

Circular hiking route from Bad Arolsen to Twistesee 9.5 km

The starting point of this circular hiking route is the protestant town church.

The plain baroque building was built between 1735 and 1787 based on the plans of Julius Ludwig Rothweil. The interior was designed by Johann Wilhelm Kaulbach, an artisan joiner from Arolsen. In addition, three sculptures – Faith, Love and Hope – by Arolsen native sculptor Christian Daniel Rauch are on display in the church.



From the church, walk along Schloßstraße. If you look closely, you will notice that Bad Arolsen is a planned town built in the baroque style. For example, the number of windows in the facades of the houses alternates (three windows, then five, then three again, and so on). You can learn more background information about the historic old town on our free guided tours of the town, or by participating in the Bad Arolsen town quiz (“Stadtspiel-Rätsel”) or by reading the historic guide brochure “Historischer Stadtführer”. For more information, contact the Touristik-Service Bad Arolsen, Große Allee 24, phone 05691 / 801-240.

After about 300 metres, the Residenzschloss castle comes into view on the left. Construction of the baroque castle with three wings started in 1710 under Friedrich Anton Ulrich, Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont. He moved into the castle in 1720 while it was still unfinished (construction was not fully completed until 1810).



Guided tours of the castle are held daily between 10:00 and 17:00 from April to October. From November to March, every Wednesday and Saturday between 14:00 and 17:00 and on Sundays between 11:00 and 17:00.

The former Marstall stables opposite the castle are now home to the Christian Daniel Rauch-Museum. This museum focuses on the works of Chr. D. Rauch, who was born in Arolsen and is considered one of the foremost sculptors of German neoclassicism. In addition there are works that illuminate the development of German and international sculpture in the 19th century.

Continue straight past the castle along Königin-Emma-Straße and then turn left behind the festival house “Fürstliche Reitbahn”. After about 200 metres, you will see the idyllic swan lake on your left. It belongs to the landscaped grounds of the castle. Continue on hiking route A4, which turns right. After about 1000 metres, you will pass the Fischhaus cafe. Cross the railway tracks and turn right. Follow the path till you reach the crossroads. Then turn left and immediately right again towards the Kuckucksmühle mill until you reach Wetterburg.

Keep left and stroll up Burgstraße. Roughly in the centre of town, turn right into Hohler Weg. This road takes you to Twistesee lake after a few minutes.

On the left shore, you will see the “Café im See”, the cafe in the lake, with its unique design. Keep right, rounding the lake on the circular hiking route, and discover the beautiful views. Admission to the lakeside lido is free, and during the summer months, many visitors come here to swim, play, go boating or just relax. After you pass the Am Strandbadtreff kiosk, keep right and walk uphill past the nine-hole golf course and through the underpass of the main road Zum Wiggenberg.



Continue following the signposted hiking route with the wave symbol, walking uphill through the woods until you reach the car park. Then turn left onto Königsbergallee. After about 900 metres, turn right onto Neuer Garten. Now you reach the Baumpark with the Neues Schloss castle (now a hospital, “Schön Klinik Große Allee”).

The Baumpark was created after the Neues Schloss, the residence of the dowager Princess Christiane, was finished (construction from 1764 – 1778), and was planted with a wide variety of plants, primarily exotic conifers. In the Baumpark there is the pump house with a distribution point of the mineral water as well as a minigolf course..



Now your hike is already drawing to a close. Go past the Große Allee hospital and turn left into Große Allee (a tree-lined avenue with six rows of oak trees along 1.6 km). After about 400 metres, on the right behind the town hall you can spot the town church, where we set out.

We hope you enjoyed your hike!

There are many other beautiful parts of Bad Arolsen for you to discover. We hope that you have a little more time to stay and look around.

We are also happy to assist you at our tourism information centre, the Touristik-Service on Große Allee 24. We can provide you with more information, for example our historic town guide brochure “Historischer Stadtführer” or a detailed hiking map with more than 400 km of marked hiking routes.

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