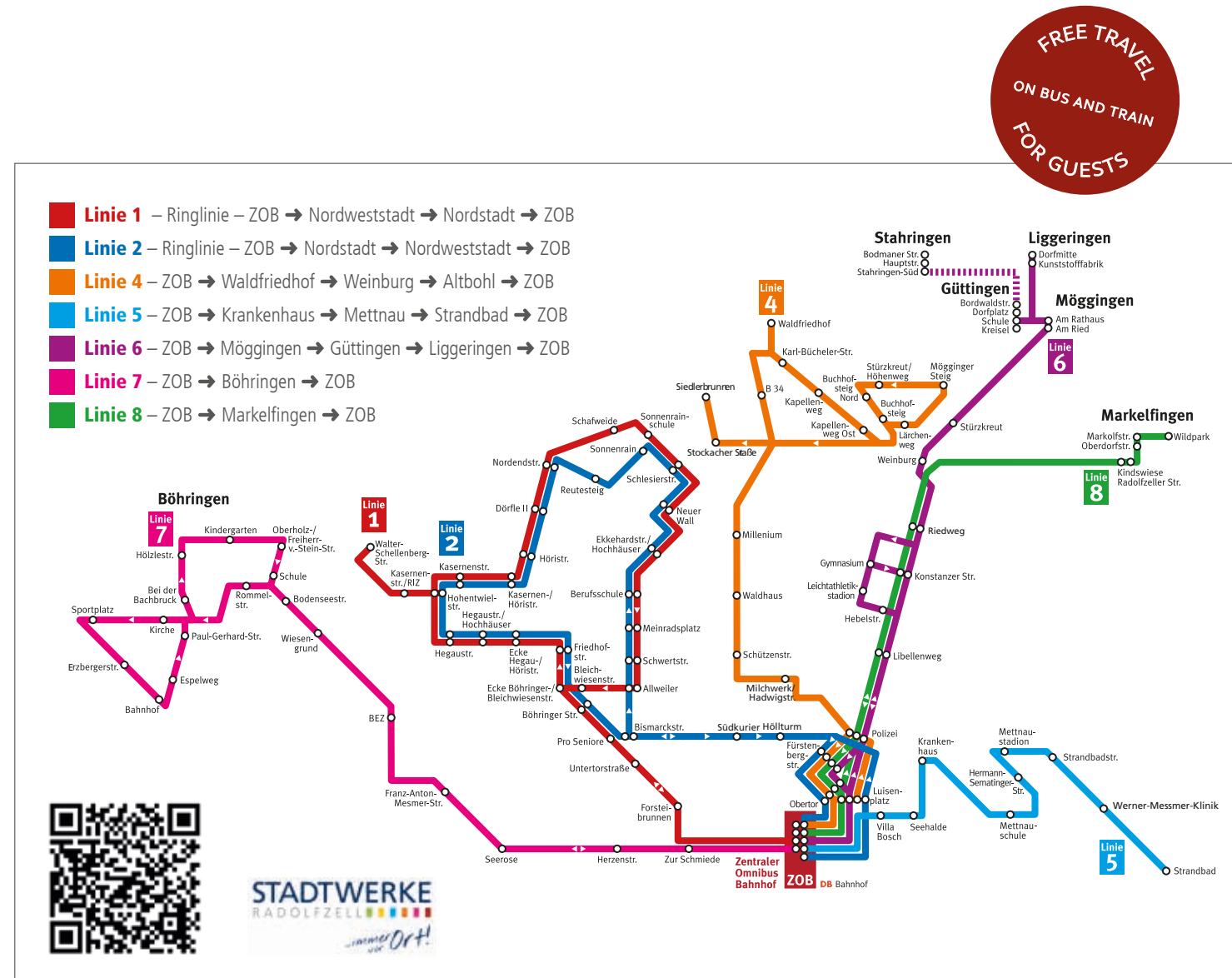
Those holding an official disabled parking permit or an exemption for parking facilities can park free in public parking lots. There are numerous handicapped-accessible parking spaces throughout the city marked for disabled drivers.



## City Bus

Adults pay 1 euro per trip within the entire city bus network, children only 0.50 euro.

BODENSEECARD WEST holders (guest card) travel free of charge.



## Leisure Tips

### City Museum

The Radolfzell City Museum features important historic episodes under the motto "with us, history stays alive", located in the former city pharmacy. Alongside special revolving exhibitions, the house also comes to life with children's birthday parties, costume tours and a wide range of events.

### Open-air Gallery in the Seestraße

Look up to see 34 large-format photos at the longest open-air gallery on Lake Constance, from spring through autumn. Each year, new motifs are selected as part of a photo competition.

### MaxCine

The MaxCine is the interactive visitor center at the Max Planck Institute for Animal Behavior in the Radolfzell district of Möggingen. This includes the interactive media room Hennhouse and the bee pasture BeeMarie.

### Experience the Mindelsee Exhibition

The modern, multimedia exhibition in the BUND nature conservation center showcases the special features of the Mindelsee nature reserve in Möggingen.

### Cruising

Cruise the lake aboard the MS Stadt Radolfzell via regularly scheduled trips to Lznang, Mannenbach and the island of Reichenau. Or, take a peaceful trip with the environmentally friendly HELIO solar ship at sunset – boating is the best way to see and experience the Lake Constance panorama.



### Water Sports

Getting on the water is easy in Radolfzell – from stand-up paddling and canoe tours, to introductory sailing and sailing courses, as well as pedal and motor boat rentals.

### Beaches

The perfect places for all ages to stay cool on hot days include: Mettnau beach and Mettnau lakeside beach, the beaches in Markelfingen, Lake Böhringen and Lake Güttingen. All have spacious sunbathing areas, play facilities and food kiosks.

### Radolfzell Tours – Hiking

There are four circular hiking trails and a family friendly short circuit that connect the Radolfzell neighborhoods with beautiful viewpoints and protected areas on the Bodanrück and Homburg.

### Biking

Radolfzell is an ideal starting point for bike tours. The "Radolfzeller Radrunden" brochure outlines different bike tours, service information and rental options.



### Segway Tours

Explore picturesque Lake Constance by Segway. It's a fun and exciting way to get around accompanied by locally certified tour guides from the bike shop Zweirad Joos.

### bora Sauna Oasis

This five-star sauna facility is located directly on the shores of Lake Constance and is one of the most beautiful of its kind in Europe covering 8,000 square metres.

### Yoga, Taiji & Qi Gong

Start the day with qigong several times a week and year round at the Concert Sail Pavilion with additional yoga, taiji and qigong classes on the beach.

### Kneipp Pools

The Kneipp facility in Mettnaupark includes a Kneipp basin, a barefoot reflexology path made of different textures, and an arm-soaking basin. The info board explains the Kneipp treatments and proper use for newcomers to "Kneipping".

### Climbing

This is the region's largest climbing hall with 18 meter walls covering 2,500 square metres both indoors and out. Climb, boulder, and slacken for improved strength and balance.



## Radolfzell culinary

There are a large number of restaurants, cafes, bistros and bars that serve excellent dishes and refreshment in the city center, at the lakeshore and in the local neighborhoods.

In addition to regional and home-style cuisine, visitors enjoy Mediterranean cuisine, Lake Constance fish specialties, steaks, Indian curry and organic vegetarian cuisine.

See the complete list in our gastronomy guide or website

→ [www.radolfzell-tourismus.de/en/see-do/food-drink](http://www.radolfzell-tourismus.de/en/see-do/food-drink)



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### Skater Park

Near the shores of Lake Constance, beginners and advanced skaters come here to show their stuff, practice tricks and meet other riders.

### Mini Golf

The Mettnau mini golf course near the lake offers loads of family fun.

### Water Playground

To the "Water March" we go! Discover the spacious water playground directly on the shores of Lake Constance with its many "splashy" opportunities.

### Children's Holiday Program

The Lollipop Children's Cultural Center offers a diverse holiday program for children during Easter, Whitsun and summer holidays. Kids can choose from dance workshops, magic workshops, painting courses and movement games.



More information on the above events and other activities is available at

→ [www.radolfzell-tourismus.de](http://www.radolfzell-tourismus.de)

## City History

826	Founded by Bishop Radolf von Verona as a spiritual settlement next to a fishing village and courtyard of the Reichenau monastery
9th c	Radolfzell became a place of pilgrimage through the veneration of Radolfzell patron hosts: Theopont, Senesius and Zeno
1267	Fortifications and town charter
13th c – 1805	Radolfzell under Habsburg rule. The Austrian Castle is a reminder of the former Austrian affiliation
1415 – 1455	Designation as a Free Imperial City
1436	Cathedral of Our Lady construction
1810	Assigned to the Grand Duchy of Baden
1863	Connected to the railway network
1869 – 1886	Residence of the poet Josef Victor von Scheffel
1875	Jaques Schiesser (Schiesser company) settled in Radolfzell
1876	The Allweiler company settles in Radolfzell
1937 – 1945	Nazi garrison site with SS barracks
1945	French troops occupy Radolfzell without conflict
1941	External command of the Dachau concentration camp
1945 – 1977	French garrison
1946	Max Planck Institute for Animal Behavior in Möggingen, formerly called the Radolfzell Vogelwarte
1958	Establishment and expansion of the spa facilities on Mettnau peninsula and spa town status for active movement therapy
1974 – 1975	Incorporation of Böhringen, Güttingen, Liggeringen, Markelfingen, Möggingen and Stahringen through the municipal reform of Baden-Württemberg, then declared as a "major district town" in 1975

# Experience Radolfzell

City map with sights & leisure tips



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**Tourist Information Radolfzell**

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July – End of summer vacation

Monday – Friday 9 am – 6 pm

Saturday 10 am – 1 pm

additional Sunday 10 am – 1 pm

January – May and October – December

Monday – Friday 9 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm

Saturday 10 am – 1 pm

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range of free information material, high-quality souvenirs and regional products.

The centrally located Radolfzell Tourist Information Office provides information on accommodation, sights, excursion destinations, public transport and event tickets (Reservist), as well as a wide range of free information material, high-quality



# Welcome to Radolfzell on Lake Constance!

The lake landscape is everywhere you look with protected reeds and forests and right in the middle of it all ... a lively city with a rich history. The large squares and narrow streets of Radolfzell's old town reveal exciting stories from its founder days to modern times. We welcome you to our traditional festivals, weekly and evening markets and more. Local retailers and the large seemaxx Outlet Center offer superb shopping pleasures. Enjoy your stay here with us on western Lake Constance!

## Inner City Tour

- 1 Minster of Our Lady**  
Around the year 826, Bishop Radolf of Verona built a church and clergy apartments next to an existing settlement. The current late Gothic building likely replaced a late Romanesque basilica. The Radolfzell minster has the highest church tower on Lake Constance reaching 82 metres.
- 2 Radolfzell Mount of Olives**  
The Mount of Olives scene is characteristic of popular piety in the Middle Ages. This is an artificial stone reproduction located on the market square behind the minster.
- 3 Austrian Castle**  
Radolfzell was part of the Habsburg dynasty for nearly five centuries and the Austrian Castle reflects this historical period. The construction of the former town hall (Rathaus) began in 1618/19, but wasn't finished until the beginning of the 18th century. It served as a school building until the 1980s and today houses the city library. The building was completely renovated and the glass extension for the elevator was added in 2015.
- 4 Upper Gate**  
The Upper Gate, approx. 14 metres high, secured eastern access to the city, but fell victim to growing traffic in 1870. The pictures to the left and right of the flanking buildings show the drawbridge gate and city complex around 1750.
- 5 Capuchin Monastery**  
Between 1625 – 1627, a small monastery for the Capuchin order was built in front of the town. In 1826, the monastery church was converted into a residential building. The space is occupied today by the social welfare office and two associations that promote inter-religious dialogue.

- 6 City Garden**  
The former city moat has been a park since 1924 as a gift from Karl Wolf, the former general director of the Allweiler Pump Factory. A local poet once described the city garden near the train station as "Germany's most beautiful waiting room".
- 7 City Wall and Powder Tower**  
The oldest parts of the city wall go back to the 13th century, east of the Powder Tower along the moat to Hell Tower (20). Part of the tower was buried due to railway construction and shoreline land reclamation in the 1860s. The 14th century Archers Gate Tower (18) has also been preserved.

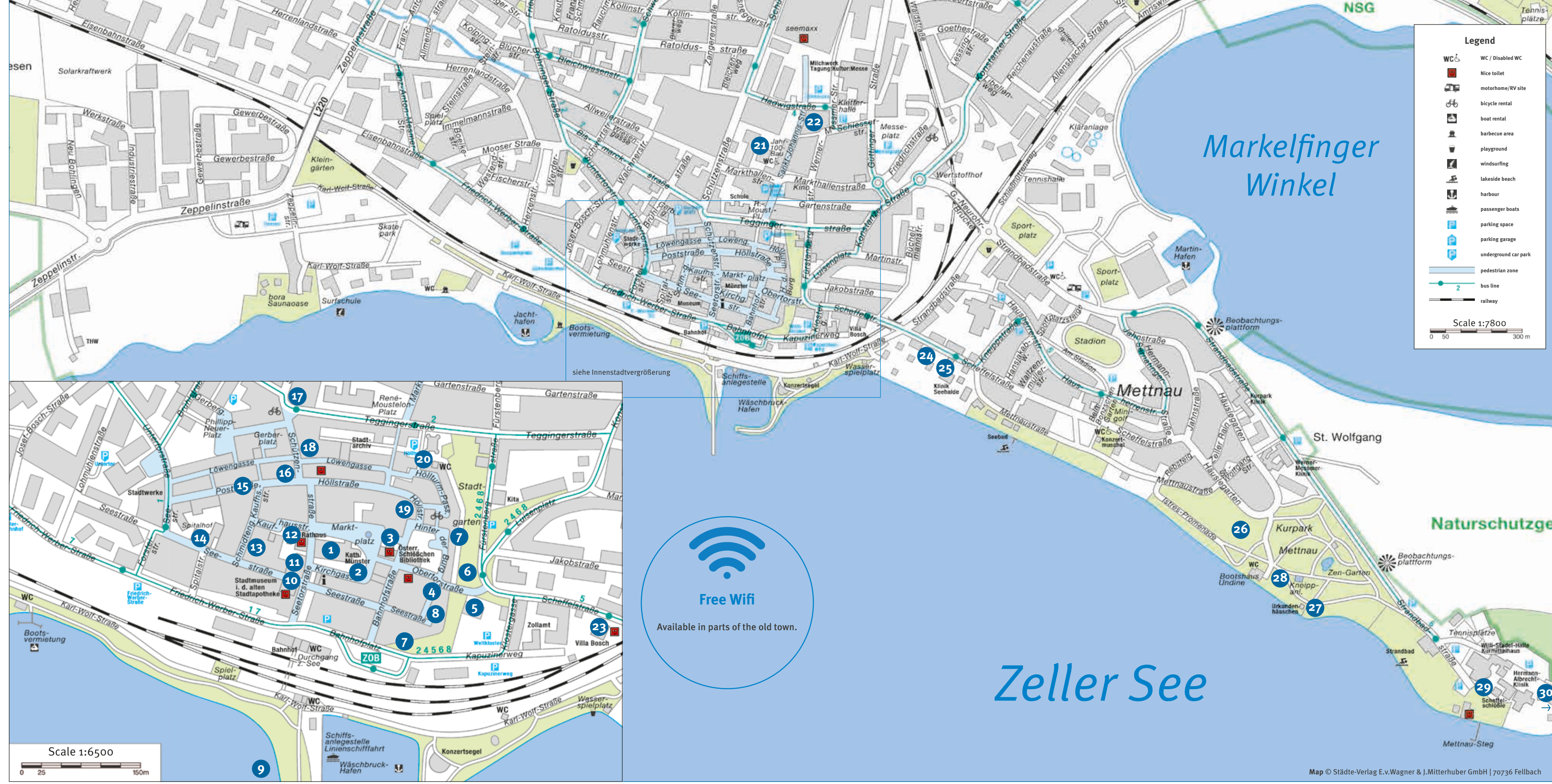
- 8 Griener Winkel (Griener square)**  
This quarter features the "Windschief Villa" (1543) reminiscent of the earlier "Griener Tower" alongside simple town houses.
- 9 El Niño**  
"El Niño" was created by the sculptor Ubbo Enninga and stands submerged in the Radolfzell harbor pier. Locals and visitors use the statue to measure lake water levels. El Niño can be seen (more or less) depending on the water level.
- 10 City Museum / Old City Pharmacy**  
Since 2006 the city museum has occupied this striking building with its two-story bay window. A pharmacy served customers here until 1998. The more than 200 year old pharmacy and work rooms bring these past times to life. For information on changing exhibitions and programs visit at [www.stadtmuseum-radolfzell.de](http://www.stadtmuseum-radolfzell.de).

- 11 Knighthood House**  
Since 1427, Radolfzell has been the meeting place and administrative center of the Hegau Knights, one of the four cantons of the Swabian knighthood "of the St. George Shield".
- 12 Town Hall**  
The current town hall with its many arched windows was built in 1848, serving as a district court building and city fruit hall. Grain and potatoes were delivered through the former large gates of this imposing building.
- 13 Schmidtgasse (Blacksmith Alley)**  
The alley was named after a blacksmith who once lived here. House No. 5 is the narrowest building in town at 2.50 metres wide.

- 14 Holy Spirit Hospital**  
Hospital origins date back to the 14th century. The main hospital complex was built in 1541 using old parts of the building and a new chapel. For 100 years, the Heilig-Geist-Spital has served the community as a senior home and nursing station. A small Jewish quarter was integrated into the original structure, but those residents were killed in Germany's great persecution in 1349.
- 15 Kappedeschle Fountain**  
Radolfzell locals are crazy about carnival and the legend of Xaver Deschle known locally as "Kappedeschle". During the Baden Revolution, Radolfzell was occupied by the Prussians who forbade carnival activities. The story goes, Deschle asked the authorities if he could look out of his window wearing his fool's hat. With that wish granted, he then he made himself a window frame and went out into the streets.

- 16 Art Nouveau Department Store and Schützendor School**  
Johann Swars built the Art Nouveau house in 1903 for his department store which still sells toys today for all ages. In 2007, the business expanded into the rooms of former Schützendor School. Baden-Württemberg's first fish hatchery operated out of the basement until 1961.
- 17 Alte Post (Old Post Office)**  
The Austrian postal service line stopped in Radolfzell in the 18th century with a horse and carriage post office operated by the princely and private Taxis postal service in 1763. In 1899, a new building was constructed for the Imperial Post Office on the corner of Teggingerstraße and Schützenstraße. You can still see the original post horn, carrier pigeon and imperial eagle insignias on the outer facade.
- 18 20 Archers Gate Tower and Hell Tower**  
see 7 city wall

- 19 High House**  
Notice the high house (1602) with its impressive height and stepped gable. On the ground floor you see the coat of arms belonging to the Counts of Fürstenberg-Heiligenberg-Werdenberg. They used it as an office building and fruit chute for 200 years. Today the Kratt department uses part of the space for its sales rooms. The Kratt store is the oldest Radolfzell department store founded in 1919.
- 21 Jahr100Bau (Year100Site)**  
Radolfzell used to be called the "Schiesser-City" named after the lingerie that used to be manufactured here. Today Germany's largest lingerie producer is still active in Radolfzell with product development, design, marketing and administration as well as their logistics center and quality assurance. The "Jahr100bau" was a production facility and housed the first mechanical equipment for knitted fabrics, built in an elongated Wilhelminian style from 1900. Today the commercial building flanks the pedestrian axis between the old town and the seemaxx Outlet Center.



- 22 Lenk Figure**  
"Fight for Europe" is the name of a 2013 installation by sculptor Peter Lenk from the neighboring town of Bodman-Ludwigshafen. It's a house relief located in the Sankt-Johannis Street. The sculpture stands 13 metres high and offers a satirical look at the European politics of Merkel, Barroso & Co and the Greek goddess "Europe" being besieged by several politicians.
- 23 Bosch Villa**  
The pharmacist Franz Karl Josef Bosch built today's Villa Bosch in 1865. His widow Maria Theresia bequeathed it to Radolfzell in 1881 on the condition that the donated assets be used to found a girls' school. In 1988 the house was given its current purpose for concerts and a municipal gallery. The Radolfzell Art Association and the Office of Cultural Affairs both offer interesting exhibitions.

## Walking Mettnau Peninsula

One of the State's oldest nature reserves is located on Mettnau Peninsula and only a few minutes' walk from the old town. The well-known METTNAU Center for Movement Therapy is also here, offering rehabilitation and preventive spa stays according to their motto: "Movement is Life". The extensive Mettnaupark is ideal for walking under old trees and along the shores of Lake Constance:

- 24 Wolf Villa**  
The Villa Wolf was built in 1911 for the honorary citizen Karl Wolf and his wife Emilie. The property is still family owned and often used as a film and television backdrop as seen in the ARD series "WaPo Bodensee".
- 25 Seehalde Villa**  
The honorary citizen and poet Joseph Victor von Scheffel was a key figure in shaping the city of Radolfzell. After a relaxing and inspiring holiday in 1871, the Karlsruhe native bought a 10,000 square metres lake property on the Mettnau peninsula and built an Italian-style country house on it still known as „Villa Seehalde“. Today it houses one of the METTNAU medical rehabilitation clinics.
- 26 Sculpture Symposium**  
While strolling through Mettnaupark you will pass various sculptures from the Sculpture Symposium, which takes place every two to three years. Visitors can follow the live works as they are created in real time.
- 27 Document House**  
The temple-like building once stood at the Viehmarkt and what is now the war memorial on Luisenplatz. City customs officials used the document house to draw up purchase contracts.
- 28 Scheffel's Favorite Spot**  
A rock marks Scheffel's (see 25) favorite place near the document house in Mettnaupark – with a view across the lake to the Alps.
- 29 Scheffel Castle**  
After the poet Joseph Victor von Scheffel (see 25) ascended to the noble class, he acquired the Mettnau estate in 1876 and expanded the old tenant house into a castle. A tower was added to the old building where the poet set up his study. Today the health resort administration is located here. Some editions of Scheffel's works are on hallway display. However, due to official use, there is only limited visitor access to the building.
- 30 Mettnau Tower**  
The 18-metre-high Mettnau Tower is a lookout structure on the Mettnau peninsula. From there you can see parts of the Markelfinger Lake in the north, the Zeller Lake, Gnaden Lake and the Untersee to the south. In good weather, the tower also offers wider panoramic views of the Hegau, the island of Reichenau and Switzerland with the Thurgau Seerücken, Swiss Alps and the Säntis Mountain. Boards provide information about the Mettnau nature reserve.