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# GRAZ

MOVING  
THROUGH  
THE CITY

Hikes and walks in the  
Graz metropolitan area



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## MOVING THROUGH THE CITY






This brochure is intended as inspiration for you to explore the numerous green oases in Graz on your own. You can get there either on foot or by public transport. Tips on places of interest and eating out along the way complete the picture.

Please note the opening hours!

## HIKES AND WALKS IN GRAZ

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-  Suitable for prams
-  Tourist Information Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz

## INFORMATION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

For up-to-date information on public transport timetables please contact: the Verbundlinie service centre, Jakoministraße 1, 8010 Graz, service@verbundlinie.at, T +43/50/67 89 10



## COME OVER TO THE GREEN SIDE!

Hiking in the city – an impossibility?

Graz proves just the opposite. Numerous green spaces, parks, recreational areas and even mountains are located in the metropolitan area.

The city of Graz has a very high proportion of green space. Some of the green oases can be spotted instantly, others need to be discovered.

We have put together 10 tours on the green side of Graz for you: from a walk suitable for children to an ambitious hike. And the best thing is: you can throw yourself into this fun by just stepping out of your front door:

**Take a walk on the green side!**

## INFORMATION:

Tourist Information Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz, T +43/316/8075-0, F EXT 15  
info@graztourismus.at, [graztourismus.at](http://graztourismus.at)



## 1. FÜRSTENSTAND – HEAD UP HIGH

Archduke Johann discovered the Plabutsch as a mountain with a great vantage spot back in his day. In 1830 he climbed the peak together with his brother Emperor Franz I – the “Fürstenstein” observation point is still a reminder of this today!

From the Tourist Information Graz Region, walk to Hauptplatz and take tram line 1 towards Eggenberg. Hiking trail 5 leads from there to the Fürstenstand.

Follow Nothelferweg through an idyllic residential area and Bergstraße to Schloss Algersdorf, whose roots date back to the 11th century. The path to the hermitage, which is reminiscent of a once popular excursion inn for the people of Graz, starts behind the castle. At the hermitage cave, take a sharp left onto the well-marked hiking trail that leads steeply up the mountain through the forest. Attention, good footwear is a must here, especially if it has been raining! Also make sure you watch out for the signs indicating the “Knight Rider” mountain bike trail, which may not be used by hikers. The hiking route itself is well marked and after a long, partly steep uphill section it leads you to the Plabutsch and the Fürstenstand at 758 m. At the moment (as of September 2022), there is no access to the platform,

the mountain tavern is planned to be restored and reopened in a few months. It is therefore advisable to bring your own food. How about, for example, the Graz picnic rucksack – filled with selected specialities from agricultural production?

There are many ways down, so you'd better not gossip too much, otherwise you might end up taking the forest road towards Thal, making for a beautiful but also significantly longer excursion to Thalersee! Take a rather steep path below the game reserve under the Fürstenstand, follow hiking trail 2a down to Gösting, where the bus stop for bus route 40 is located.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 5 km  
**Walking time:** approx. 2 hours

**Getting there:** Tram line 1 from  
Hauptplatz to the Alt-Eggenberg stop

**Getting back:** Bus route 40 from  
Gösting

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿

**✖ Eating & drinking:**  
– Picnic rucksack  
from Gut Schlossberg  
[facebook.com / Gut Schlossberg](https://www.facebook.com/GutSchlossberg)  
– Gasthaus zur Sonne  
[gasthauszursonne-graz.at](https://www.gasthauszursonne-graz.at)

**👁 Sights & experiences:**  
– View from Fürstenstand







View from Calvary Hill

## 2. OVER THE MOUNTAINS – IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY!

A mountain tour through the middle of the provincial capital? The 10 km long route through Graz goes uphill, downhill and is above all fun!

From the Tourist Information Graz Region, walk north along Herrengasse to Hauptplatz. Take Murgasse to get to the Erzherzog Johann bridge. Cross the bridge and then turn north to stroll along the Mur. Within a few minutes of walking, the asphalted city centre becomes a green path along the flowing Mur, which accompanies you all the way to Calvary Hill. Calvary Hill, built in the 17th century, was at the time the first replica of Jerusalem's Golgotha crucifixion hill and its installations reminiscent of Christ's crucifixion within the Habsburg hereditary lands.

After a circuit on Calvary Hill, walk back a bit to reach the left bank of the Mur over Calvary Bridge. Take Kettengasse and Robert-Stolz-Gasse to reach Grabenstraße. This is where the trail starts up the Reinerkogel, which you immediately leave again to climb the 400 steps of the Jakobsleiter (Jacob's Ladder) – you need a lot of puff here! On the other side, you zigzag downhill again.

You now take Saumgasse and Quellengasse, walking through a splendid residential area back up to the next peak – the Rosenberg. At the “Minoritenschlüssel” we walk through Panoramagasse to the highlight of the tour – a deck chair on the “Café Rosenhain” terrace with a wonderful view of the Schlossberg in Graz. Treat yourself to some refreshments?

Well refreshed and looking forward to the final summit, walk down the Rosenhain and through Humboldtstraße and Wormgasse to the northern part of the Stadtpark. Between the memorial to the fallen of both world wars at Paulustor and the provincial sports centre, designed by the Graz sculptor Alexander Silveri, a path leads, almost secretly away from the hustle and bustle, up to the Schlossberg. Walk down Kriegssteig and cross Schlossbergplatz before you return to Hauptplatz through Sackstraße.

P.S.: Anyone who has problems with heights can also walk past the clock tower along the path towards Karmeliterplatz and turn right just before it through the tunnel in Schlossberg to Schlossbergplatz. Action lovers should take the downhill ride on the Schlossberg slide!

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region

Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 12 km

**Walking time:** approx. 4 hours

**Getting there:** no public transport necessary

**Getting back:** no public transport necessary

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿

#### ⊗ Eating & drinking:

- Kreuzwirt am Rosenberg  
[home.kreuzwirtamrosenberg.at](http://home.kreuzwirtamrosenberg.at)
- Café Rosenhain  
[cafe-rosenhain.at](http://cafe-rosenhain.at)
- Aiola upstairs, [aiola.at](http://aiola.at)
- Starcke Haus, [starcke.at](http://starcke.at)
- Restaurant Schlossberg  
[schlossberggraz.at](http://schlossberggraz.at)

#### 🌞 Sights & experiences:

- Calvary Hill
- Schlossberg slide
- Fairy tale train
- The Flight - 4-D-Cinema



Calvary Hill church



Crucifixion group



### 3. ANDRITZ CIRCULAR ROUTE: FROM THE STUPA TO ULRICHSBRUNN

Meditative circular walk in the north of Graz: starting from Andritz' Hauptplatz, past the Buddhist stupa to St. Ulrichsbrunn church.

From the Tourist Information Graz Region, head to Hauptplatz and take tram line 3 or 5 towards Andritz to the end of the line. Once there, start your hike past the wayside shrine on the right into Andritzer Reichsstraße. After the police station, turn left into Zelinkagasse. After a few minutes you cross a small bridge and come to Radegunder Straße. This is where Pfeifferhofweg starts, stay on this now. The asphalted, slightly uphill path leads through residential areas into the forest, where a high plateau opens up after a short while. If you follow the signs to house numbers 92–94, you will reach the Buddhist Centre with the wisdom stupa, a peace monument that stands for dialogue between religions and humanity.

Back on Pfeifferhofweg, walk to the fork in the road with the chapel, where you turn right and reach “Pfeifferhof” (the “Schule im Pfeifferhof” is located here now). Pfeifferhofweg then leads into Oberer Plattenweg, which passes “Gasthaus Stoffbauer” with its idyllic beer garden and traditional cuisine (tip: try the fried chicken!).

Then turn right into Saumgasse and follow this past “Gasthof Kreuzwirt” until the end, where you turn right into Viktor-Zack-Weg. Shortly after, Reinerweg branches off to the left, which you follow until a non-asphalted path leads to the right. After house number 2, some steps lead steeply down into the forest (with prams continue on Viktor-Zack-Weg, then turn sharp left into Ulrichsweg, from there you get back to Ulrichsbrunn) to St. Ulrich's church, which is known for its grotto shrine to the Virgin Mary with the Ulrich spring. It is named after the aristocratic Ulrich the Pious (9 AD), who was consecrated Bishop of Augsburg at the age of 33. In 1917–1921, the Graz priest Josef Berghold built the Ulrichsbrunn grotto, modelled on the Lourdes grotto (FRA).

Take Ulrichsweg to get back to Andritzer Reichsstraße. Follow this past the Stukitzbad outdoor swimming pool back to Andritz' Hauptplatz.



St. Ulrich's Church

#### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 8 km  
**Walking time:** approx. 2½ hours

**Getting there:** Tram line 3 or 5 from  
Hauptplatz to the last stop

**Getting back:** Tram line 3 or 5 from  
Hauptplatz in Andritz

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️  
**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿



**Eating & drinking:**  
– Gasthaus Stoffbauer  
[stoffbauer.com](http://stoffbauer.com)

– Kreuzwirt am Rosenberg  
[home.kreuzwirtamrosenberg.at](http://home.kreuzwirtamrosenberg.at)



**Sights & experiences:**  
– Buddhist Centre  
– St. Ulrich's Church  
– School Pfeifferhof



Ulrichsbrunn grotto



Wisdom stupa







Café Rosenhain

## 4. STROLL BETWEEN ROSENHAIN AND MARIAGRÜN

Castles and villas: the idyllic path between Rosenhain and Mariagrün invites you to take a look around while enjoying a leisurely stroll.

Take tram line 3 or 5 (towards Andritz) from Hauptplatz to Keplerbrücke. Change here to bus route 58 to Mariagrün and get off at Liebiggasse. Now the leisurely tour through the residential area with villas begins.

Through a wrought-iron archway you turn into Max-Mell-Allee and pass the Jesuits' summer refectory, built in 1564 and now abandoned, which served as a place of recuperation. Shortly afterwards, a forest path branches off to the left (with a pram, follow the asphalted road), which leads you directly to two ponds in the forest. Max-Mell-Allee crosses again here and leads you directly to "Café Rosenhain", where you can enjoy various delicacies as well as a magnificent view of Graz and the Schlossberg. Then follow Panoramagasse. You will see "Panoramahof" – a Windsor-style castle from the 1920s.

At "Minoritenschlössl", which dates from the 17th century, you turn left into Quellengasse. Your path is lined by magnificent villas from a wide variety of eras and architectural styles.

Leave Quellenweg at the fork in the road heading towards Schwarzbauerweg. You pass "Rosenschlössl", which was planned in 1912 by the city architects Burgstaller and Zauner, and other villas until an inconspicuous little path appears on the left (with prams continue on Schwarzbauerweg, then turn sharp left into Mariagrüner Straße). This leads to the picturesque pilgrimage church of Mariagrün, whose history dates back to the 17th century. The well-known Styrian poet Peter Rosegger married here in 1873, which is commemorated by the Peter Rosegger Memorial Trail that starts there. Take the Gedächtnisweg memorial trail or walk along Mariagrüner Straße to get to the crossroads at Mariatroster Straße. Here, tram line 1 returns to the city centre in the direction of Eggenberg.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region

Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 4 km

**Walking time:** approx. 1½ hours

**Getting there:** Tram line 3 or 5  
from Hauptplatz; bus route 58 from  
Keplerbrücke

**Getting back:** Tram line 1 from  
Mariagrün

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿



#### ✖️ Eating & drinking:

- Café Rosenhain  
[cafe-rosenhain.at](http://cafe-rosenhain.at)
- Gasthaus zum Kaltenbrunn  
[gasthaus-kaltenbrunn.com](http://gasthaus-kaltenbrunn.com)
- Das Liebig  
[dasliebig.at](http://dasliebig.at)

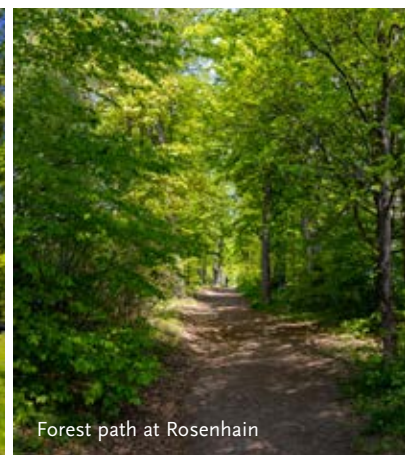


#### ☀️ Sights & experiences:

- Mariagrün Pilgrimage Church
- Peter Rosegger Memorial Trail



Mariagrün Pilgrimage Church



Forest path at Rosenhain





Hilmteichschlössl

## 5. IN THE REALM OF THE LEECHWALD SQUIRRELS

From the Mariatrost basilica, head through Leechwald forest to the idyllic Hilmteich pond. A variety-packed hike for the versatile.

From the Tourist Information Graz Region, head to Hauptplatz and take tram line 1 towards Mariatrost to the end of the line. Once you arrive in green Mariatrost, take the steps or the asphalted road to the basilica on the Purberg.

From the basilica, the asphalted and slightly uphill hiking trail 80 leads past the Gottscheer memorial to Roseggerweg. Follow the “Häuserl im Wald” and “Hilmteich” signs.

Staying on trail 80, you then come to the “Häuserl im Wald”. Pass the inn and you will reach the turnoff for Rettenbacher Straße. Turn left onto the forest path. This is lined with 60 to 80-year-old spruce and pine trees. You then pass St. Rita’s chapel and enter the quiet and green Leechwald forest on trail 80. Stay on the paved path and you will soon reach the “Human Rights Trail”. This leads past the former Count Kottulinsky Foundation for Styrian artists and finally arrives at the Hilmwarte.

It serves as a weather radar research station for FH Joanneum Research, but is unfortunately not open to the public. Also note the small tower watchmen’s house!

On the meandering path down towards Hilmteich, with a bit of luck you might encounter Leechwald squirrels. Just before the end of the route, the “WIKI Adventure Park” spreads out in front of you. Do you have any energy left? Then test your skills on one of the seven courses.

Once you reach your destination, a wonderful view opens up of the idyllic Hilmteich pond and the Hilmteichschlössl (“Café Purberg”), where you can drink a coffee or take a boat trip. (Tip: You can also ice skate here in winter!) Tram line 1 towards Eggenberg/UKH will take you back to the city centre.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 6 km  
**Walking time:** approx. 1½ hours

**Getting there:** Tram line 1 towards  
Mariatrost to the last stop

**Getting back:** Tram line 1 towards  
Eggenberg/UKH

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿



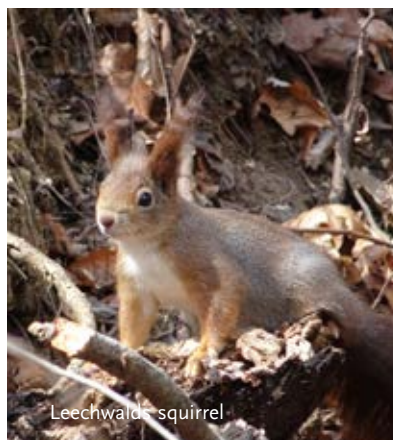
#### Eating & drinking:

- Kirchenwirt Graz (being renovated until spring 2023)  
[kirchenwirtgraz.com](http://kirchenwirtgraz.com)
- Landgasthof Häuserl im Wald  
[legenstein-hiw.at](http://legenstein-hiw.at)
- Purberg, [purberg.at](http://purberg.at)



#### Sights & experiences:

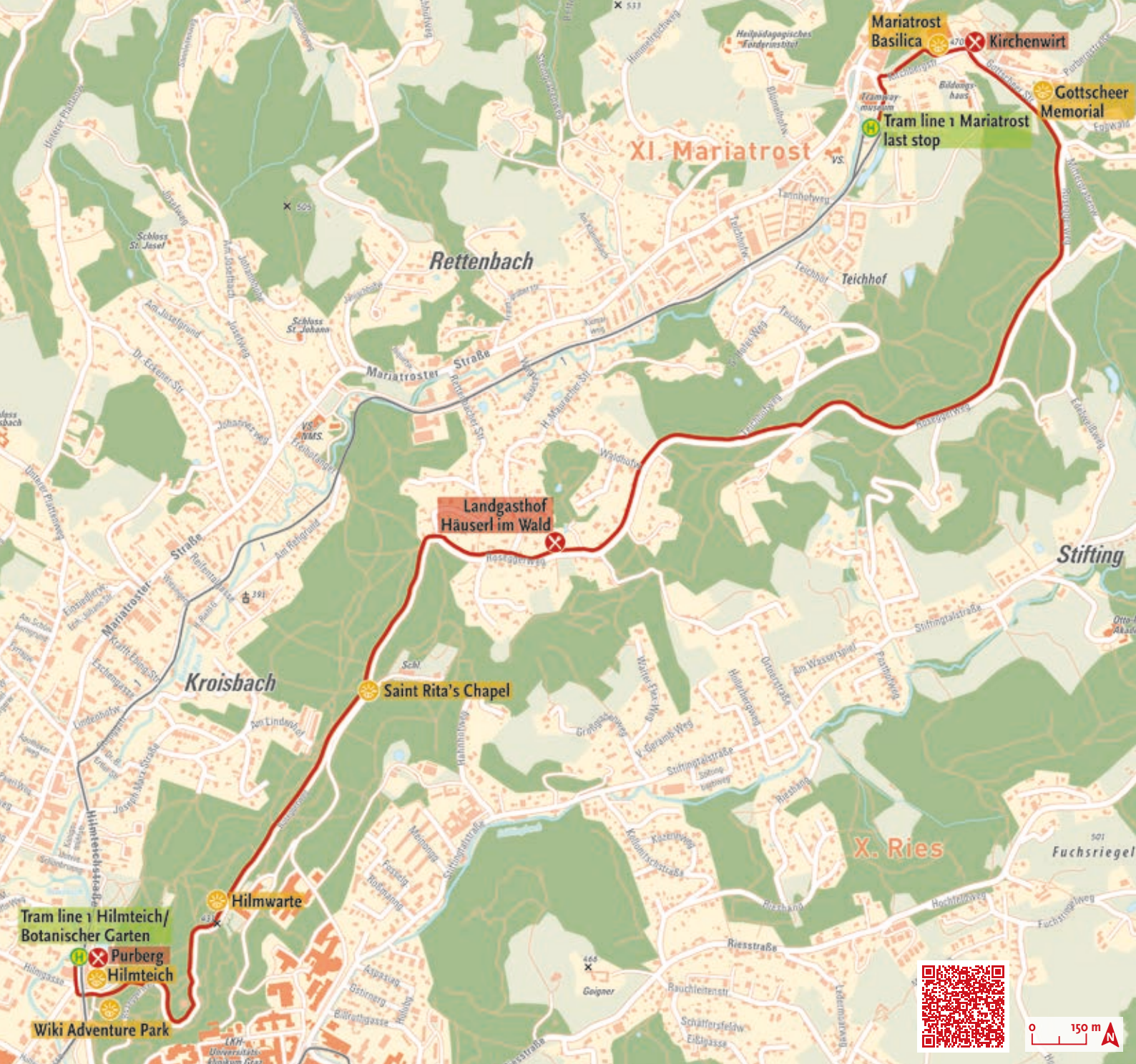
- Mariatrost Basilica
- Gottscheer Memorial
- WIKI Adventure Park
- Saint Rita’s Chapel
- Hilmwarte
- Hilmteich



Leechwald’s squirrel



Mariatrost Basilica





## 6. SENSES HIKE: RETTENBACHKLAMM – MARIATROST

Loud splashing, wonderfully fragrant Christmas trees, colourful orchards and a sensational view.

From Rettenbachklamm gorge via Stephanienwarte to Mariatrost, there is a lot to discover!

Tram line 1 takes you from Hauptplatz towards Mariatrost. Arriving at the Waldhof/Rettenbachklamm stop, cross Mariatrosterstraße and then follow the sign through Steingrabenweg towards the gorge.

Even though Rettenbachklamm gorge is not an overly demanding hiking trail that can be easily mastered by children of (pre-)school age, you still need good shoes and surefootedness, because depending on the weather it can be quite slippery. The babbling of the Rettenbach, which can sometimes turn into a loud roar, accompanies you along the path over hill and dale. In the summer heat, your feet will enjoy a refreshing cooling down in the water.

Once you reach the end of the gorge, you come to a flat forest area and follow the signs towards Stephanienwarte/Platte. The trail climbs along a horse paddock up to the Pölzer family's idyllic orchard. It almost feels Mediterranean here. The chirping of crickets, a gentle breeze and the country estate where a variety of wonderful fruit thrives. The Christmas tree farm's scent of pine needles is another highlight for the senses. When you reach the top of the road, you

have to take a deep breath, because now the rather steep climb up through the forest towards “Stephanienwarte” begins. Feel free to rely on the markings on the trees! The strenuous walk is rewarded with a sensational view. Have you got any puff left? Take another run-up and climb the stairs to the “Stephanienwarte” viewing platform.

On the way back, follow the signs towards “Mariatrost Basilica”. Spot the fenced pasture of the Hopfer family's deer farm. After this you will soon reach Mariatrosterstraße again. From there you can either walk to the Mariatrost basilica again or go straight to the Mariatrost tram stop.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 6 km

**Walking time:** approx. 2 hours

**Getting there:** Tram line 1 from  
Hauptplatz to the Waldhof stop

**Getting back:** Tram line 1 from  
Mariatrost

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿

#### ✂️ Eating & drinking:

- Kirchenwirt Graz (being renovated until spring 2023)  
[kirchenwirtgraz.com](http://kirchenwirtgraz.com)
- Buschenschank Wastl  
[buschenschank.at](http://buschenschank.at)

#### 👁️ Sights & experiences:

- Stephanienwarte
- Mariatrost Basilica



Path to the plateau



Stephanienwarte





View to the Schöckl

## 7. WITHOUT BORDERS: BETWEEN THE SCHAFTAL AND STIFTINGTAL VALLEYS

This tour crosses the Graz city border and leads along the hills of the Schaftal valley into the idyllic Stiftingtal valley.

You start this tour from the Tourist Information Graz Region at Herrengasse 16 and take tram line 1 from Hauptplatz towards Mariatrost. At the end of the line, you can already see the “Mariatrost Basilica”, which you can reach in a few minutes by taking the 216 steps or the footpath next to the road. The “Mariatrost pilgrimage church” is the most important shrine to the Virgin Mary in Styria after Mariazell.

Leaving the church on the left-hand side the asphalted path leads you to the entrance of the graveyard. Walking along the wall of the graveyard you turn right into Kirchbergstraße and Gottscheer Straße, which brings you to the Gottscheer memorial. The former German-speaking population of the Gottschee Country in the Duchy of Carniola (today: Slovenia) are called Gottscheers.

A few metres after the memorial turn left into Roseggerweg. Follow Roseggerweg slightly uphill past apple trees, fields, meadows and finally through the wood. At the end of Roseggerweg you find a heart shaped bench. Walk straight on into Schaftalberg.

Walking on you reach a weather tower built of wood. The path meanders leisurely along and offers a great view of the Schöckl, Graz’s local mountain, and the village of St. Radegund again and again. At the fork with Reindwaldweg turn right and follow this

slightly downhill into the forest again until you see the signpost to “Gasthaus Griesbauer”. Turn sharp right here, from here the road leads steeply downhill. Follow the path, which leads directly to the inn, where you can linger under the shady chestnut trees. There is an adjacent playground for children.

After “Gasthaus Griesbauer”, follow the main road, which leads you straight to Stiftingtalstraße after a few minutes, and stay on this. At the “Schmied König” stop, turn left into Rohrbachhöhe and you will reach “Heurigenschenke Sattler”. From there you have a beautiful view of the Stiftingtal valley and the surrounding hilly landscape. Bus route 82 and tram line 7 will take you back to the city centre.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region

Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 11 km

**Walking time:** approx. 3 hours

**Getting there:** Tram line 1 from  
Hauptplatz to the end of the line

**Getting back:** Bus route 82 towards  
St. Leonhard, tram line 7 towards  
Wetzelsdorf

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿



#### **Eating & drinking:**

- Kirchenwirt Graz (being renovated until spring 2023)

**[kirchenwirtgraz.com](http://kirchenwirtgraz.com)**

- Gasthaus Griesbauer  
**[gasthaus-griesbauer.at](http://gasthaus-griesbauer.at)**
- Heurigenschenke Sattler  
**[heurigenschenke-sattler.at](http://heurigenschenke-sattler.at)**



#### **Sights & experiences:**

- Mariatrost Basilica
- Gottscheer Memorial
- Schaftalberg Weather Tower

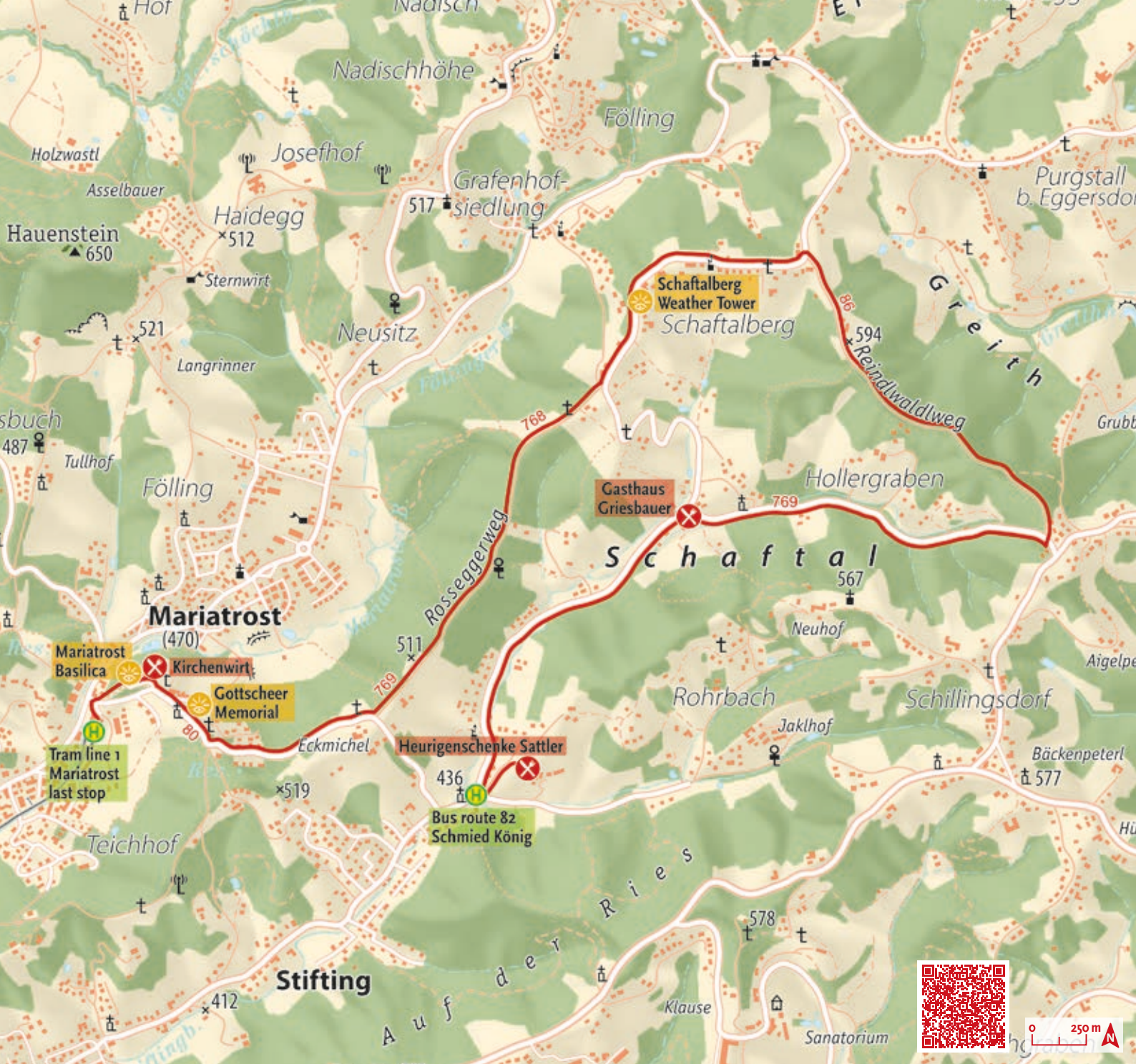


Weather tower



Gasthaus Griesbauer  
children's play area







## 8. FUN(NY) WALK AT LUSTBÜHEL

With sheep, goats, raspberry bushes and astrophysics. The area around Schloss Lustbühel is paradise for children of all ages.

You start this tour from the Tourist Information Graz Region and take tram line 3 from Hauptplatz towards Krenngasse. At the end of the line, take bus route 60 towards Lustbühel. Start the leisurely walk directly after the Schloss Lustbühel stop up to the left, pass “Buschenschank Genussplatz – Schloss Lustbühel”. After just a few steps, you reach the forecourt of the former castle. A manor house used to stand on this site before the castle was built in the first half of the 17th century and elevated to a seat for nobility. When? We don't exactly know today. After several reconstructions, the castle was given a new look through historicist building elements. Today it is used as a kindergarten and day care centre. To the left of the castle are pastures with friendly sheep and goats. Follow the footpath and you will soon reach a large, shady children's playground. Head past fruit trees, blackberry and raspberry bushes until you reach the “Lustbühel Observatory”. Benches along the way invite you to while away the time and enjoy a picnic.

The “Lustbühel Observatory” was completed in 1976 and houses the “Observational Astrophysics” group's 50 cm Cassegrain telescope (f/g). The observatory offers students from Graz University of Technology the chance to work in an environment that is based on the infrastructure of much larger professional observatories. After the observatory, the small path branches off to the right towards the

forest. After a few steps, you have the opportunity to take a small detour into the forest on the right again. Here you will find a wooden Indian wigwam, another inviting opportunity for children to play. From there you have a beautiful view of the pastures and “Schloss Lustbühel”. If you continue to follow the path, you will get exactly back to the starting point and can then take the bus towards the city centre.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region

Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 1 km

**Walking time:** approx. ½ hour at a leisurely pace

**Getting there:** Tram line 3 from Hauptplatz; bus route 60 from Krenngasse

**Getting back:** Bus route 60 to Krenngasse, tram line 3 to Hauptplatz

**Fitness level:** ♥

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿



**Eating & drinking:**

- Genussplatz-Schloss Lustbühel  
[buschenschank.at](http://buschenschank.at)



**Sights & experiences:**

- Schloss Lustbühel
- Lustbühel Observatory







Schloss St. Martin

## 9. BUCHKOGL: THE JOURNEY IS THE REWARD

Time spent hiking has given some philosophers brilliant ideas. Regal views and refreshing vistas await you on this hike.

From the Tourist Information Graz Region, turn south and walk to Jakominiplatz. From there take the city bus route 32 towards Seiersberg. After 20 minutes you reach Bad Strassgang station. If you walk towards Hans-Hegenbarth-Alle, you will reach Bad Strassgang after a few minutes' walk. Continue along Martinhofstraße and turn left onto Am Katzelbach. Shortly afterwards, another path branches off to the left into the forest. Follow the path steadily uphill and after a while you will come to Florianibergstraße. Take a detour to "Florianikirche", visit "Gasthaus Luderbauer" or the "Lienhof" farm shop or simply let yourself be inspired by the magical view of Western Styria. At the crossroads follow Wolfgangweg and the signpost to "Gasthaus Orthacker". A little later you will reach another fork and walk on a forest path again towards Bildföhre or "Gasthaus Orthacker". Afterwards, the forest path reaches the asphalted road again. Soon after, you catch sight of the beautifully situated traditional inn. Here you can enjoy Austrian home cooking on the wonderful terrace with a view of Graz.

From there, the path leads left at the signpost back into the forest. Keep left here, you are almost at the next stop: the "Schau West" viewing platform, shaped like an arrow, invites visitors to marvel and reflect. If you turn right and walk uphill a bit, you will reach the Crown Prince Rudolf observation point. The observation point was rebuilt in 1879 in honour of Crown Prince Rudolf. An iron spiral staircase leads

up to a round viewing platform and iron railings, from where there is a particularly good view of the southern part of Graz. North of the observation point you come to Buchkogelsteig, which you follow to a playground and St. Johann and Paul's church. A pilgrimage church named St. Johann am Kögelein was first mentioned here as early as 1507. Go left through the playground and down a forest path to reach "Mostschänke Grießner". Now follow Krottendorfer Straße to the beautiful "Schloss St. Martin", which is an educational centre today, back to the starting point along Kehlbergstraße, past "Kehlberghof" into Salfeldstraße and Gradlbauerweg to Bad Strassgang, from where you take bus route 32 back to the city centre.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 12 km

**Walking time:** approx. 3½ hours

**Getting there:** Bus route 32 from  
Jakominiplatz towards Seiersberg

**Getting back:** Bus route 32 towards  
Jakominiplatz

**Fitness level:** ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿

#### ✖ Eating & drinking:

- Gasthaus Luderbauer  
[luderbauer.at](http://luderbauer.at)
- Gasthaus Orthacker  
[gh-orthacker-buchkogel.metro.rest](http://gh-orthacker-buchkogel.metro.rest)
- Gasthaus St. Johann und Paul  
[speisekarte.menu/restaurants/graz](http://speisekarte.menu/restaurants/graz)
- Mostschänke Grießner  
[mostschank-griessner.at](http://mostschank-griessner.at)

#### 👁 Sights & experiences:

- Lienhof farm shop
- "Schau West" platform
- Crown Prince Rudolf observation point
- St. Johann and Paul's church



Lienhof



Crown Prince Rudolf observation point





Puchsteg

## 10. OFF TO THE SOUTH OF GRAZ

If you follow the course of the river to the south, you will soon find yourself in a green oasis, which offers a welcome and peaceful change from hectic city life.

You start the leisurely walk from the Tourist Information Graz Region office and cross Landhaushof towards Schmiedgasse. Right by Andreas-Hofer-Platz you will come across the cycle path/footpath along the Mur. Here you turn left or downstream and follow the path straight ahead. Soon you reach the Augarten park and then the Augartenbad outdoor pool. Just after Augartenbad, turn right over the Berta von Suttner pedestrian bridge. Now our walk continues south along the right bank of the river. After a while you reach Puchsteg, a wooden bridge over the Mur that leads to the Grünanger recreational area. This facility invites you to while away the time in comfort right by the water.

Now turn back towards the city centre and walk upstream along the river. Pass behind the “Seifenfabrik” venue, follow the signs for the

R2 cycle path. The path now leads away from the river through residential areas until you finally reach the Mur again. You continue north and very soon reach Augartenbad and Augarten again. Augartenbucht was opened here in 2020, a local recreational area for all Graz residents, which offers direct access to the Mur. If you get hungry or thirsty from walking, a visit to “Frankowitsch im Augarten” is a good idea.

From Augarten, you can also walk to Graz city centre in just a few minutes.

### INFO ON THE TOUR

**Start / Finish:** Tourist Information  
Graz Region  
Herrengasse 16

**Tour length:** approx. 6 km

**Walking time:** approx. 1½ hours

**Getting there:** no public transport necessary

**Getting back:** no public transport necessary

**Fitness level:** ❤️

**Landscape:** 🌿🌿



#### Eating & drinking:

- Frankowitsch im Augarten  
[frankowitsch.at](http://frankowitsch.at)



#### Sights & experiences:

- Seifenfabrik Event Venue
- Grünanger
- Augarten park with Augartenbucht



Grünanger local recreational area



Seifenfabrik access road



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