

HIKING TRAIL C04: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PASTOR OBERLIN

Intermediate level



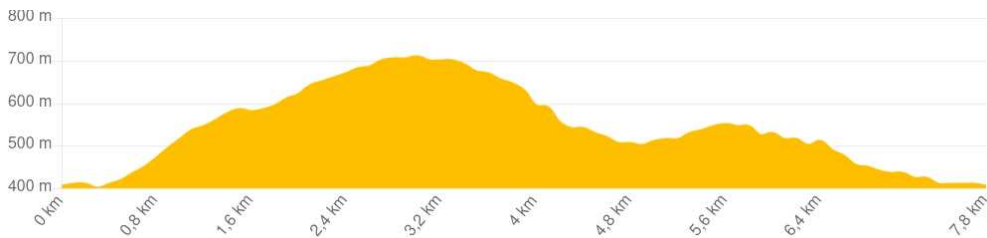
Start : Fouday



	8 km
		2h30 min
		347 m
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The landscapes along this beautiful trail testify to the wide-ranging work of an exceptional man, Pastor J-F. Oberlin. The Reposoirs, relaxing groves for people and animals; the Fiancées Avenue with its exquisite lime trees, where young couples got engaged; the Oberlin Museum in the old vicarage; and the infants schools set up by Pastor Oberlin all represent the 59 years he devoted to the social and cultural development of the region.

	<i>Fouday station</i>
	<i>Parking at the station</i>
	<i>0 Km - Fouday</i>



USEFUL INFORMATION

N'oubliez pas d'emporter une carte !
IGN N° de la carte : 1/25 000 Champ du Feu et Bruche 25
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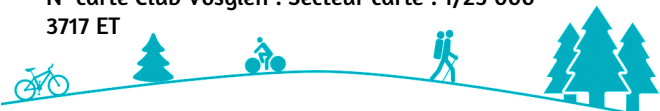
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STEPS


1 Fouday



From Fouday station, take the path marked  going past the restaurant. Before you leave Fouday, make sure you visit the church. The Romanesque tower remains from the original 13th century building. It formed the choir of the older church dedicated to John the Baptist. The skilfully restored wall paintings from the 15th century date from a time when this was a major pilgrimage site on the way to Mont Sainte-Odile.


2 Fouday - Solbach



Continue along the path marked , follow the Chemin de Solbach, then the Chemin de la Charrière, all the way to Solbach.

3 Solbach



Go through the village of Solbach and continue along the path marked  towards the Col de la Perheux. Steep climb.

4 La Perheux



From the Col de la Perheux, you can go to lunch at the La Perheux farmhouse restaurant (reservation required on 03 88 97 96 07). Then, at the crossroads, head for Waldersbach along the Allée des Fiancés.

5 **Allée des Fiancés**



As its name suggest ("Fiancés' Avenue"), Allée des Fiancés is an avenue of elm trees planted by newly-weds in the 18th and 19th centuries. The trail links the hills above the town of Waldersbach to the Col de la Perheux. The tradition was begun by the famous pastor from Ban de la Roche, Jean-Frédéric Oberlin, who encouraged newly-weds to plant a tree as a symbol of their love. Since 1938, the avenue has been listed in France in

6 **Waldersbach**



Go through Waldersbach, home to the Oberlin Museum. Whatever you do, don't miss a visit to the museum dedicated to one of the leading figures of 18th century Alsace, Jean-Frédéric Oberlin, a pastor, educationalist, botanist, rural organiser and defender of human rights.

7 **Waldersbach** ✚



From Waldersbach, follow the markings ✚ and continue on to Fouday.

8 **Fouday** ✚



Once you arrive in Fouday, go past the church and turn right to get to the station.

