

# The double life of the Secret Country

## The Welches villages

This long trail passes through villages abandoned after plagues in the middle ages and then repopulated and reconstructed in the 16th and 17th century by protestant Huguenot refugees. The multimedia satnav, which can be hired from the Tourist Office in Lorentzen, as well as guiding you along your route, contains extensive information that will enable you to immerse yourself in the history of this area, its geology, plant and wildlife.

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### “Do’s and “don’t’s

Exploring the countryside on foot or by bike is a wonderful way to get close to nature. However, the natural environment is fragile and you can help protect it by following the advice below.

Don't light fires. Take rubbish home. Keep dogs on a lead. Don't make unnecessary noise. Don't pick wild flowers. Check the weather forecast before you set out.

When in the forest, please obey warning signs, particularly about forestry work and hunting. The tracks that you are following are primarily for agricultural use. For your own safety, keep well away from agricultural machinery.

If you follow this advice you will be able to fully enjoy the countryside whilst protecting it for future generations.

Follow the signs 

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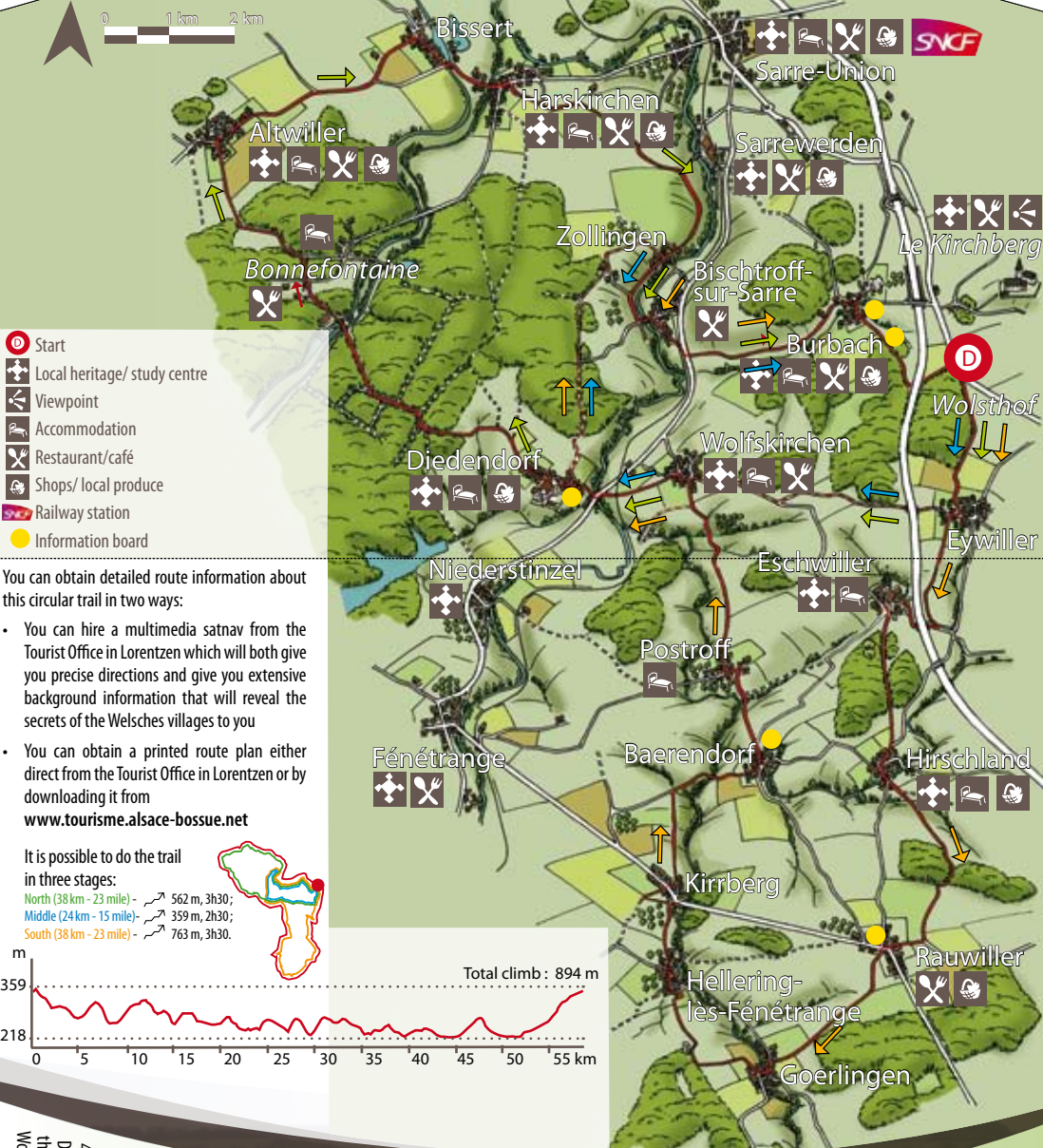


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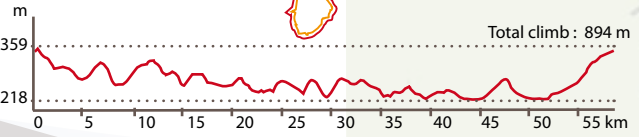
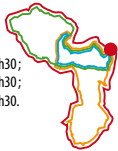
- Start
- Local heritage/ study centre
- Viewpoint
- Accommodation
- Restaurant/café
- Shops/ local produce
- Railway station
- Information board

You can obtain detailed route information about this circular trail in two ways:

- You can hire a multimedia satnav from the Tourist Office in Lorentzen which will both give you precise directions and give you extensive background information that will reveal the secrets of the Welsches villages to you
- You can obtain a printed route plan either direct from the Tourist Office in Lorentzen or by downloading it from [www.tourisme.alsace-bossue.net](http://www.tourisme.alsace-bossue.net)

It is possible to do the trail in three stages:

- North (38 km - 23 mile) - 562 m, 3h30;
- Middle (24 km - 15 mile) - 359 m, 2h30;
- South (38 km - 23 mile) - 763 m, 3h30.



**Start**  
Wolsthof Car Park (on the D1061)

**Directions**  
From the A4 Strasbourg/ Metz motorway take exit 43 and drive towards Drulingen. Then take the D1061 as far as Wolsthof.

6 H

894 m

61 km  
(38 miles)