

WALK AROUND THE GEISBERG BATTLEFIELD

Easy level



Start : Wissembourg



2,8 km



1h



54 m

The Geisberg hill was the site of successive battles, the most famous of which, on 4 August 1870, resulted in the Prussians' victory over General Abel Douay's troops. Follow the themed trail and discover six stations commemorating the battle.



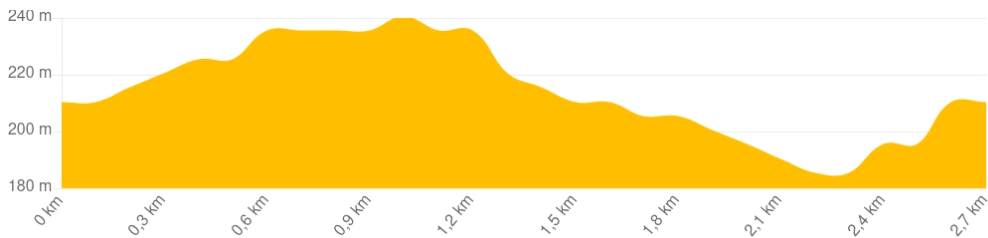
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2,8 Km - Wissembourg



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Departure from the French War Memorial



Inaugurated on 17 October 1909, it honours the memory of soldiers who fell at Wissembourg in 1706 during the War of the Spanish Succession, in 1744 during the War of the Austrian Succession, in 1793 during the battle won by General Lazare Hoche, and in 1870.

German lion monument



This imposing monument was inaugurated on 4 August 1876 on the sixth anniversary of the Battle of Wissembourg. Topped by a cross and flanked by four bronze lions, it bears commemorative plaques decorated with portraits of the victors of the battle of 4 August. The bronze plaques detail the losses suffered by the various regiments of the 3rd Army.

Memorial to the 58th Regiment



It comprises two monuments dedicated to Major Gronefeld and the officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the 58th Prussian Infantry Regiment who fell during the battle of 4 August 1870. This memorial symbolises the unification of the German states, with an inscription on one of the monuments reading 'Das erste Preussengrab für Deutschlands Einheit' ('The first Prussian grave for German unity').

Monument to the 7th Grenadier Regiment



Topped by a large sandstone cross, this monument was erected in honour of the 7th Grenadier Regiment of the King of the Prussian Fifth Corps. This regiment suffered the heaviest losses on the German side during the fighting. It lost more than 350 officers and soldiers, killed or wounded, during the assault on Geisberg Castle.

5 **General Abel Douay Memorial Stone**



This commemorative stone is located in the area where General Abel Douay was fatally wounded by shrapnel on 4 August 1870. He commanded the 2nd Infantry Division of the Fifth Army Corps of the Rhine under the command of Marshal MacMahon. The monument and Abel Douay's grave are located in the cemetery in Wissembourg.

6 **Silesian Hunters Memorial - view from the Abel Douay memorial stone**



This sandstone monument was erected in honour of the Silesian hunters of the Prussian Fifth Corps, one company of which managed to capture a French cannon at this location. This piece of artillery, immobilised due to a broken wheel, was the only one from the Douay Division to be captured during the battle.

