The Kirchberg, between Thal and Berg

Alsace Bossue

Un raccourci vers la chapelle du Kirchberg (PNRVN - A.Serylo)

A country walk between Hill and Valley to discover the history of two villages once gathered in Kirchberg.

Formerly on the hill of Kirchberg, the inhabitants of Thal-Drulingen and Berg had a common origin. A first group separated from the community from the thirteenth century to settle at the foot of the mountain and formed the village of Thal (or "valley" in Germanic). It was not until the sixteenth century that the rest of the community left the hill to recreate another village of Berg ("mountain" in Germanic), along the Muhlbach, thus lower than its neighbor, Thal .

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 1 h 40

Length : 5.4 km

Trek ascent : 110 m

Difficulty : Easy

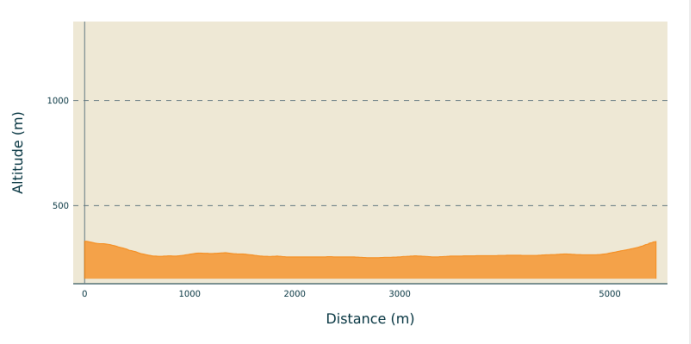
Type : Loop

Themes : Histoire & patrimoine

Trek

Departure : Parking du Kirchberg, Berg
Arrival : Parking du Kirchberg, Berg
Markings : Club Vosgien
Cities : 1. Berg
2. Thal-Drulingen

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 252 m Max elevation 330 m

From the parking, go to the Kirchberg Chapel. Follow the yellow rings.

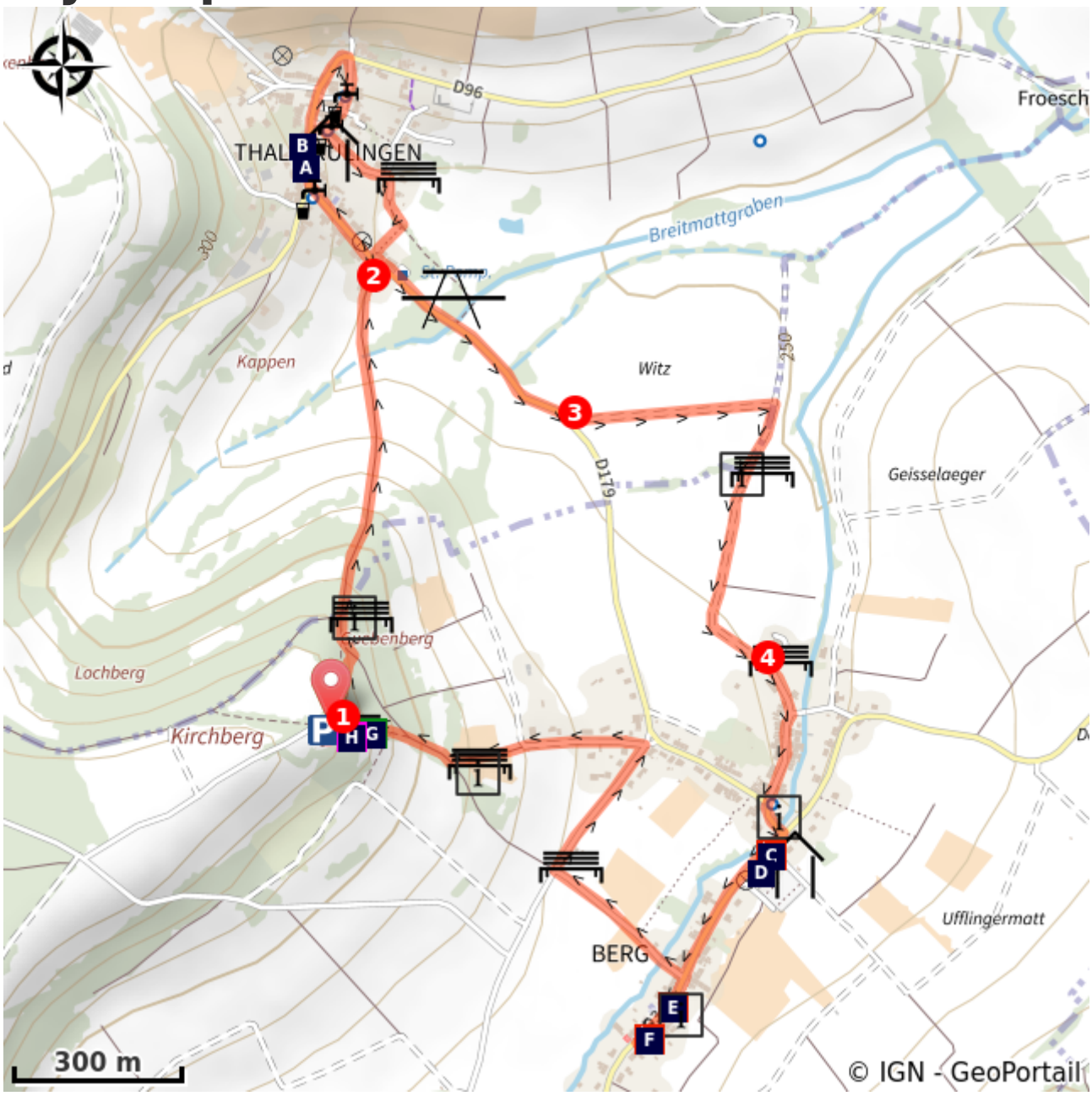
Go to the left of the chapel, to the panel "stone and water memory". Down the path below the panel, where you can see a beautiful view. At the intersection, follow the sign for Thal. At the next two intersections, go straight ahead.

In Thal-Drulingen village, turn left. At the sign "Thal village-nest", turn right. Climb the hill in the village, then join the Schlossberg street that goes down to the right. Go straight until the fountain of 1900 then turn left. Go straight and turn right. Pass the small stone bridge then go through the stony path. When you reach the D179, turn left. Exit the village and follow the D179.

At the sign, leave the road and take the agricultural road on your left. At the intersection, turn right.

In the village of Berg, turn right at the first two intersections. At the information panel "Berg, village-street", turn left towards the church on the bridge over the Muhlbach. Go to the Bailli House and then retrace your steps and take the rue des willows, left. Follow the road to Kirchberg. At the intersection, turn right. Just before the next junction, take the dead end street on the left. Continue straight on the forest path that goes up. Further, a bench and a water information panel of Kirchberg. Keep going straight. At the next intersection, take the path that goes up to the left to the chapel.

On your path...



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- Fountain P.K. (E)
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All useful information

⚠ Advices

Carte IGN : 3614 ET

Attention à la zone boueuse sur le sentier forestier en quittant Berg, zone glissante et à moustiques. Par ailleurs, seules les fontaines de Thal laissent couler de l'eau potable.

How to come ?

Access

From the D1061, take the D96 towards Thal-Drulingen and take the first right then the first left.

Advised parking

Parking du Kirchberg, Berg

Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

Arrêtés préfectoraux de protection de biotope : Lorentzen

Sensitivity period:

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On your path...

Thal-Drulingen catholic church (A)

Eglise de la Décollation-de-Saint-Jean-Baptiste. Construite entre 1893 et 1894, en même temps que le presbytère catholique. Actuellement occupée par les intégristes et non visitée (Source : Mérimée).

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Thal-Drulingen Protestant Church (B)

Built on the plans of the Berlin architect Furstenau in 1898, it has in the south-east corner formed by the nave and the tower porch an external staircase turret accessible by both the nearby tower and the outside. A narrowed choir with a flat chevet closes the nave to the west. The nave is covered by a curved wooden ceiling (Source: Mérimée).

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Guardhouse, fire pump depot (C)

Dans ce bâtiment étaient stockés la pompe et les tuyaux à incendie qui complétaient l'installation des fontaines publiques. Ces installations permirent la diminution des incendies des granges et d'en limiter les ravages. Il servait également de corps de garde.

Stengel from Berg Protestant Church (D)

Built in 1770 by the architect Stengel Friedrich Joachim following negotiations between the Count of Nassau-Sarrewerden and Louis XV to separate Protestant and Catholic cults, this "Quersaalkirche" listed in historical monuments is unique in France. The stucco ceilings were redone in 1790, the interior was renovated in the 19th century. The organ, meanwhile, was added in 1845. It has the distinction of having a nave without choir or transept. (Merimee)

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Fountain P.K. (E)

Ou fontaine de Mitteldorf, datée de 1885. Un seul des deux bacs d’origine a été conservé. Les lettres P.K. sont en réalité les initiales du maire de l’époque : Pierre Knipper.

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The House of the Bailiff (F)

Construite en 1730, son 1er occupant fut le chef de la milice Jean-Jacques Schweitzer, gratifié du droit de construire une maison avec terres et dépendances. Affranchi des taxes et des corvées, il était chargé de collecter la dîme après la révolte de 1722 durant laquelle les habitants refusèrent de payer les impôts. Malgré le nom de la bâtisse, Jean-Jacques Schweitzer n’a jamais été bailli, titre porté par les seigneurs dans les localités. La maison fut restaurée dans les années 1990.

Attribution : www.village-berg.fr

Large-leaved Linden (G)

Tilia platyphyllos. Âgé de 500 ans, mesurant pas moins de 16 m de haut, cet arbre visible de loin fait partie intégrante avec la chapelle du Kirchberg.

Kirchberg Viewpoint (H)

Vue sur l’Alsace Bossue. On peut y voir le village de Berg et au loin celui de Rexingen.

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