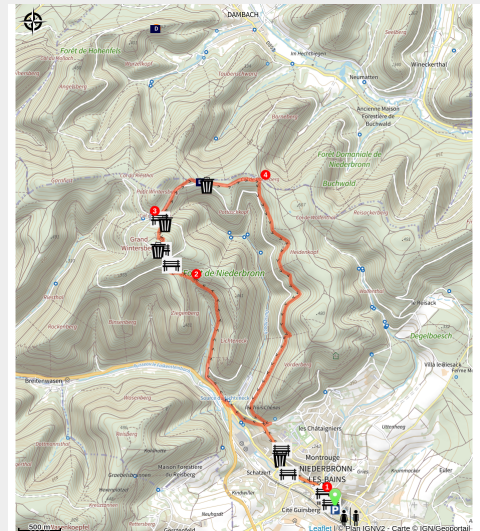


The Grand Wintersberg ascent

Alsace Verte - Niederbronn-les-Bains



Enfin, tous ces efforts n'auront pas été vains : voici le point culminant des Vosges du Nord ! (PNRVN - A.Serylo)

The efforts made during the ascent to the Grand Wintersberg will be rewarded by an unforgettable panorama!

The ascent continues until the Grand Wintersberg, highest point of the Vosges du Nord, will offer you a unique panorama on the massif, the plain of Alsace and the Black Forest, even on the plateau Lorraine. After that, a forest trail downhill to Niederbronn-les-Bains will allow you to recover from your efforts.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 4 h 30

Length : 12.4 km

Trek ascent : 478 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Histoire & patrimoine, Point de vue

Trek

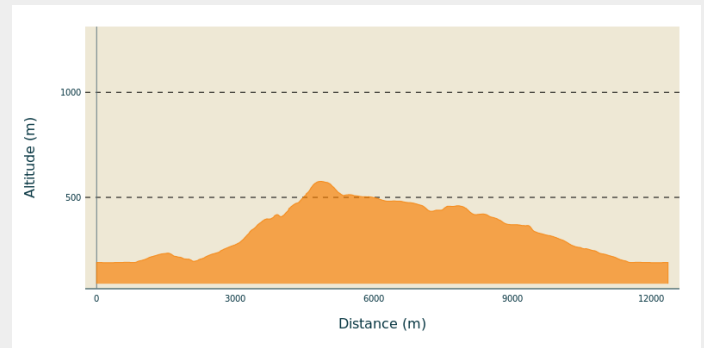
Departure : 7, rue de la République,
Niederbronn-les-Bains

Arrival : 7, rue de la République,
Niederbronn-les-Bains

Markings :  Club Vosgien

Cities : 1. Niederbronn-les-Bains

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 189 m Max elevation 576 m

From the free parking rue Sister E. Eppinger, go to the Hotel de Ville via Avenue Foch and Place des Thermes, then cross the Falkensteinbach to get to Rue de la République.

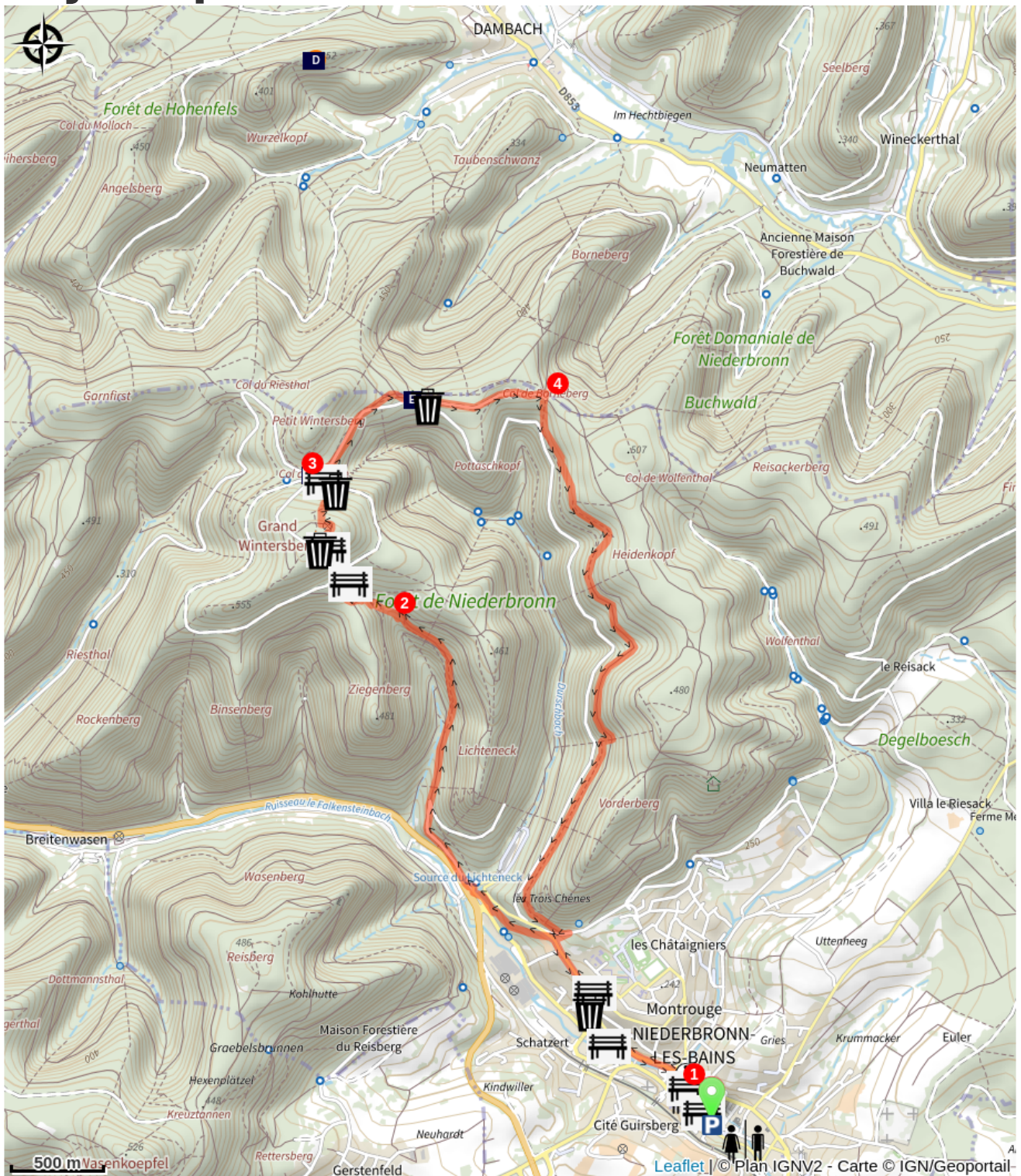
Walk along the rue de la République following the red rectangle. Climb the public gateway to Grunelius Park and then left to rue des Acacias. Shortly after the restaurant "Les Akcias", go down the forest path on the left. At the source Lichteneck, continue straight on the forest road. At the next fork, turn right and continue climbing.


At the crossroads, follow the path on the left towards the Grand Wintersberg by the Celtic camp following the red rectangle barred. At the Celtic camp, beautiful view of Niederbronn-les-Bains. Retrace your steps and continue straight towards the Grand Wintersberg by finding, 500 m further, the red rectangle. After a long climb, enjoy the view offered by the panoramic tower. Then follow the path at the back of the tower and take the path marked red rectangle downhill to the Wintersberg chalet near the Rock of Liese.



At the Wintersberg chalet, take the road on the right and after the end of the barrier, go up the path on the left and follow the green drive towards the Borneberg pass. At the Pottaschkopf pass, follow the green drive on the forest road to the Borneberg pass.

At the Col de Borneberg, take the path on the right marked yellow cross in the direction of Niederbronn-les-Bains. At the road level, follow the modified yellow cross route on the left. Join a dirt road, continue straight following the yellow cross. Descend right at the stairs to the rue des acacias. Then take the passage Grunelius and then return to the Place de l'Hotel de Ville by the rue de la République.

On your path...



-  Grand Wintersberg (A)
-  Hohenfels Chateau (C)
-  Pottaschkopf refuge (E)

-  Rocher de la Liese (B)
-  Rocher de Hohenfels (D)

All useful information

Advices

Cartes IGN : 3714 ET et 3814 ET

Les parkings les plus proches du départ de la randonnée sont payants la semaine ; un parking gratuit se situe à côté de l'église Saint-Martin, rue sœur Elisabeth Eppinger.

Pour profiter pleinement des points de vue, préférer réaliser cette randonnée au printemps ou en automne, quand il y a peu de végétation.

En cas de problème, composer le 112.

How to come ?

Transports

- Gare de Niederbronn-les-Bains
(ligne TER Strasbourg - Haguenau - Niederbronn-les-Bains)

- Itinéraires en Alsace : www.vialsace.eu

Access

From Haguenau, take the D1062 direction Niederbronn, then the D28.

Advised parking

Parking gratuit rue sœur Elisabeth Eppinger, Niederbronn-les-Bains

Information desks

Information Office of Niederbronn-les-Bains - Head Office of Alsace Verte Tourist Office

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On your path...



🌿 Grand Wintersberg (A)

On the highest point of the Northern Vosges, the Club Vosgien, the oldest hiking association in France, decided in 1890 to build the highest tower in Alsace. A tower of 25 m and 110 steps is added to the existing 581 m and allows to admire a breathtaking panorama on the massif of the Northern Vosges and the Palatinate, the Lorraine plateau, the plain of Alsace and the Black Forest.

Attribution : M. Baumgarten



🏰 Rocher de la Liese (B)

This monolithic block from the Celtic or Gallo-Roman period was damaged in 1935 and 1945. A dubious restoration was carried out in 1951: the block was covered with mortar bearing the effigy of an Egyptian goddess. According to the popular legend, sliding on this rock would allow women to be fertile or to make men fall under their charms that they desired. There are many other legends around this rock.

Attribution : PNRVN - A. Serylo



🏰 Hohenfels Chateau (C)

Castle Hohenfels is built on a peak, difficult access; the rocky bar was deeply cut on the north-east side; from the barnyard there remain only fragments of walls and a cistern; the western platform has preserved some vestiges, as well as a small room dug in the rock; the seigniorial dwelling, at the top of the east rock, has kept its north wall in freestone, on three levels

Attribution : PNRVN



🏰 Rocher de Hohenfels (D)

Rocher de Hohenfels

Attribution : SYCOPARC



Pottaschkopf refuge (E)

Open shelter on the GR® 53 at 800 m north-east of the Liese pass (Club Vosgien chalet).

- benches all around the small room on the ground floor;
- space to sleep under the roof but difficult to access.

Attribution : <http://www.refuges.info>