

Walks and Discovery

L'Âme du Vignoble

Eguisheim - Gueberschwihr - Gundolsheim - Hattstatt - Obermorschwihr - Osenbach - Pfaffenheim - Rouffach - Voegtlinshoffen - Westhalten

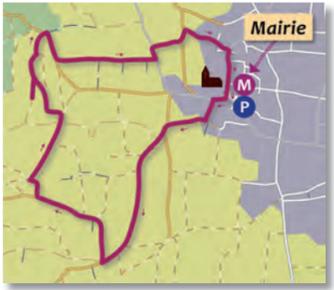
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The Grand Cru Steinert walk



After walking for fifteen minutes you have a remarkable view overlooking the Alsace plain. There is a wealth of panoramic views: a direct view over Pfaffenheim, a more oblique view of the church of Rouffach and the string of wine growing villages, with Gueberschwihr, Hattstatt and Voegtlinshoffen to the north.



Start: Place de la Mairie at Pfaffenheim
Length: 3,3 km - **Duration:** 1 h 40



Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 109 m

Pfaffenheim

The path of soils



Walkers can expect a fine lesson in geology. The highly educational information panels are illustrated with extracts from the geological strata. You will also enjoy views of the landscape on this walk. Starting off in a pleasant stretch of undergrowth, the walk continues into a beautiful amphitheatre where wooded mountains surround fields and vineyards.



Start: Place de la Mairie at Osenbach
Length: 4,6 km - **Duration:** 2 h 30



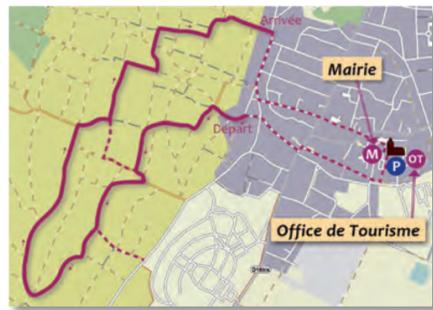
Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 120 m

Osenbach

The Grand Cru Vorbourg walk



Rising above Rouffach, there are wide open views of the extensive landscape to the south, giving a unique view of the Black Forest and, weather permitting, the Alps. As you walk, the balcony overlooking Rouffach offers a superb view of the town and in particular the emblems of its medieval history: the church, the Recollects and the Witches' Tower.



Start: Place de la Mairie at Rouffach
Length: 3,8 km - **Duration:** 2 h



Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 98 m

Rouffach

The wine growing discovery trail



All the way along, the wine growing trail of Eguisheim threads its way between the plain, which it somewhat dominates, and the Three Châteaux overlooking the site, ever present landmarks that draw the attention. The tableau is completed by the more discrete view of the great southern wall of the Château du Hohlandsbourg.



Start: Mairie car park or Office de Tourisme
Length: 3,1 km - **Duration:** 1 h 30



Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 60 m

Eguisheim

The Stations of the Cross walk



The Westhalten Stations of the Cross walk highlights the religious heritage, reminding us how much the quest for spirituality is still imprinted with a special relationship to places, their force and their serenity. From station to station, you follow a beautiful vineyard valley with views over to the dry hillsides of Strangenberg on the way up and opening out to the south with a magnificent view of the village in the foreground and the Grand Ballon (the apex of the Vosges Mountains) in the background.



Start: Place de la Mairie at Westhalten or signposted car parks
Length: 3,4 km - **Duration:** 2 h



Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 148 m

Westhalten

The Bildstoeckle vineyard



The Bildstoeckle vineyard overlooking Obermorschwihr offers a triple view to the walker. Along the first stretch, look southwards in the direction of Notre-Dame du Schauenberg to see a uniquely unified perspective from left to right of the piedmont (alluvial glacier plain) forest, vineyards and plain. On the second stretch, look westwards towards the Abbey of Marbach and the sandstone cliffs, a result of the past exploitation of the quarries. Look northwards along the third stretch, which is strongly structured by the Three Châteaux, and by an ample view over Colmar.



Start: Place de la Mairie at Obermorschwihr
Length: 3,2 km - **Duration:** 1 h 30



Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 51 m

Obermorschwihr

The Grand Cru Goldert walk



On the Grand Cru Goldert walk there is a series of specific information panels on the biodiversity of the hills and piedmont wine growing. On this discovery walk, you will first find yourself in alleys that are typical of the medieval richness of Gueberschwihr. Little by little, walking along the outskirts of the forest, you arrive at the viewpoint indicator, the landscape really opens out, inviting contemplation. There is an extensive view of the plain, straight away inviting you to gaze into the distance, especially to Kaiserstuhl and the Black Forest.



Start: Place de la Mairie at Gueberschwihr
Length: 4 km - **Duration:** 2 h



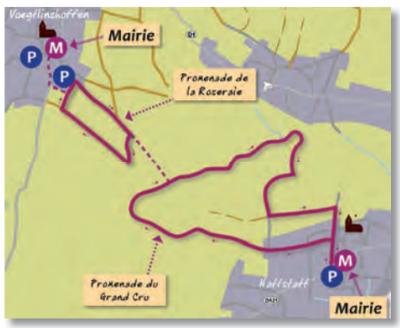
Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 121 m

Gueberschwihr

The Rose garden & the Grand Cru Hatschbourg



The Grand Cru Hatschbourg walk gives you a dominating panoramic view southwards. As you enjoy the landscape you come to a viewpoint indicator about halfway along the walk. While you are enjoying the special charm of the view of the medieval town of Gueberschwihr, the sandstone cliffs and Notre-Dame du Schauenberg, your eyes are drawn southwards to the dry hills of Strangenberg.



Start: Salle du Hatschbourg car park at Voegtlinshoffen (Roseraie) / Place de la Mairie at Hattstatt (Grand Cru)
Length: 3,1 km (Grand Cru) / 1,1 km (Roseraie)
Duration: 1 h 30 (Grand Cru)



Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 64 m

Hattstatt

The Communauté de Communes Pays de Rouffach, Vignobles et Châteaux invites you to enjoy the countryside around the Âme du Vignoble, to renew your resources and find tranquility and pleasure.

We've devised and marked out eight walks taking from an hour and a half to two hours (depending on how fast you walk and how long you spend reading the information panels).

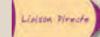
Each walk is provided with panels for you to find out about grapevines, wine, our heritage, biodiversity and geology.

Eight walks

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- Linking trail 
- Don't forget your walking shoes! 
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The richness of the countryside of the Âme du Vignoble is unique in the Alsace Wine Route.

Thus, apart from the traditional attractive alternation of piedmont between forest, vines and plain, the Âme du Vignoble lands with their châteaux, sandstone cliffs and dry hills, offer a unique landscape tryptych.

The three atmospheres associated with these features harmoniously combine, to the enjoyment of all who pass by.

To round it all off, the cradle of the Âme du Vignoble - a remarkable religious heritage, marked by the Merovingian and medieval epochs - can be seen throughout these landscapes.

The five themed walks have been designed for you to discover these landscapes.

Five great walks

Start: - Office de Tourisme at Eguisheim
- Place de la Mairie at Westhalten
- Place de la Mairie at Rouffach

Length: 15,1 km - Duration: 5 h

You can do partial circuits and take short cuts via linking trails and from villages lying below the circuit.

Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 370 m



The "Grande Promenade Mystique" (The Great Mystical Walk) links places marked by the spiritual and religious heritage of the Merovingian and Medieval epochs (Zinnkoepfle, Chapelle de l'Oelberg, Table des Druides, Notre-Dame du Schauenberg, Kuckuckstei). Besides this, and it is these two aspects that lend the walk all its charm, the Great Mystical Walk emerges from the vineyard to reveal a new vista over the landscape viewed from above.

These views have a very special power to regenerate the spirit; go, and enjoy!

La Grande Promenade Mystique

Vignoble et Châteaux

The Three Châteaux of the Haut d'Eguisheim have an extraordinary presence in the landscape.

All the way along the "Vignoble et Châteaux" (Vineyards and Châteaux) walk you can enjoy these treasures from their best angles, close up and from a distance. Once at the summit, you will discover majestic ruins and enjoy the equally majestic views over the plain.

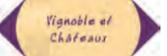


Start: - Office de Tourisme at Eguisheim
- Place de la Mairie at Obermorswihr
- Place de la Mairie at Voegtlinshoffen

Length: 10,5 km - Duration: 3 h 30

You can do partial circuits and take short cuts via linking trails.

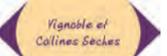
Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 370 m



Start: Place de la Mairie at Westhalten
Length: 5,1 km - Duration: 1 h 40 (Strangenberg circuit)
Length: 6,9 km - Duration: 2 h 20 (Bollenberg circuit)

You can do partial circuits and take short cuts via linking trails.

Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 140 m



"Vignoble et Collines Sèches" (Vineyard and Dry Hills) includes two walks, the Strangenberg walk and the Bollenberg walk.

In both cases, you are led to a remarkable natural area, home to several types of orchid, Geranium sanguineum, wild tulips and muscari, and fauna too: hoopoes and green lizards. As well as this rich fauna and flora, you will enjoy taking in the inimitable ambience of the landscape of dry hillside grassland.

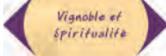
Vignoble et Collines Sèches

Start: - Place de la Mairie at Gueberswihr
- Place de la Mairie at Pfaffenheim

Length: 5,9 km - Duration: 2 h

You can do partial circuits and take short cuts via linking trails.

Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 180 m



Notre-Dame du Schauenberg is perched on the mountainside and stands out remarkably in the landscape. This delightful scene appears from below on the "Vignoble et Spiritualité" (Vineyard and Spirituality) walk, and from the Notre-Dame viewpoint indicator there is a glorious view over the plain and the Kaiserstuhl. Going from the lowest to the highest, you will be surprised to discover the chapel of Saint Leonard, the Teufelstein (devil's stone) and the Pfaffenheim and Gueberswihr stations of the cross. You can also reach the Druids' Table overlooking Notre-Dame du Schauenberg and experience the ancient power of the place.

Vignoble et Spiritualité

Le Paysage à Bicyclette

Discovering the countryside around the "Âme du Vignoble" by bike is an enjoyable experience along a circuit offering a view of the vineyard from the plain from alongside the river Lauch or by crossing through the heart of the vineyard halfway between forest and plain.

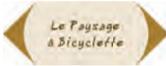


Start: Place de la Mairie for all the communities on the circuit

Length: 31 km - Duration: 3 h

You can do partial circuits and take short cuts via linking trails.

Signposted circuit
Elevation gain: 80 m



Circuit reserved for mountain and hybrid bikes.