

GR® 53 : stage 1

Alsace Verte - Wissembourg



Château du Lowenstein (T. Bichler)



Hikers wishing to follow the GR53 from one end to the other will find here a proposal for cutting in stages, others will find ideas of one-day or several-day excursions.

The Grande Randonnée 53 trail is a variant of the GR 5 which ranges from Wissembourg to Masevaux, that is to say, north and south of Alsace, passing by the Vosges ridges.

Useful information

Practice : Traversée du massif des Vosges

Duration : 9 h 30

Length : 28.9 km

Trek ascent : 1066 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Crossing

Themes : Géologie, Point de vue, Château église abbaye

Trek

Departure : SNCF station Wissembourg, Wissembourg

Arrival : Hiker's House, Main Street, Obersteinbach

Markings : ■ Rectangle rouge

Cities : 1. Wissembourg

2. Climbach

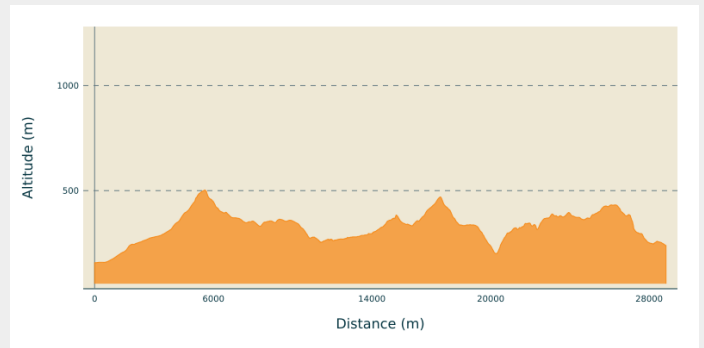
3. Wingen

4. Lembach

5. Niedersteinbach

6. Obersteinbach

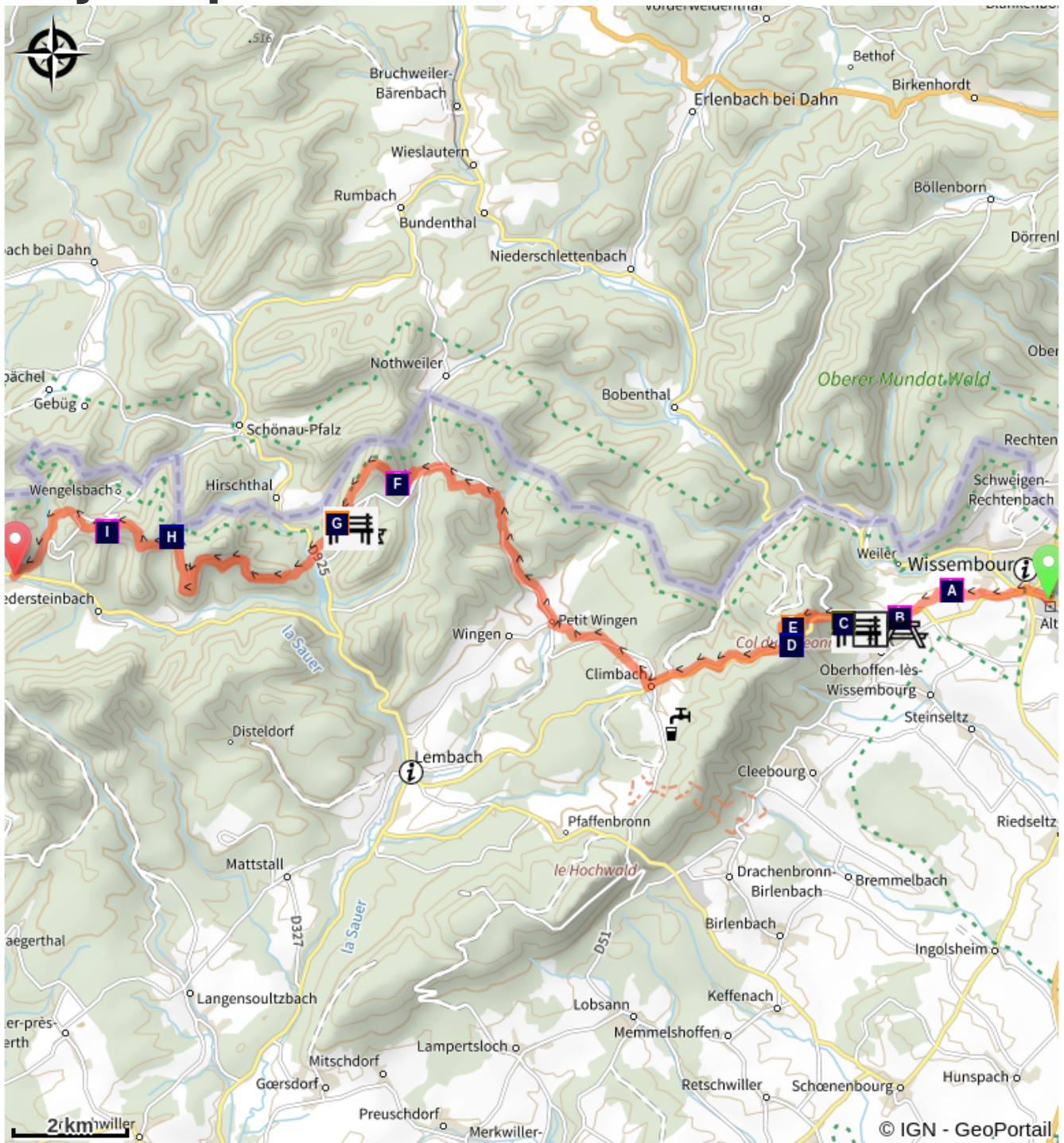
Altimetric profile












Min elevation 157 m Max elevation 503 m

Along the way, follow the red rectangle markup.

On your path...



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-  Rocher de Krappenfels (F)
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All useful information

Advices

Carte IGN : 3814 ET

Au cours du chemin, possibilité de visiter les ruines des Châteaux du Loewenstein, du Hohenbourg, du Fleckenstein (entrée payante) et du Froensbourg.

How to come ?

Transports

[Gare de Wissembourg](#)

Access

From Haguenau, take the D263 towards Wissembourg, then turn left to catch the D3.

Advised parking

Parking de la gare de Wissembourg.

Information desks

Wissembourg Information Office - Tourist Office of Green Alsace

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<https://www.alsace-verte.com/#ot>



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On your path...



✿ Wissembourg and the vineyard (A)

Magnificent view of Wissembourg and its vineyards. In the middle of the latter stands the Château St. Paul, the last of the 4 castles built to protect the city.

Attribution : PNRVN - A. Serylo



✿ Lauter Valley (B)

A beautiful view of the Lauter valley. In the village Weiler stands the Langenberg, a former castle from the 13th century.

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👤 The Lauter walking trail (C)

Decided by Marshal de Villars in 1706, they were intended to lock the north of Alsace during the war of succession to the Spanish throne (1701-1714). Thus, 50 redoubts and 28 dikes constituted a continuous parapet allowing the valley to be flooded. An important redoubt was named Maréchal de Bourg, the man who improved and increased the lines in the Scherhol area.

Attribution : PNRVN - A. Serylo



🏠 col du Pigeonnier shelter (D)

Shelter and refuge of the Club Vosgien at the Col du Pigeonnier



🗼 Scherhol Tower (E)

On the site of an old redoubt of the lines of the Lauter was built a telegraph station from 1795 to 1860, which was replaced by a pyramid of logs to carry out geodesic measurements in 1875 before being used as belvedere to admire the landscape . Replaced by a stone tower in 1895, it served as a watchtower during World War II before being destroyed by the Germans dynamite. It was never rebuilt. More info here.

Attribution : PNRVN - A. Serylo



Rocher de Krappenfels (F)

Site naturel d'escalade, il s'agit d'un rocher de grès à proximité du Château de Loewenstein, à 468 m d'altitude.

Attribution : A. Dorschner



Fleckenstein fortified Chateau (G)

Built on a sandstone promontory 20 m high, 125 m long and 8 to 15 m wide at an altitude of 370 m, the castle has existed since the 12th century to control the roads to Lorraine and Hagenau. After the sieges of 1276 and 1315, it was restored in the 15th century, redesigned and modernized in the 16th century, but destroyed in 1680. The rock, cut vertically, was dug out to build chambers. On the upper platform there are remains of the 15th century palace and a chapel.

Attribution : Fleckenstein - Styl'List



Hichtenbach refuge (H)

Au col du même nom.

Plus d'infos : <http://www.refuges.info/point/2795/cabane-non-gardee/Vosges-du-Nord/Abri-du-Hichtenbach/>

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

Rocher des Bohémiens (I)

Comme son nom l'indique, ce rocher aurait servi un temps de repère à des Bohémiens. On y trouve les vestiges d'un petit château semi-troglodytique.