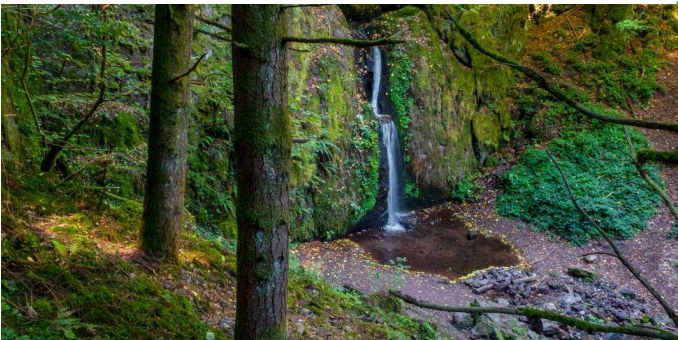


HIKING TRAIL B16: THE SOULTZBACH WATERFALL

Easy level



Start : Urmatt



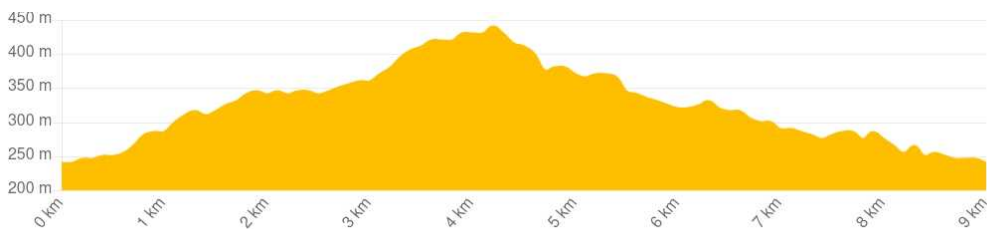
		9 km
		2h30 min
		216 m

Along the way you can see the Ruchfels rock, the Soultzbach waterfall, as well as a water hole called "Salzloch", which has given rise to numerous legends. Some say it is bottomless, while others claim it is linked to the sea...!

In front of the Town Hall

P Parking at the Town Hall & village hall

1 Km - Urmatt



USEFUL INFORMATION

N'oubliez pas d'emporter une carte !
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STEPS



Access to start from the station



With your back to the station, turn left into Rue de la Gare. At the crossroads, take the fork to the left into Rue du Général de Gaulle and continue for 900 m until you get to the Town Hall, the starting point.

① The village of Urmatt grew up along an old Celtic road. The first records of the village date from the time of Charlemagne. The name "Urmatt" is thought to come from "UR" (old) and "MATT" (field).

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To the Kappelbronn forest road



All along the trail follow the markings .

At the bakery (on your right, 20 minutes after the Town Hall), take the fork to the right into Rue de Molsheim and carry on along this tarmac road. After 600 m, you will see a calvary to your left. 150 m further on, at the fountain, take the path going up into the forest to the right.

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To the Heidthal forest road & the "Rosinelfs"



After 200 m, turn right into the forest road and carry on for another 300 m before taking the Kappelbronn forest road. After 1 km, turn left into the Heidthal forest road and continue for about 900 m and then along a winding path to the summit of the Rosinelfs. *① The Rosinelfs are impressive rocky peaks with a pink-orange colour resulting from ancient volcanic activity. Unfortunately, today they are partly hidden by vegetation. At the summit of the Rosinelfs, you can enjoy a wonderful view over the Bruche valley.*

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Back towards the Kappelbronn forest road



Carry on along the path through a Douglas fir plantation. When you leave the plantation, turn left. The path then widens into a track. 250 m further on, at the crossroads, turn right and after 250 m you join up with another forest road (the Kapelbronn road). Carry on towards the right for 100 m.

① After 3 km this forest road arrives at the Kappelbronn giant sequoia. The giant tree (56 m high - 7 m in circumference) was planted in 1896, in memory of Louis Butze, a small boy who had died of diphtheria at the age of four. His father, a forest ranger, planted the tree close to his house and to the area where his son would play.

4 Towards the Soultzbach waterfall ●

Turn off the forest road and go down to the left along the path. 100 m further on, make sure you take the fork to the left. You will come to the Soultzbach waterfall after 500 m. Take the time to enjoy the refreshing sight of the attractive waterfall, then continue alongside the stream running from the waterfall. 500 m further on, you will arrive at the Waldeinsamkeit crossroads with a welcoming bench. ⓘ *There are other waterfalls to see in the Bruche valley: the Nideck waterfall in Oberhaslach, the Serva waterfall in Neuwiller-la-Roche and the Hohwald waterfall. More details and hiking routes available from the Bruche Valley Tourist Office or on rando-bruche.fr.*

5 Towards the Waldeinsamkeit crossroads - Salzloch ●

From the Waldeinsamkeit crossroads, follow the Soultzbach forest road (to the right) towards Urmatt. After 1.7 km, you will pass the "Salzloch" to your left.

ⓘ *The Saltloch is a strange water hole, a source of legends. People are strongly advised not to go too near it! Some say it is bottomless, and others claim that it is directly linked to the sea... The most optimistic locals say that the water is filled with minerals and the source of numerous benefits...*

6 Back to the starting point ●



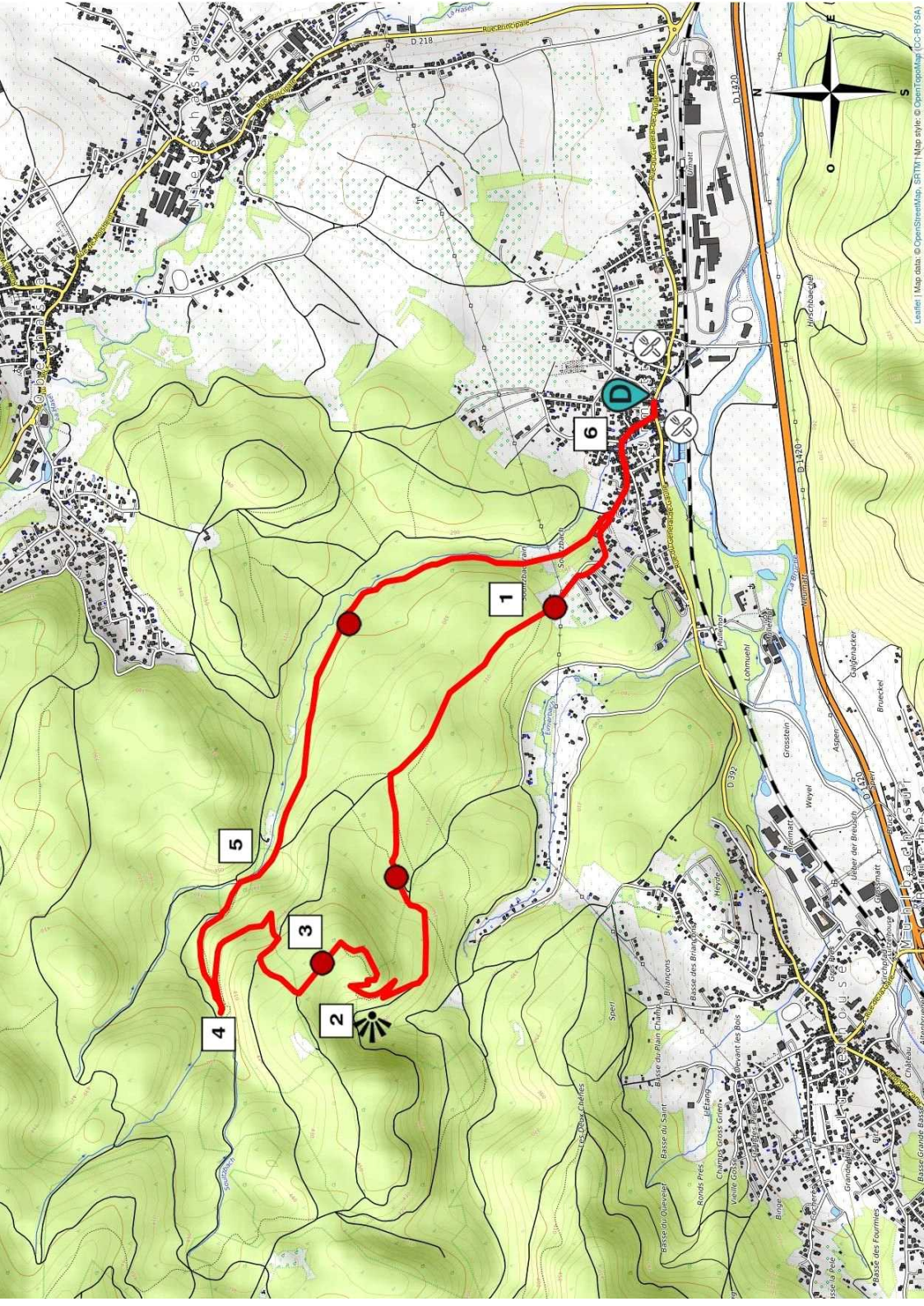
Continue along the forest road. After 850 m, you arrive at Rue de Molsheim, which you walked along earlier. Carry on along the road for 500 m and then turn left into Rue du Général de Gaulle and continue to the Town Hall, your starting point.

🍷 *Restaurants in Urmatt: La Poste (03 88 97 40 55 - 74 Rue du Général De Gaulle) - Chez Jacques (03 88 97 41 35 - 65 Rue du Général De Gaulle).*

ⓘ Other sights to see in Urmatt

The washing place in Urmatt: 20 m from the Town Hall in Rue du Général De Gaulle on the Bruche side, you can see the washing place in Urmatt. It was commissioned by the municipality and recreates a traditional washing place. It was completed in 2020, with the addition of paintings showing washerwomen at work and daily or historic scenes. Next to the running water, the washerwomen once beat their dirty washing and used "Waschkästels" (wooden boxes) upon which they could kneel down and keep their washing paddles and soap.

Calvaries and fountains: as you go through the village, you will see many fountains (especially in Rue de Molsheim) and calvaries.



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