

HIKING TRAIL THE CHAPELS BETWEEN VINEYARDS AND CANAL



intermediatelevel



Starting point : Avolsheim



Circuit through vineyards and Bruche channel with discovery of chapels and churches.

..... 14 km

Half-day

174 m

Dompeter church

P *Eglise du Dompeter*

4 km - Molsheim

USEFUL INFORMATION

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STEPS

Start : Dompeter church



The Dompeter church is thought to be the oldest church in Alsace, although no trace is left of the original sanctuary. The church was consecrated in 1049 by the Alsatian Pope Leo IX. From the church, walk in front of St Petronilla's spring. Continue in the same direction, taking an avenue lined with beech trees, to the centre of the village.

Quai de la Bruche



When you leave the the tetraconch St Ulrich's Chapel (11th- and 12th-century), head for the river, and walk alongside it on Quai de la Bruche until you reach the sluices of the 'Vauban dam' (1682).

Wolxheim



Then head towards Wolxheim. You will reach the Canal neighbourhood and the 'Maison Saint-Léon' (19th century). Opposite is the Marie Auxiliatrice Chapel (1860).

winery and Sacré-Coeur Statue



Then go up towards Altenberg and on to Horn, where there is a statue of the Sacred Heart (1912). Head north via Silberberg until you reach the 242 metres altitude point, where you can admire and visit the Altbronn Chapel, a focal point for pilgrimages.

Maria Altbronn Chapel



Alternative starting point: Maria Altbronn Chapel (car park), Ergersheim Leaving Altbronn, take the path leading to Ergersheim cemetery. Continue via Rue Principale, and notice the Cistercian abbey (late 19th century).

In the Village



Follow Rue de l'Ecole alongside the abbey buildings. Then take the wine path to St Michael's Chapel (12th century), all that remains of the village of Rimlen. Continue as far as the old lock at Ernolsheim-sur-Bruche alongside the canal. Carry on along the cycle track towards Ergersheim.

Ancient village of Rimeln



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Canale de la Bruche and Dompeter Church



At the restaurant, turn left, then take the first right towards the concrete silo. Follow the path on the cycling path to St Armuth's Chapel (1738). Continue towards Avolsheim until you return to Dompeter church (12th to 19th centuries).

