

Baden-Württemberg



German Limes Trail



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Grenzen des Römischen Reiches:
Obergermanisch-Rätscher Limes
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Follow the symbol of the German Limes Trail
(Deutscher Limes-Wanderweg):
the black watchtower on the white background.

The Limes: a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The Upper German-Raetian Limes forms the frontier of the Roman Empire between the rivers Rhine and Danube, and stretches 550 kilometres (342 miles). The frontier was in use from the beginning of first century AD till the second half of the third century AD, separating the provinces Raetia and Upper Germany from the Barbarians outside the empire. The frontier had watchtowers, palisades, ramparts and ditches, as well as walls and forts forming an artificial border, its course influenced by the geography of rivers and hills. If you want to understand the German Limes the best thing to do is go for a walk and explore it. Along this long borderline, in ancient times the northern limit of Mediterranean life, and since 2005 a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you can enjoy one of the biggest cultural footpaths of Europe in the middle of Baden-Württemberg.

Verein Deutsche Limes-Straße (German Limes Road Association)

The Verein Deutsche Limes-Straße includes 93 town councils, counties and touristic associations. They came together to peruse the common objective of creating a public awareness of the Limes as a World Heritage Site, and emphasizing its cultural and archaeological meaning. The Verein Deutsche Limes-Straße, which instigated and maintain the Limes-Straße (road) and the Limes-Radweg (cycle path), wish to promote and inform through the two trails the unique qualities of this World Heritage Site, building interest both in Germany and abroad in protecting and preserving the site. In cooperation with walking clubs, the Verein Deutsche Limes-Straße is also involved in the Limes-Wanderweg (trail).



Over the "Heidenbuckel" near Grab

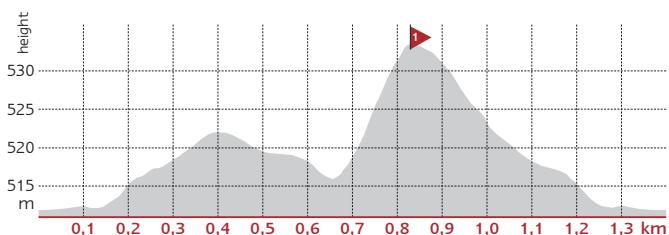


Start and finish

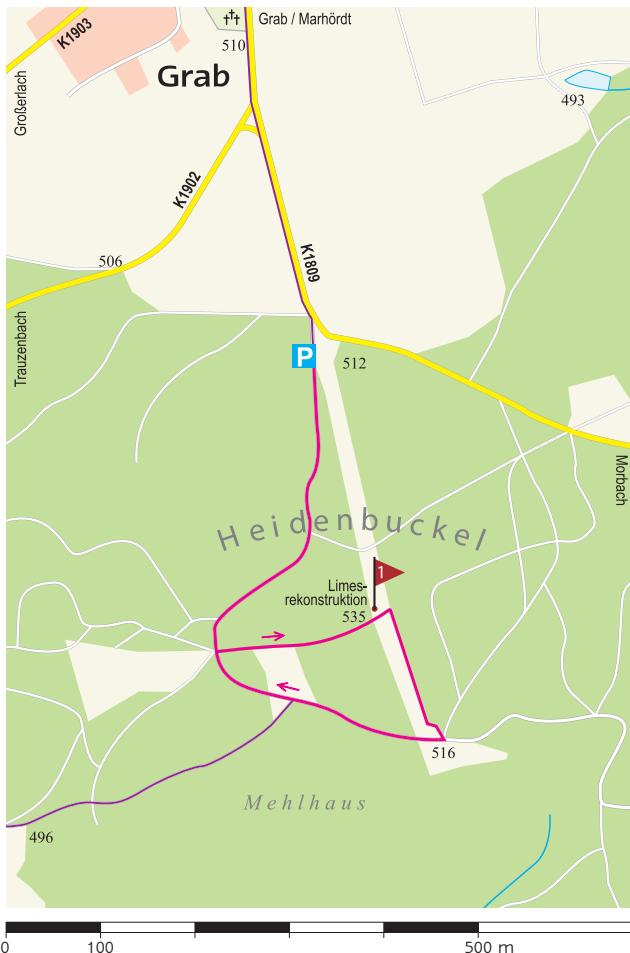
Car park at the road K 1809
between Großerlach-Grab
and Großerlach-Morbach



► Group of hikers on the top of the Heidenbuckel



This moderate, approx. 1.4 km (just under a mile), circular stroll through the woodlands leads you to the unique Limes reconstruction of Großerlach-Grab (Rems-Murr-Kreis) with a watchtower, rampart and ditch, palisade and a strip cleared of trees. If you want to experience the ancient view of the Limes, you have to visit the Limes reconstruction close to Grab.



Key for the watchtower

The tower is always locked, so you need to collect the key from the following addresses. Please call the restaurant in advance:

Restaurant Landgasthof Rössle
71577 Großerlach-Grab
Sulzbacher Straße 38
+49 7192 9354061
landgasthof-roessle@t-online.de

Rathaus Großerlach (town hall)
71577 Großerlach
Stuttgarter Straße 18
(Mon-Fri 8:00-12:00,
Thu 15:00-19:00)
+49 7903 9154-0
rathaus@grosserlach.de

Over the Heidenbuckel near Grab

From the car park the Limes Trail leads you gradually up the hill through the woodland on top of the "Heidenbuckel". At the highest point you can see the reconstruction of the watchtower as well as the wooden palisade, ditch and rampart.

The reconstructions are set in a strip that has been through the woodland and is intended to demonstrate the border situation in ancient times. This strip was important for the Romans in order to control the border from watchtower to watchtower. The name of the small hill Heidenbuckel comes from the vernacular; local people connected the ruins of the watchtower with ancient pagans. The word "Heiden" in German means different people from a long time ago, "Bucket!"

describes a small hill. At the top you'll find picnic tables inviting you to have a break. Once rested follow the Limes Trail downhill back on a small path along the cleared strip through the woods.

On reaching the forest track turn right back to the car park.

Restaurants

Restaurant Landgasthof Rössle
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► Limes reconstruction with watchtower, ditch and rampart and wooden palisade