

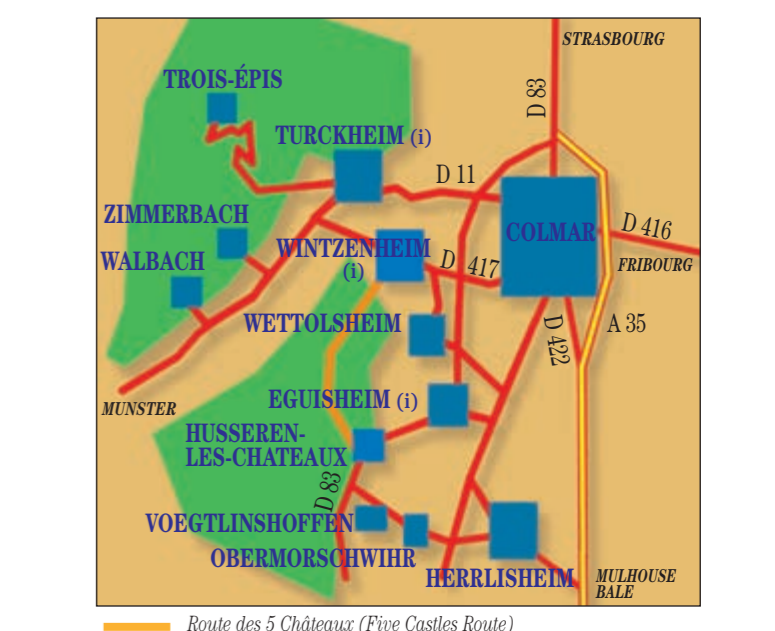
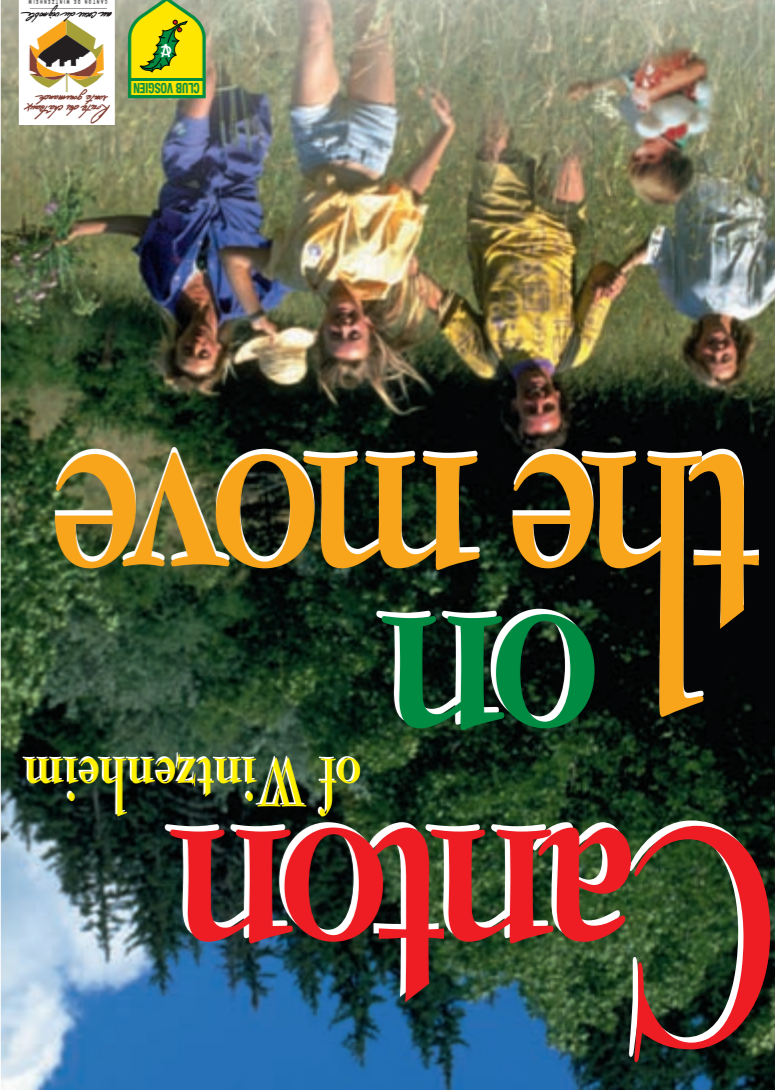
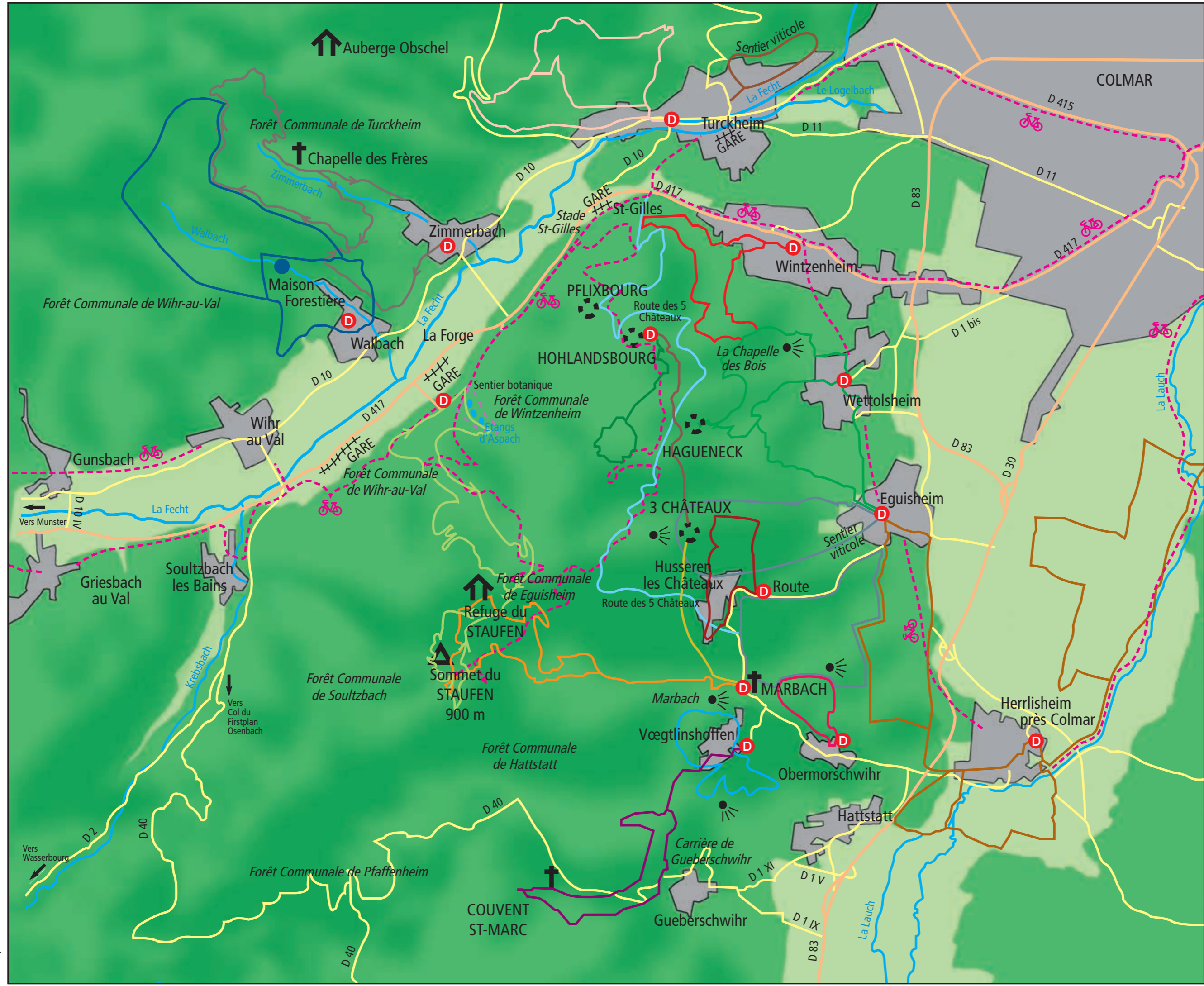


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**Walking and hiking circuits**

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## Eguisheim - Les 3 Châteaux Husseren-les-Châteaux

**Departure :** Town Hall car park (main street)  
**Time :** 2h30  
**Itinerary :** Eguisheim - Bechtal - 3 Castles - 3 Castles car park - Husseren - Eguisheim

**Trail marks :** blue diamond, red diamond, yellow circle, red diamond (Club Vosgien)
Map Top 25 3719 OT Grand Ballon

**Description :** In Eguisheim walk up the Grand’rue to the school “La Vigne en Fleurs” and continue in the same direction.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> crossroads (calvary) take the track towards the Bechtal (blue diamond).

The trail follows the stream through vineyards, meadows and forest. At the Bechtal, follow the track (red diamond) until you reach the 3 Castles.

From the castles, go down to the car park and follow the trail (yellow circle) towards Husseren.

After passing the hotel, take the track (red diamond) to Husseren. Pass through the village and at its North-East exit descend towards Eguisheim along the metalled vineyard road, parallel to the Wine Route.

**Further information :**

Local tourist maps CV/IGN Top.25 - 3718 OT Colmar Kaisersberg - 3719 OT Grand Ballon – Munster - 1/50 000 Colmar – Munster - Club Vosgien guide (Volume 3) - Internet : www.clubvosgien.com



## Wintzenheim Chapelle des Bois - St-Gilles

**Departure :** Salle Laurentia car park in rue Joffre  
**Time :** 2h00  
**Trail marks :** blue cross, red diamond then red triangle  
**Difference in altitude :** 150m

**Itinerary :** Near the Calvary, take the rue de Barenthal to the left, continue along it then take the track to the Chapelle-des-Bois, passing Saint Joseph (blue cross). You can also reach the Chapelle-des-Bois via the main road.

Pass in front of the ADEIF chalet, following the blue cross trail, then descend to the Meyer Monument (red diamond).

Continue along the track to St-Gilles. When you reach the Five Castles Trail, descend as far as the St-Gilles chalet and farm (red diamond).

At the Club Vosgien chalet, take the trail to Wintzenheim (red triangle).

**Interest :** viewpoint over the Alsace plain, architectural heritage, vineyards, forests.

## Eguisheim - Château du Hagueneck - Wettolsheim

**Daparture :** Town Hall car park  
**Time :** 2h00 to 2h30  
**Itinerary :** Eguisheim - Hagueneck - St-Gertrude - Wettolsheim - Eguisheim

**Trail marks :** Blue cross, red diamond, red cross (Club Vosgien)
Map Top 25 3718 OT Colmar

**Description :** In Eguisheim walk up the Grand’rue to the school “La Vigne en Fleurs” and continue in the same direction. Take the first road to the right, direction Hagueneck (blue cross).

From the castle, walk down the track towards the car park. Follow the trail to St-Gertrude (red diamond) then on to Wettolsheim (red cross).

Walk through the village to reach Place de Gaulle then follow the wine route from near the Town Hall. Leave the village by the South exit then follow the signs to Eguisheim at the last junction to the right (signposted cycle track).



## Wintzenheim La Forge - Staufen

**Departure :** M.F. Aspach (ONF) car park  
**Time :** 3h30  
**Distance :** 10km  
**Difference in altitude :** 600m

**Itinerary :** Aspach Forestry house – trail and track to Staufen refuge (722m) (red circle marks) – trail to Staufen summit (900m) (yellow rectangle). Descend towards Marbach pass then return to Staufen refuge (red circle).

At the refuge, take the trail then track towards Ehrsorlecht and Lumberjack’s Cross (blue circle). Follow the cycle track back down to M.F. Aspach.

**Interest :** forest, flora, viewpoints, Aspach ponds. At the Forestry house, it is possible to explore the botanical trail (a loop of 1300m).



## Wintzenheim The Squirrel Trail

The squirrel trail runs between the Three Castles car park and the Hohlandsbourg. It is laid out to give walkers a quiet and trouble-free stroll.

**Total length of the trail :** 3 200 m.

The round trip of 6 400 m represents 2 to 3 hours walking.

Designed for easy walking, this circuit does not present any particular difficulty : no steep slopes, no abrupt climbs and no obstacles. As there is no risk of getting lost, it instils confidence in even the most inexperienced hiker.

The journey time is reasonably short, and the quality of the path makes it suitable for persons of reduced mobility (small children, old people, handicapped people) even those who only wish to walk a short distance. Lastly, there are areas along the trail to rest as well as to study educational signs that describe aspects of the surrounding natural environment.

# Walbach - Zimmerbach

**Itinerary :** Walbach - Forestry House (blue X-cross) - Crow’s Rock (blue disc) - Obschel (750 m, inn) - Friars’ Chapel (blue cross) - Walbach (yellow and blue X-cross) or via Zimmerbach (blue cross) on the D11 and through the vineyards to Walbach.

**Time :** 3 hours  
**Distance :** 8 to 10 km  
**Difference in altitude :** 400 m

Very attractive walk through the forest on the flank of the Hohnach massif. It enables the visitor to discover the picturesque villages of Walbach, with its XVIth century castle, and Zimmerbach.

## Husseren-les-Châteaux The quarry trail

This trail takes you from the Three Castles car park to Marbach Abbey. Trail markers with a drawing of a marquee guide you, while explanatory signs explain tne characteristics of the sandstone quarries and various aspects of forestry.

**Time :** 2 hours **Distance :** 4,4 km

# Turckheim

Two circuits, taking either 1h or 1h30.

Depart from the Turenne monument. Continue past the wine cooperative. Follow the blue triangle, cross the vineyards and ascend towards the Frauenberg (blue cross). Head for the Pilgrims’ Junction (yellow shield).

At this crossroads the short circuit descends the GR532 to the starting point. The long circuit continues towards Hunabuhl (blue shield) then descends past the St-Wendelin Chapel and the Cave de Turckheim to the starting point.

# Obermorschwihr - Marbach

**Departure :** Biecheler Centre, Marbach, Obermorschwihr  
**Itinerary :** Marbach - Bumatt - Staufen refuge - Marbach pass - Marbach  
**Time :** 3 hours  
**Difference in altitude :** 700 m **Distance :** 10 km  
**Trail marks :** yellow triangle - red disc

A very beautiful walk that combines history and lovely views over the Alsace Plain.

**Marbach (406 m) :** Interesting ruins of the former abbey with its fine narthex. This celebrated abbey was founded in 1089 and the famous Guta-Sintram manuscript was written here in 1154.

**Bumatt (530 m) :** Humid microclimate set in a very picturesque green cirque.

**Staufen refuge (720 m) :** Maintained by the Wintzenheim Club Vosgien and open all year round.

**Other circuit :** A loop through the vineyards, starting from the centre of the village.

# Walbach

Two trails run through the vineyards and forest, offering welcome shade during the heat of the summer.

- A 7 km circuit, for a 2 hour walk with a difference in altitude of 200 m ☀.
- A 12 km circuit, for a 4 hour walk with a difference in altitude of 350 m ▲.

Both circuits start from the car park behind the church and multi-purpose hall in the direction of Gisbelbukel, not more than 200 m from the last houses. The Lourdes Grotto installed in a former quarry dates from 1959-60. The circuits continue through the forest towards the little chapel, affording a fine view of the village. Approaching the Sonnenburg, a lightly sloping track leads easily to the Virgin’s oak tree. Further on, after the forestry house, is a short climb to reach the Welschpfad on the trail linking Walbach and Labaroche. A few hundred metres later, the forest gives way to the Neuberg vineyard with a magnificent view over the plain, then a wide expanse of vineyards. The last stage leads to the Bergacker with a cross dated 1768, overlooking the village and its manor known as “the castle”. Finally, down the rue du 5 février is the town hall square which marks the end of this escapade through the vineyards and forest of Walbach.

# Herrlisheim

**Time :** 1h45  
**Distance :** Circuit A (north) = 6 km (45 mn to 1 h)  
Circuit B (south) = 3 km  
On foot or by bike  
Both circuits can be combined (9 km = 2h30 to 3h)

Situated 7 km to the south of Colmar, at an altitude of 192 m, Herrlisheim has 1700 inhabitants. The town and its castle, now in ruins, belonged to the Lords of Hattstatt from XIII<sup>th</sup> to XVI<sup>th</sup> century, then to the Barons of Schauenbourg, and suffered during the course of many wars. Fortunately its church with XIII<sup>th</sup> century belfry, and a well-preserved fortified tower that was once part of its ramparts, have both survived. The town is surrounded by 200 ha of vineyards on the gentle foothills of the Vosges and by 400 ha of land on the plain. Two trails run through the vineyards to neighbouring villages, plus a third along the banks of the river Lauch to Colmar, enabling the visitor to admire the rich flora and fauna.

# “Vineyard and Plain” Circuits

● **EGUISHEIM Trails**

Discover and walk through the vineyards of Eguisheim on trails that are dominated by the Three Castles of Eguisheim and which overlook the Rhine Plain. Fairytale views unfold at every turn with colours that vary according to the season of the year. On your return, taste our Grand Cru wines from the Eichberg and the Pfersigberg. Starting point : Campsite

● **HERRLISHEIM Trails**

Three totally different circuits begin at Herrlisheim Post Office. The first runs across the Vosges foothills on the Elsbourg. The second leads through the vineyards to Eguisheim. The third follows the banks of the river Lauch to Colmar. Such wide variety appeals to all visitors, whether hikers, tourists or local people.

Starting point : Post Office

● **HUSSEREN-LES-CHATEAUX Trails**

1h30 of walks through prestigious vineyards, well known for their Grand Cru Eichberg and Pfersigberg wines. From the edge of the forest, a unique panoramic view over the Alsace Plain. Remember to also visit our village where the winegrowers will be pleased to welcome you.

Starting point : North entry

● **OBERMORSCHWIHR Trails**

In 1h30, this trail enables you to discover the Bildstoeckle vineyards on south-facing clay-limestone soil. Numerous views over the plain, Colmar and the Black Forest. To the north can be seen the silhouette of the Haut-Koenigsbourg castle. To the west are the sandstone quarries that dominate the former abbey of Marbach.

Starting point : Town Hall

● **TURCKHEIM Trails**

2 km walk along the Brand vineyard trail. Discover seasonal vineyard work and the grape varieties... Panoramic view over the Alsace plain and the town of Turckheim. During the summer, wine trail visits guided by a winegrower are organised by the Tourist Office.

Starting point : Brand Gate

● **VOEGLINSHOFFEN Trails**

The principal quality of this trail is its diversity. First it crosses the Grand Cru Hatschbourg vineyards, then it runs over the vast terrain of the Hagelberg, passing in front of a small chapel, all the while offering a truly exceptional panoramic view. Then it winds through the edge of the forest, allowing an interesting look at its specific flora. This walk takes 2 hours.

Starting point : Town Hall

● **WETTOLSHEIM Trails**

Wettolsheim offers 3 different pedestrian circuits, varying from 2h30 to 4h. These circuits enable you to appreciate the magnificent view over the Alsace Plain, and to discover the Grand Cru Steingrubler and Hengst vineyards. Along the trail through the forest, agreeable halts can be made both at the Hagueneck castle and at the beautifully sited Chapelle des Bois. In Wettolsheim, do not forget to visit the intriguing Lourdes Grotto, an exact replica of the Massabielle Grotto.

Starting point : Fire Station

## Voegtlinshoffen - Langenberg Saint Mark Convent

**Departure :** Voegtlinshoffen town square  
**Itinerary :** Langenberg - Saint Mark Convent - Forestry house - Saint Mark - Inn - Gueberschwihr quarries - Voegtlinshoffen.

**Time :** 3 hours  
**Distance :** 10 km  
**Trail marks :** blue diamond - red diamond - then blue diamond

An attractive walk to discover in turn the winegrowing village of Voegtlinshoffen, the former sandstone quarries, then the Saint Mark valley and its convent.

**Langenberg :** A farm in broad pastures on the site of a former village that disappeared in XV<sup>th</sup> century.

**Saint Mark Convent :** Merovingian in origin, rebuilt by Pope Saint Leo IX, then destroyed by the Armagnacs, the present buildings date from 1760-1762.

**Sandstone quarries :** A strange and picturesque setting.

**Another trail :**

the “Country and Forest circuit”. The principal quality of this trail is its diversity. First it crosses the Grand Cru Hatschbourg vineyards, then it runs over the vast terrain of the Hagelberg, passing in front of a small chapel, all the while offering a truly exceptional panoramic view. Then it winds through the edge of the forest, allowing an interesting look at its specific flora.



# Mountain Bike Trails

Mountain bikes are forbidden on all trails more than 2m wide, but can be used on forest trails (many are signposted).

**Castles massif and the Staufen :**

**Departure :** Wintzenheim - Saint Gilles - La Forge - Marbach

**Hohnack massif - Trois Epis :**

Departure : Turckheim - Zimmerbach - Walbach

**Vineyards and Plain :**

Circuits from Herrlisheim and from Eguisheim



# Cycle Trails

From Turckheim - Wettolsheim - Wintzenheim - Herrlisheim - Eguisheim. Signposted.

