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Wandering News

Wiesbaden International Wandering Club

OUR MISSION

WIWC mission strives to encourage Volksmarching, physical activity, outdoor enjoyment, and positive interactions with our host nations.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Trails!
Kim



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Monthly Member meeting Reminder

March 17, 2025

Schnitzel Queen in Nordstadt ([Borsigstraße 1A, 65205 Wiesbaden](#)).

6:00 pm for dinner and socializing; 7:00 pm for the meeting.

***Unless it's a holiday, meetings held every third Monday of the month.**

Upcoming Engagements

Spring Bazaar

The Spring Bazaar will take place March 14-16 at the Clay Fitness center. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for only **March 14 and 15** to help at the booth. Volunteers usually help in three hour shifts (lunch and drinks provided) but are grateful for anytime you can help with. The volunteer sign up has been emailed but can also be found by selecting the link [here](#).



Additionally, the club has also received approval to host a bake sale at the entrance of the gym.

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Our first bake sale of the year will be on **March 14**.

WIWC received approval to host a bake sale during the bazaar at the front of the Clay Fitness Center. If you can help with providing baked goods, Yonnie can accept your items on March 13 at the Wiesbaden library and wrap them for you. Alternatively, you can bring pre-wrapped goods to the gym on Friday, March 14.

Future Bake Sale Dates

May 19	Aug. 18
June 16	Sept. 22

Our next bake sale will be on **April 28**. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help make baked goods, distribute and collect money. There will be a Signup Genius for this event, so keep an eye out.



Food safety certification

We are still looking for individuals who are food safety certified or would like to be. If you are interested, the club will cover the cost of the certification. Please contact the club for more details.

Feature walk of the month

Photos and story by club member Melissa Thornton

My family and I are new to Volksmarching. For February, we decided to try out the **permanent wanderweg in Mainz-Kastel**, titled "In the footsteps of the Romans," and follow it with lunch at the start point, Brauhaus Castel.

The route is 7 km long, which is a nice length for us.

The weather was nice for mid-February, partly cloudy with some sunshine peeking through, and not too cold. The beginning of the route was ordinary, going through some commercial and light industrial neighborhoods of the town, but soon we reached the monument to the Roman legions, and after that the scenery became more interesting.

We passed a statue of a Jocus-Garde, which I had to look up afterward. Apparently, this is one of the ceremonial bridge guards who now participates in parades at festivals in Mainz and Wiesbaden. Other notable sights include a building emblazoned with the All-Seeing Eye of Providence; a memorial plaque in the churchyard wall commemorating victims of the 1666 plague; extensive murals in the tunnels by the Rhine; and a pleasant riverside walk offering a view of Mainz. On our way back, I noticed a couple of miniature sentries on somebody's rooftop, keeping watch over the river.

The thought of a delicious meal was good motivation for us to keep up our pace, and the restaurant did not disappoint.

If you have a walk that you'd like to share, email us at wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com. In the subject line, write "Newsletter submission."



Weekend highlight

Our first trip of the season was a success! The beautiful medieval town of Rothenburg did not disappoint. Over 45 start cards were distributed to our group and many kilometers walked for this popular weekend event. We would like to send a special thank you to our trip captain, James Elliot, for all of his time and hard work. The accommodations and dinner were well received.

Future events



We asked last month for feedback on some additional trips to add to this year's list of goals. We received some wonderful ideas for future trips our fellow club members want to do, and here's a look at your recommendations:

Culinary and beer walk in Ilbeshausen

July 19

The annual culinary beer hike is coming! This family friendly event takes you through town's the beautiful woods and meadow with local food and drinks to enjoy along the way. There will also be live entertainment with traditional volksmusik located in the start hall. Details coming soon for transportation to the event.

19th II IVV Olympiad in Finland

August 14-17

Other than the traditional volksmarching, it will also include cycling, swimming and canoeing if you would like to participate in any additional the outdoor activities.

The flyer for this event can be found at: <https://www.ivv-europa.eu/english/ivv-olympiad/>

We are seeking a trip captain for this event for transportation and accommodations.

Upcoming Walks

Saturday & Sunday , March 8th-9th

Hiking day "Hiking in the beautiful Glantal"

5, 10, 20 km

Saint Julian

Start: Sat., Sun. 07:30 - 14:00 (5, 10 km) and 07:30 - 12:00 (20 km)

Address: Dorfgemeinschaftshaus St. Julian, Hauptstr. 38, 66887 Sankt Julian

63 Miles Southwest of Wiesbaden, about 1 hour 20 minutes driving time from Wiesbaden

Worth seeing: Hist. St. Julian Oil Mill

Sunday, March 9th

Hiking day, barrier-free "Hiking in the Stromberg",

6, 12 km

Maulbronn-Zaisersweiher

Start: Sun. 07:30 - 14:00

Address: Turn- u. Festhalle, Schützinger Str. 9, 75433 Maulbronn-Zaisersweiher

South of Wiesbaden, about 1 hour and 50 min Driving time from Wiesbaden

Saturday & Sunday, March 15th-16th

Hiking day, barrier-free "Hiking in the Naheland"

5, 10, 20, 42, 50 km

Grolsheim

Start: Sat., Sun. 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (5, 10 km), 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (20 km), 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (42 km) and 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. (50 km)

Address: Nahelandhalle, Aspisheimer Weg 32, 55459 Grolsheim, train station: Gensingen-Horrweiler

27 Miles west of Wiesbaden, about 33 minutes driving time from Wiesbaden

Sunday, March 16th

Hiking day, with children's and youth hiking day "Spring hike"

6, 11, 20 km

Stetten am Heuchelberg

Start: Sun. 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (6, 11 km) and 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (20 km)

Address: Multi-purpose hall at the sports park, Jahnstr. 5, 74193 Stetten am Heuchelberg, train station: Stetten am Heuchelberg

90 miles south of Wiesbaden, about 1 hour and 30 minutes driving time from Wiesbaden

Sunday, March 23rd

Hiking day charity hike "Help for Theo"

5, 10, 20 km

Bockenau

Start: Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (5, 10 km) and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (20 km)

Address: Bockenauer-Schweiz-Halle, Waldböckelheimer Str. 19, 55595 Bockenau

42 miles southwest of Wiesbaden, about 45 min driving from Wiesbaden

Saturday & Sunday , March 22nd-23rd

Hiking day, with children's and youth hiking day

5, 11, 20 km

Schrozberg

Start: Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Sun. 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Address: City hall, Stadionweg 1, 74575 Schrozberg, train station: Schrozberg

122 Miles Southeast of Wiesbaden, about 2 hours from Wiesbaden

Sunday, March 23rd

Hiking day, with children's and youth hiking day

5, 10 km

Eichstetten am Kaiserstuhl

Start: Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Address: Gym and festival hall, Schulstr. 7, 79356 Eichstetten am Kaiserstuhl, train station: Eichstetten

165 Miles South of Wiesbaden, about 2 hours and 22 minutes from Wiesbaden

Sunday, March 30th

Hiking day "Hiking to the reservoir"

6, 12 km

Norheim

Start: Sun. 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Address: Sports center SV 08 Norheim, Niederhäuser Str. 12, 55585 Norheim, train station: Norheim

37 Miles southwest of Wiesbaden, about 42 minutes driving from Wiesbaden

Worth seeing: Rotenfels, Niederhausen Nahe reservoir

Saturday & Sunday, April 5th-6th

Hiking day, barrier-free

6, 12, 20 km

Bopfingen

Start: Sat. 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (6, 12 km) and 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (20 km)

Address: Stauferhalle, Bergstr, 73441 Bopfingen, train station: Bopfingen

178 miles South east of Wiesbaden, about 2 hours and 30 minutes from Wiesbaden

Friendly Reminder for Traditional Events

- **Cups:** Organizers (clubs) are not required to provide cups for participants to receive free beverages such as iced tea, broth, or water. While most organizers do provide cups, it's a good idea to bring your own to ensure you can enjoy the offered beverages.
- **Additional Drinks and Food:** At the start hall and some control points, other drinks, sandwiches, etc., including beer and wine, are available for purchase.

Permanent Trails

Organizer: **Wiesbaden International Wandering Club** Wiesbaden, Hessen
Goethehaus, Großer Hirschgraben 21, **60311 Frankfurt am Main, Hessen**
23 mi East of Wiesbaden, about 30 minutes driving from Wiesbaden

IVV Permanent Trail "Auf den Spuren der Aartalbahn" (on the traces of the (out of service) Aar River Valley Railroad)

5 km, 13 km & 21 km trails, GPS data for those 3 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Auf den Spuren der Aartalbahn im Taunus"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))

Address: Sportplatz Kleinfeldchen "Imbiss bei Kosta", Hollerbornstraße 13, 65197 Wiesbaden-Dotzheim, Hessen

2 mi Southwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 5 minutes driving time from there.

IVV Permanent Trail "Schwalben Wanderweg" (Swallow hiking trail, the town's name is Swallow Creek)

6 km, 12 km & 20 km trails, GPS data for those 3 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Schwalben Wanderweg"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))

Address: Cafe "Kirch 1", Kirchstrasse 1 , 65307 Bad Schwalbach, Hessen

10 mi Northwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 25 minutes driving time from there.

IVV Permanent Trail "Auf den Spuren der Roemer in Mainz-Kastel" (on the traces of the Romans in Mainz-Kastel)

There is a brewery & restaurant at the Starting Point that also offers brewery tours (the restaurant also offers alcohol free drinks aside from food)

7 km & 15 km trails, GPS data for those 2 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Auf den Spuren der Römer in Kastel"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))

Address: Brauhaus Castel, Otto-Suhr-Ring 27, 55252 (Wiesbaden-) Mainz-Kastel, Hessen

5 mi Southeast of downtown Wiesbaden, about 10 minutes driving time from there.

IVV Permanent Trail "Taunus Rundwanderweg" (Taunus Mountains Loop Trail)

13 km trail only, GPS data for this trail at [DVV Wandern - „Taunus-Rundwanderweg“](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))

Address: Wiesbaden Tourist Information, Marktplatz 1, 65183 Wiesbaden, Hessen
in downtown Wiesbaden

IVV Permanent Trail "Rheinhessen Blick" (view of the Rheinhessen Region)

6 km, 10 km & 20 km trails, GPS data for those 3 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Rheinhessenblick"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))

Address: "Schlemmer House" Restaurant (good food there), Marie-Curie-Strasse 9, 55453 Gau-Algesheim, Rheinland-Pfalz

15 mi Northwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 25 minutes driving time from there.

WIWC Information

Social media

You can get updated walks through email, Facebook, and our website: Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/293708457976771>

Website: www.wiwcvolksmarching.org (Currently under maintenance)

Email: wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com

Membership Info

Family: 30€/Single: 15€. Members are entitled to monthly newsletters, member trip prices, boutique discounts, and weekly notices of upcoming walks.

If you are a member and not in our WhatsApp group chat and want to be included, let us know and we'll add you.

Volksmarching Websites

For more information on volksmarches overseas and abroad, check out the following;

- Volksmarches in Germany: www.dvv-wandern.de
- Volksmarches in USA: www.ava.org
- Volksmarches International: www.ivv-online.org

Elected WIWC council for 2025

President: Kim Kuhn

Vice President: Judy Fishel

Treasurer: Klaus Michels

Secretary: Nicole Rand

Registration Director: Klaus Michels

Membership Directors: Paula Johnson and Nicole Rand

Trail master: Adam Marchbanks

Social Media Directors: Karen Landreth and Christina Spence

Boutique Managers: Christina Spence and Nicole Rand

Event Planning and Fundraising: Yonnie Cochran

All-around Coordinators: Tim & Frances Salas; Adam Marchbanks

