

HIKING TRAIL ON THE PATHS OF A GIANT



intermediatelevel



Starting point : Mutzig



Some panels on the way up to the Fort will explain its construction. To visit the fort, check the schedules of the guided tours before your departure. Attention, the fort is underground. It's in a military zone.

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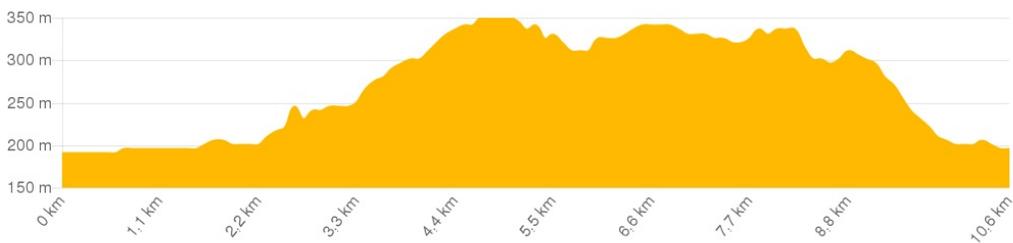
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Gare

Train station

0,1 km - Mutzig



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STEPS

Mutzig

Take the Avenue du Général de Gaulle to the "Dîme" car park (next to the municipal offices). At car park, head for the "Foyer" , following the path towards the church. Pass in front of St Maurice's church, follow the path of the Stations of the Cross the length of the cemetery, then take the surfaced slope on the left. Turn left, making sure you stay on the pavement.

View point

After about 100 metres, take the Rue du Génie, on your left. At the end of the road, turn right towards the Trinity chapel. Take care when crossing the road. Continue along the Rue de la Source opposite, which rises (slight slope). Turn into the cul-de-sac on your left, and walk as far as the spring. Panoramic view over the Bruche valley. Carry straight on, then turn left when you reach the Chemin de Felsbourg.

Felsbourg

Follow this road, ignoring the path on your left. There is a picnic area on the route - perfect for stopping for a rest or a bite to eat. Ignore the Chemin du Rott, and carry straight on. There are some wonderful viewpoints along the way. When you reach a crossroads, turn left. There's a handy bench for taking a short break to listen to the birds singing. At the Schiebenberg crossroads, you can walk in a loop, or go straight to the Fort.

Option : loop

For the "Felsbourg" loop, keep left, then right after the bench. There is a small stretch of water visible on your left; this is where materials for the Fort were quarried. Take great care, as the area is not secured and is potentially dangerous; hold children by the hand. Then turn left and continue as far as the "Refuge de la Marine ". Magnificent view of the Bruche valley, Dinsheim-sur-Bruche, Mont Sainte-Odile, and the Donon. As you leave the refuge, keep to your right. About a hundred metres beyond the information table you will find yourself back at the bench - you have completed the loop.

Fort

Pass in front of the bench, then go straight downhill. Follow the forest path to the edge of the woods, and keep to the right (slight slope). Pass in front of a raised hide, and walk along the edge of the woods - make sure you take the time to admire the panoramic view. Once you are back in the woods, after a few hundred metres, you will come to the chalet of Maréchal De Lattre de Tassigny, who had built it in 1946 and 1947. Carry straight on ; you will reach the car park for the Fort on the edge of the woods. Note that it is strictly forbidden to use the road.

Back to Mutzig

To get back to the circular walk, you need to walk back along the last part of the walk, towards the chalet. Walk alongside the edge of the woods again until you reach the path marked with a blue cross. Head straight downhill to a small path alongside the houses on the outskirts of Dinsheim-sur-Bruche.

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The walk back to your starting point in Mutzig takes you past St Wendelin's chapel, which dates back to 1566. Follow the signs with green circles to reach either the town centre or the station.

