

# HIKING TOUR FROM SOULTZ-SOUS-FORÊTS TO THE FORT OF SCHOENENBOURG

Intermediate level



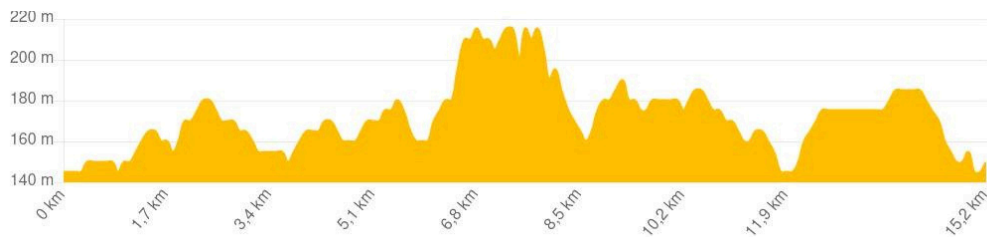
Start : Soultz-sous-Forêts



	15,2 km
	3h30
	150 m

Walk from Soultz-sous-Forêts station to the Fort of Schoenenbourg, a key site on the Maginot Line. A walk through town, nature and historical heritage.

	Railway station
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	- Soultz-sous-Forêts



## USEFUL INFORMATION

Carte IGN 3814



GPX Track

## CONTACT


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## STEPS




### **Departure from Soultz-sous-Forêts railway station**



From the station, walk past the Saline cultural centre and head to the first stage of the route, located in the car park of the Match supermarket. At the far end of the car park, you will find an interactive terminal marking the official start of the GR531 trail . This is also the location of the town's motorhome area.


### **1** **Official start of the GR531 hiking trail**





Follow the official start of the GR531 hiking trail marked . Afterwards, follow the marked trail  along Rue des Echevins, pass in front of the Protestant church in Rue du Château (photo), cross Rue des Barons de Fleckenstein and continue straight ahead along Rue des Ecoles, then turn left into Rue des Frères Muntz. At the intersection with Rue de l'Eglise, follow the  markings again towards the village of Retschwiller.

### **2** **Crossroads before Retschwiller**




Approximately 1.2 km after the start and outside the town, climb the hill towards Retschwiller, then turn right onto the marked path  for about 300 metres until you reach the next crossroads. Enjoy the view back over the town of Soultz-sous-Forêts.

### **3** **Intersection with the Way of St. James**

After 300 metres on the marked path , turn left onto the Way of St. James marked . Continue along this path until the next intersection.


#### 4 Intersection with the road to Retschwiller



About 400 metres after starting on the marked trail , at the intersection with the road to the village of Retschwiller, continue straight ahead on the same trail.



#### 5 Gaensmuhle farm crossing with the D65 departmental road



After passing the farm, cross the D65 road and follow it for about 250 metres, then take the cycle path that connects Sultz-sous-Forêts to Wissembourg. Continue along the cycle path and the marked trail  for a good kilometre.



#### 6 Crossroads towards Schoenenbourg Forest



After leaving the D65 road for about 1 km, leave the marked path  and turn right onto the marked path . Before the crossroads, enjoy the view to the west towards the village of Birlenbach and the Northern Vosges.



#### 7 Schoenenbourg Fort



In the forest, continue along the marked path  and stop at the Schoenenbourg Maginot Line Fort. Allow at least two hours to visit the underground passages. Continue along the marked path  until you reach the next crossroads.


## 8 Crossroads at Oberhof hamlet



After leaving Schoenenbourg Fort, follow the marked trail  until you reach the edge of the forest. When you see the hamlet of Oberhof on your left, turn right and re-enter the forest via the marked trail . Continue along the same path to the village of Schoenenbourg.

## 9 Arrival in the village of Schoenenbourg



Arrive in the village of Schoenenbourg via Rue des Papillons. Continue straight through the centre of the village until the next intersection, following the  signs.

## 10 Crossing and leaving the village of Schoenenbourg



Walk along the following streets: Rue des Papillons, Rue de la Liberté, Rue de la Paix, Rue du Moulin, Rue des Meuniers, Rue de l'Eglise and Rue du Tilleul. Then leave the village. After the crossroads shown in the photo, turn right. From this point onwards, the path is no longer signposted. Continue along the small road to the next village of Hermerswiller.


## 11 Crossing the village of Hermerswiller



Cross the village by following Rue du Moulin, then Rue du Verger d'Hermerswiller, and continue towards Sultz-sous-Forêts. Please note: when you leave the village and reach the cemetery junction, go around the cemetery on the right and continue to Sultz-sous-Forêts.

## 12 Route to Sultz-sous-Forêts



Continue along the small road towards Sultz-sous-Forêts. About 800 metres after passing the Hermerswiller cemetery, turn left at the crossroads and follow the  signs. Continue until you reach the town cemetery on your right.

## 13 Intersection of the cemetery and Rue Docteur Michel Deutsch



At the intersection of the cemetery, turn left onto Rue Docteur Michel Deutsch and continue straight ahead until you return to the starting point at Sultz-sous-Forêts railway station.

