

## Stage 1: Lossburg-Schenkenzell



1. Etappe von  
Loßburg nach  
Schenkenzell

LOSSBURG – public swimming pool - Upper and middle mill in Ehlenbogen

(4 km) - Erlenbach - Alpirsbach (6 km) - Röttenbach - Reilinsberg - Stockhof –

SCHENKENZELL (5 km)

**Total: approx. 16 km**

**Starting point of the "Kinzigtäler Jakobusweg" is Lossburg.**

The hike begins at Jakobusstein (666 m) in the main street of Lossburg (near the Jakobus church in Lossburg) - leads through Schloßstrasse, Schloßring, Plattenweg, through the former castle complex (now miniature golf), over the country road towards the swimming pool. We cross the river "Kinzig" on a narrow bridge and walk along the river to the Kinzig bridge, where we turn right shortly before (direction inn "Mittlere Mühle") in Ehlenbogen. Before the Juntlenhof we keep left, cross a bridge and then walk

right downhill on a path along the main road. At the bus stop we cross the main road. We follow a forest path uphill until we pass under the railway line. Then we turn right.

After leaving the forest we enjoy a wonderful view over the Ehlenboger valley, the railway, the main road and the Kinzig. At the Erlenhof inn we can already see the residential areas of Alpirsbach.

At the railway viaduct, the path leads us along the main road to the monastery church (441 m).

### Monastery church in Alpirsbach

We walk past the Museum of City History (on the left we see the Alpirsbach monastery brewery) and turn into Krähenbadstrasse in front of the hotel Löwen-Post. We pass the glassblowing workshop, cross the railway line and the main road (B294) and reach the small town of Alpirsbach. Before the Bertishof we turn left and follow a small trail to the "Hanging Stone" (granite stone / natural monument). At Rinkenbächle we walk over two tunnels to Schlößle. After a gentle descent to Stockhof we enjoy a beautiful view of Schenkenzell (360 m) with its baroque church St. Ulrich, which we reach in a few minutes.

## Stage 2: Schenkenzell - Wolfach



2. Etappe von  
Schenkenzell nach  
Wolfach

SCHENKENZELL - Wittichen monastery (4 km) - salt lick (4 km) - devil's stone - St. Roman (4 km) - Kreuzacker - Vor Ippichen (4 km) - St. Jakob (3 km) - WOLFACH (2 km).

**Total: approx. 22 km**

**Alternative along valley path:** Schenkenzell - Schiltach - Schiltach railway station - Löchlehof - Halbmeil - Kinzigsteg - continue on the Jakobusweg to Wolfach (16 km)

From the town centre below the parish church of St. Ulrich (360 m) we follow the Hansjakobweg and turn left to cross the Kleine Kinzig. We follow a slope to Vortal Wittichen with its former Clarissine monastery. Through the Zundelgraben we reach the salt lick (first pilgrims cross).

We hike to the turning point "Auf der Hex" (781 m), up to Sättelkopf (815m), from there to the "Hinterhals" and to Teufelsstein (749 m). The descent to St. Roman takes us past the pilgrimage church and the inn "Adler". First we ascend to the "Kreuzacker" (707 m) with its pilgrims cross and then we descend into the Ippichertal - from the Schillingerhof past the Jakobsbauernhof to Vor Ippichen (280 m) then over the B294, over a wooden Kinzig footbridge (Serrersteg), over the "Vogtsbächle" (station path) to the pilgrimage church St. Jakob. The path continues down to Wolfach (263 m) - through the town to the town hall - the end of the 2nd stage.

### Stage 3: Wolfach - Haslach



3. Etappe von Wolfach nach Hausach

WOLFACH - memorial - White Cross - Käppele (3 km) – new timber work road - Hausach (3 km) - Hausach/Dorf - Pfarrberg - Ried - Bannstein (6 km) - Mühlenbach (2 km) - Waldsee - HASLACH (4 km)

**Total: approx. 20 km**

**Alternative along valley path:** Wolfach - Kirnbach - Gutach/Turm (tower) - Hausach (8 km) – along Hansjakobweg (black hat on white ground) from the town hall - Schlosstor (castle gate) - left over

railway line - Schmittengrund - before Kirnbach - Gutach/Turm - B 33 - railway line - sports facilities - Hausach, then Jakobusweg to Haslach (7 km)

**Start of the 3rd stage is opposite the Wolfacher town hall (263 m).**

We walk through the Kirchgasse, over the Gassensteg. After the bridge over the river Wolf we go uphill to the memorial (350 m), then further on the Hofeckleweg over a serpentine path up to the height above the Hapbachtal (beautiful views of Kinzig and Wolf valleys with ruins of the ancestral castle of the Lords of Wolva).

At the White Cross (500m) the path turns right, after 100m it joins a forest road. The shell signs lead you to the inviting restaurant Käppelehof with its pilgrimage shrine, the Wendelinus chapel.

A road to transport wood leads to Hausach. From the residential area "Hinterhof" the way leads over the Kinzig to the Kinzig dam, from there through the railway underpass to the Hausacher Stadtkirche (town church). Downstream, Dietersbachstrasse branches off to the left of the main road and you reach the Jakobsbrunnen fountain at the Hausach village church of St. Mauritius. The route leads uphill, past a pilgrim's cross, to the height of the upper Sulzbach creek. Follow the panoramic path until Bannstein and then turn left down to Mühlenbach (260 m).

(two representations of Jakobus in the church / two gravestones in the church wall).

Continue down the valley - along the Waldsee (forest lake) to Haslach (220 m), the final destination of this stage.

## Stage 4: Haslach - Zell am Harmersbach



4. Etappe von  
Haslach nach Zell am  
Harmersbach

HASLACH – Kinzig bridge – Kinzig dam - underpass (B33) (4 km) - Webers Kreuz - Oberentersbacher Hütte - Niller Eck/Buchen (10 km) - Buchwaldhof - pilgrimage church Maria zu den Ketten - ZELL AM HARMERSBACH (5 km).

Total: approx. 16 km

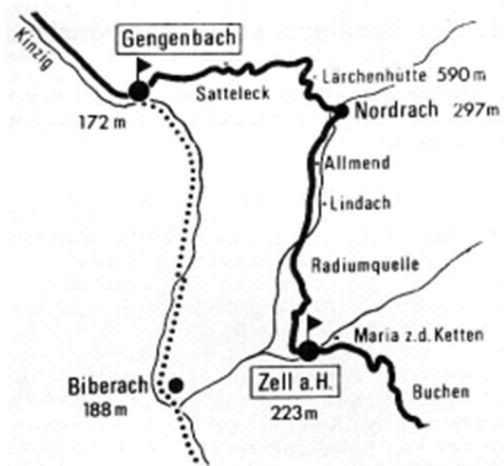
Alternative along the valley: Haslach – Kinzig dam – Kinzig footbridge – Kinzig dam - Biberach - Gengenbach (16 km)

From Haslacher town hall (220 m) the shell sign leads to the railway station, through an underpass to the right bank of the Kinzig - along the Kinzig - past the villages of Schnellingen and Bollenbach.

Shortly before the footbridge we leave the Kinzig dam (left Steinach), pass under the road on the right, turn left, walk uphill on a timber road and continue on a narrow serpentine path to Weberskreuz (410 m). From there uphill towards Katzenstein - past Heizenbauern Kreuz to the highest point of the ascent, Welschbollenbacher Eck (600 m).

The trail continues slightly downhill to the Oberentersbacher Hütte (hut) - a refugio - and then follows a slight ascent to the ridge line between Fischerbach and Oberentersbach - over the "Eck" (550 m) with a magnificent view of the Kohlplatz. Keep going downhill continuously - past the Buchwaldhof (290 m) to Unterharmersbach - all the way down into the valley to the Zeller pilgrimage church - the end of this day's stage.

## Stage 5: Zell am Harmersbach - Gengenbach



5. Etappe von Zell am Harmersbach nach Gengenbach

ZELL AM HARMERSBACH - radium spring - Lindach - Allmend - Nordrach (7 km)

- Lärchenhütte (3 km) - Sattellecke - Bergle - GENGENBACH (5 km)

**Total: approx. 15 km**

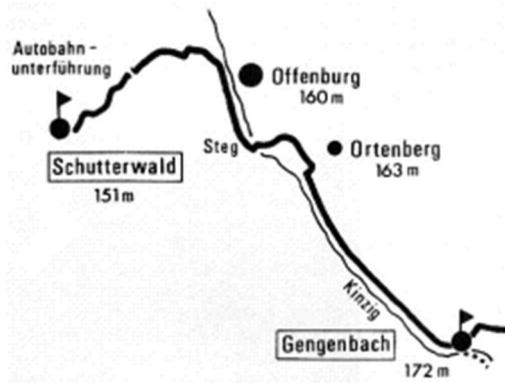
The start of this stage is the Stadtpfarrkirche Zell a.H. (city church) (223 m) - past the "Ritter-von-Buß-Bildungszentrum" - to the end of the village - then uphill to the edge of the forest.

The trail leads from the Wassertretanlage (water treading facility) through the Zeller Stadtwald to the Radiumquelle (radium spring) - on to the Mattacker forest car park in the Nordrachtal valley - along the Nordrach river to Nordrach.

Passing the cemetery following the last big ascent up the forest we reach the "Lärchenhütte" (590 m) (pilgrims cross nearby). Downhill we continue to Sattelleck (344 m) and on the ridge path between Hüttersbach and Pfaffenbach to the "Teufelskanzel" (400 m).

In serpentine we hike down to the Gengenbacher "Bergle" with its chapel Jakobuskapelle (Pieta as picture of grace / St. Jakobus in pilgrim's robe). The last descent takes us to the former imperial city of Gengenbach (172 m).

## Stage 6: Gengenbach - Schutterwald



6. Etappe von  
Gengenbach nach  
Schutterwald

GENGENBACH - Ortenberg (6 km) - GroÙer Deich -  
Offenburg (4 km) - Albersb6sch - city forest -  
SCHUTTERWALD (4 km)

**Total: approx. 16 km**

This stage starts at the Gengenbach town hall (172 m) - we walk west along the main road - past the Niggelturm (tower) to Friedrichstrasse. There we cross (left) the railway line parallel to the railway to the cardboard factory Koehler, turn left and go along the Gr6nstrasse to Kinzig dam.

We continue on the dam towards the west until we reach a small bridge over a drainage dam.

At this point you have the possibility to make a worthwhile detour to the Ohlsbach Sole-Mineralbrunnen mit Wassertretstelle (brine mineral well with water treading place).

About 300m before the Ortenberger Kinzigbr6cke (bridge across the river Kinzig) we leave the dam, first walk directly to the Ortenberger Schloss (castle), then around the sports facility and cross a busy road and come back to the Kinzig dam. In a large curve the dam leads us to the "GroÙer Deich" with a mighty weir, we cross over the footbridge to the other side of Kinzig and walk past the "Gifzsee" (lake with outdoor pool) over the "Kurt-Schumacher-Br6cke" ("Kurt-Schumacher-Bridge"), underpass the highway and continue again on the dam to the railway bridge. There we leave the Kinzig dam and walk southwest along the railway line to the Feldschl6Ùle inn, where we pass under the "Rheintalbahn" (Rhine valley railway). Through the Offenburg district Kreuzschlag we reach the city forest (pilgrims cross) and walk in the direction of St. Jakobuskirche (St. Jakob church) in Schutterwald (151 m), the end of today's stage.

## Stage 7: Schutterwald - Kehl / Strasbourg



7. Etappe von  
Schutterwald nach Kehl /  
Strassburg

SCHUTTERWALD - Schutter/Rohrburger Mühle - Müllen - B36 – Jakobus cross - Pierre Pflimlin Bridge - Rhine dam - weir - nature trail - Rhine bank - KEHL

**Total: approx. 22 km**

Starting point of this stage is the Jakobuskirche (St. Jakob church with Jakobus Memorial Stone) in the centre of Schutterwald (151 m).

We follow the Hauptstraße (main street) in westerly direction until the end of the village - pass the district road and the football stadium and turn right before the forest. Along the edge of the forest after approx. 1 km turn left into the forest - between Rohrburger Mühle (on the right) and the village of Müllen (on the left) we cross the Schutter river - after approx. 50 m we continue around a farm then in westerly direction to the B36. We cross this road, keep left for approx. 50 m

and then turn right into the forest.

At a crossroads (in the forest) we come across a Jakobus cross built in 1997. From there turn right to the L98 - the connecting road to France, which has to be crossed. We walk along this road (approx. 1 km) to the river Rhine - turn right there and walk north along the Rhine.

After approx. 800 m we change to the parallel path in the forest (approx. 2.5 km) - pass the boat site to a gate, then turn right to the Rhine dam (with a view of the village of Marlen, where the Landgasthof Ochsen or the Hotel/Restaurant Wilder Mann invite you to a leisurely stop). Back on the Rhine dam, head towards Kehl - past the weir/fish ladder to the right and then immediately left again along an interesting nature trail to the banks of the Rhine.

We cross a magnificent park along the Rhine to the "Passerelle des deux Rives" - the connecting bridge to France - and the connection to the Alsatian Jakobus pilgrim trail, which continues to the left of the Rhine (see pilgrim guide "Der Jakobsweg im Elsass" by Ursula and Heribert Kopp).

You will find the Jakobusstein 300 m south of the Passerelle.

## **INFORMATION FOR PILGRIMS – welcome in Kehl**

The Kinzig Valley pilgrim trail (Kinzigtäler Jakobusweg) ends here at Jakobusstein.

### **You will receive the pilgrim stamp:**

- in the Tourist Info Kehl at the market place
- in the parish office of the church St. Johannes Nepomuk
- in the restaurant "Villa Schmidt" at the Rhine promenade
- in the police station Kehl near the town hall

The Kinzigtäler Jakobusweg continues over the Passerelle and leads the pilgrim to Strasbourg Cathedral. You will pass a pilgrim's stone and follow the red rhombus and shell markings. Your route passes the church of Sainte Jeanne d'Arc and the protestant Chapelle de la Rencontre (Chapel of the Encounter).

In Strasbourg, follow the signs for "Cathedrale".

From the Strasbourg cathedral, take the Alsatian pilgrim trail which leads you via Molsheim - Mont Sainte Odile - Kaysersberg - Couvent - St-Marc - Guebwiller - Thann - to Belfort.

The signposting of the path is clearly visible with the hiking sign of the Club Vosgien and the pilgrim's shell.

**The shell will lead you.**

**Let your mouth be silent, then your heart will speak.**

**Let your heart be silent, then God will speak to you.**

In this sense: Buen Camino