

GRAZ

STROLLING
THROUGH
THE CITY
AND BEYOND

Hikes and walks in the
Graz metropolitan area

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Innere Stadt

Schloßberg

Gries

Liebenau

Rudersdorf

Puntigam

Strassgang

Wetzelndorf

Baierdorf

Eggenberg

Algersdorf

Mühlberg

Fuchsloch

Frauenkg.

Kanzelkogel

Pailgraben

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St. Gotthard

Andritz

Unt.-Weizberg

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Ferdinandshöhe

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MOVING THROUGH THE CITY

We have explored some of the most beautiful walking and hiking routes in our city for you. Please note that we cannot guarantee the completeness or accuracy of the information contained in this brochure. Changes, errors and updates may occur at any time and remain subject to change.

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H Public bus stop

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👤 Tourist Information Graz Region
Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz

The QR codes take you directly to the detailed description of each route on the [Graz Tourism website. *graztourismus.at/en*](https://graztourismus.at/en)

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

A route planner for public transport connections is available at verbundlinie.at/en

You can also obtain information by phone at +43 50 678910 or in person at Jakoministraße 1, 8010 Graz.



DISCOVER 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: all you need to do is step outside your front door.

Take a walk on the green side!

INFORMATION:

Tourist Information Graz Region
Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz, T +43/316/8075-0
info@graztourismus.at, graztourismus.at/en



Fürstenstand

1. ACROSS THE SUMMITS IN THE WEST OF GRAZ

A long but well-structured hike through western Graz.
Long forest paths, striking viewpoints, and several opportunities
to stop for refreshments make this hike particularly varied.

From Jakominiplatz, take bus line 40 to the starting point of the hike, the final stop Gösting. At Gösting Castle, the trail joins the Kernstockweg, which leads along the western edge of the city, traversing several hills in the Plabutsch and Buchkogel area. The ascent begins through the shaded forest up to Fürstenstand, one of the city's most famous viewpoints. Depending on your fitness level, you can choose between a shorter, significantly steeper route and a more moderate one. In both cases, you'll be rewarded with a panoramic view of the Graz Basin and the surrounding countryside.

The route continues past the radio tower towards Mühlberg and then descends along mostly natural forest paths to the Gaisbergsattel. From there, follow Thalerseestraße past Gasthof Dorrer, re-enter the forest, and continue to St. Johann und Paul. A church, a playground, and another viewpoint invite you to take a short break here.

The trail then climbs upwards again, leading to the Rudolfsware observation tower on the Buchkogel. Here, too, you'll be rewarded with an impressive view of Graz. The final section of the trail leads down sunny paths and shady forest sections to the end point of the hike in Straßgang.

Thanks to several access and exit points, the tour can be flexibly shortened: at Mühlberg to the final stop of tram line 1 at the UKH hospital, at Gasthof Dorrer with a regional bus connection, at the Gaisbergsattel with a descent to Thalersee (city bus 48), and at St. Johann und Paul with a descent to the Neupauerweg bus stop (city bus 33).

INFO ON THE TOUR

Start / Finish: Tourist Information
Graz Region

Herrengasse 16

Tour length: approx. 16 km

Walking time: approx. 6 hours

Getting there: Bus route 40 from
Jakominiplatz

Getting back: City bus 32 or 62
from bus stop Straßgang Zentrum

Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

Landscape: 🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿



✖ Eating & drinking:

- Gasthaus zur Sonne
- Fürstenstand – das Bergrestaurant
- Gasthof Dorrer
- Gasthaus St. Johann und Paul
- Gasthaus Orthacker
- Gasthaus Luderbauer

🌅 Sights & experiences:

- View from Fürstenstand
- Church St. Johann und Paul
- View from St. Johann und Paul
- Rudolfsware
- Bildföhre
- Lienhof farm shop
- Floriani Church
- Church Maria im Elend zu Straßgang



Buchkogel



Viewing platform 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'll need a lot of stamina 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

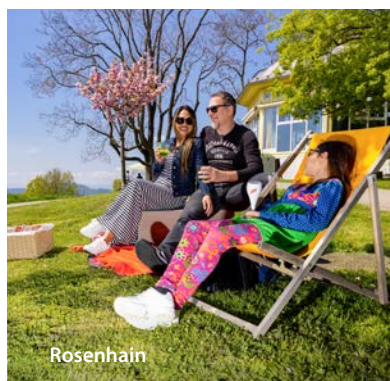
Getting back: no public transport necessary

Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Landscape: 🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿

- Eating & drinking:**
- Kreuzwirt am Rosenberg
kreuzwirtamrosenberg.at
 - Café Rosenhain
cafe-rosenhain.at
 - Aiola upstairs, aiola.at
 - Starcke Haus, starcke.at
 - Restaurant Schlossberg
schlossberggraz.at

- Sights & experiences:**
- Calvary Hill
 - Schlossberg slide
 - Fairy tale train
 - The Flight – 4D-Cinema



Rosenhain



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 road 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 (10 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:

- Kreuzwirt am Rosenberg
home.kreuzwirtamrosenberg.at
- Gasthof Stoffbauer
stoffbauer.com



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
- Gasthaus zum Kaltenbrunn
gasthaus-kaltenbrunn.com
- Das Liebig
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 all ages.

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 “Kletterwald Graz” 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:

- Landgasthof Häuserl im Wald
legenstein-hiw.at
- Purberg, *purberg.at*



🌞 Sights & experiences:

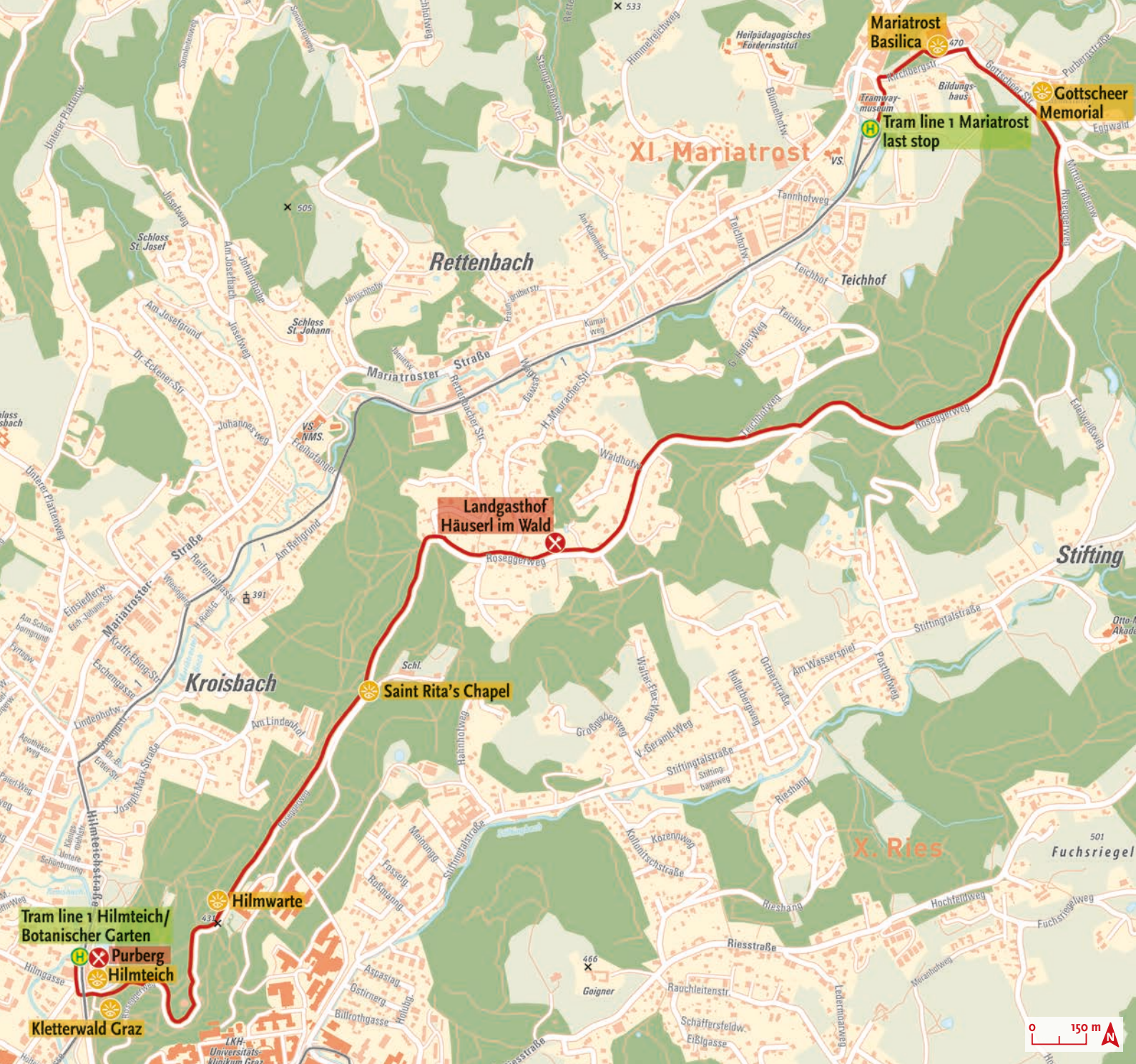
- Mariatrost Basilica
- Gottscheer Memorial
- Kletterwald Graz
- Saint Rita’s Chapel
- Hilmwarte
- Hilmteich



Leechwald squirrel



Mariatrost Basilica





6. SENSES HIKE: RETTEBACHKLAMM – MARIATROST

Rippling water, shady forests, blossoming orchards, and sweeping views characterize this varied hike east of Graz. An atmospheric trail that combines lush nature and panoramic views.

The starting point is at the tram stop Waldhof Rettenbachklamm, easily accessible from the main square via tram line 1. After crossing Mariatrosterstraße, the Steingrabenweg leads directly into the shady Rettenbachklamm gorge. Following the rushing stream, the path winds its way through the narrow ravine over roots and stones. The trail is generally well-maintained, but requires sturdy footwear and sure footing, as some sections can be slippery. On warm days, the cool gorge offers a welcome respite from the heat.

At the end of the gorge, the forest thins out and the trail continues towards Platte and the Stephanienwarte lookout tower. Passing a horse paddock, you'll reach the Pölzer family's orchard. The chirping of crickets, the scent of Christmas trees, and a touch of Mediterranean flair accompany you along the way. The trail then climbs steeply through the forest up to the Stephanienwarte. Clearly visible markers reliably

guide the way. At the top, an impressive panoramic view of Graz and the surrounding area unfolds. Those with energy to spare can climb up to the viewing platform.

The return route leads towards the Mariatrost Basilica. Along the way, you'll pass the fenced deer pasture belonging to the Hopfer family before reaching Mariatrosterstraße again. From here, you can either take a detour to the basilica or return directly to the 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

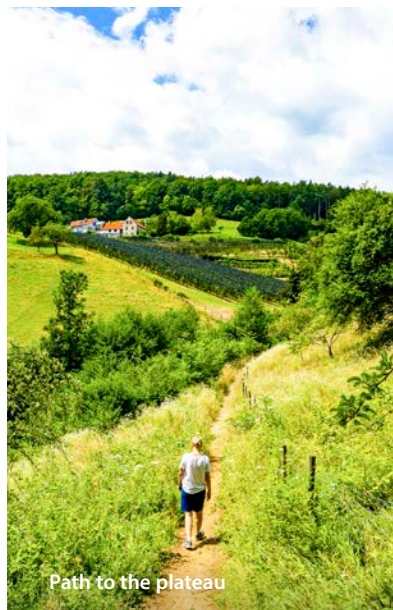
Getting back: Tram line 1 from
Mariatrost

Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Landscape: 🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿

✖ **Eating & drinking:**
– Buschenschank Wastl
buschenschank.at

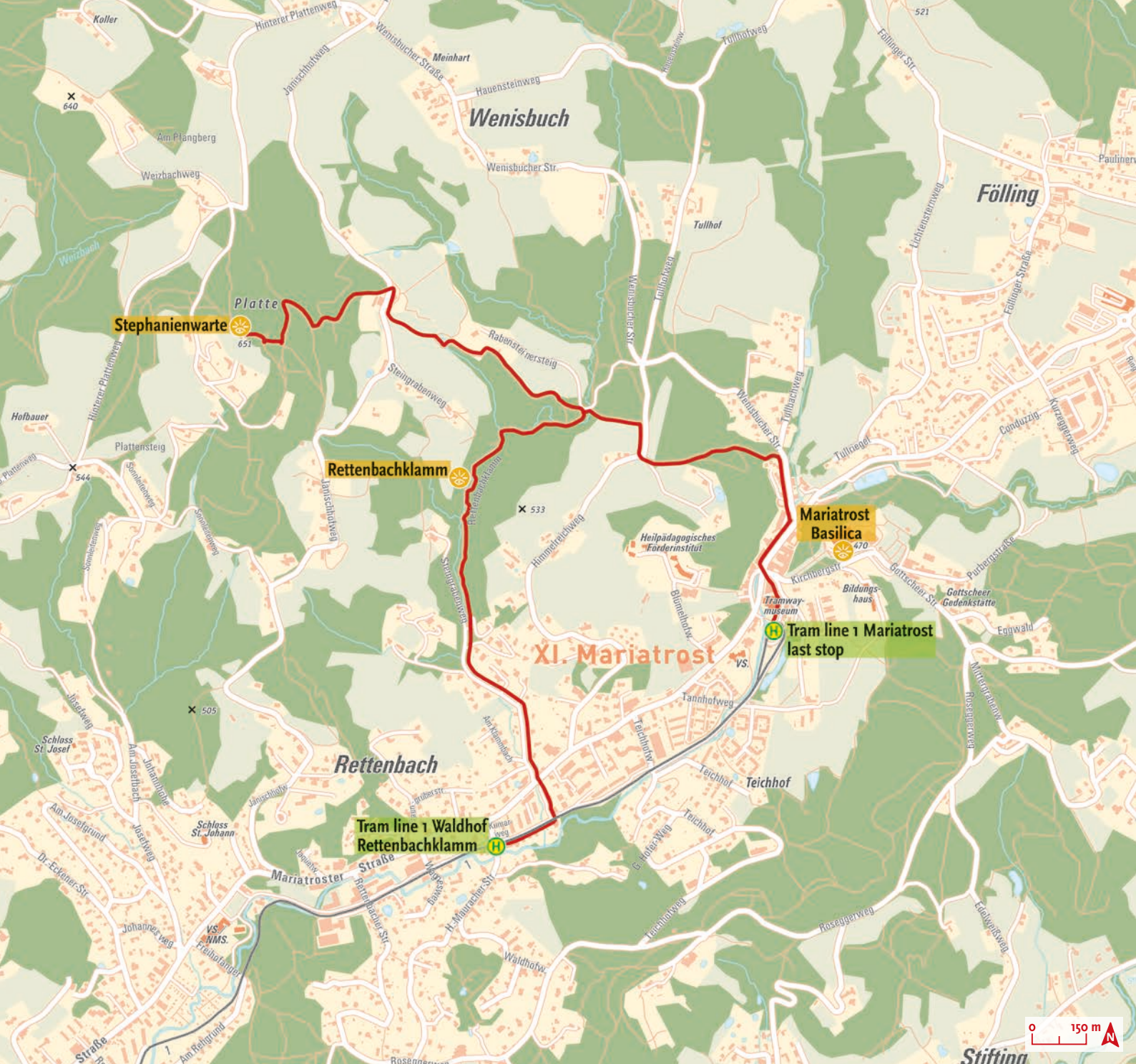
🌞 **Sights & experiences:**
– Stephanienwarte
– Mariatrost Basilica



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 Reindlwaldweg 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 “Heurigen-schenke 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:

- Gasthaus Griesbauer
gasthaus-griesbauer.at
- Heurigen-schenke Sattler
heurigen-schenke-sattler.at



Sights & experiences:

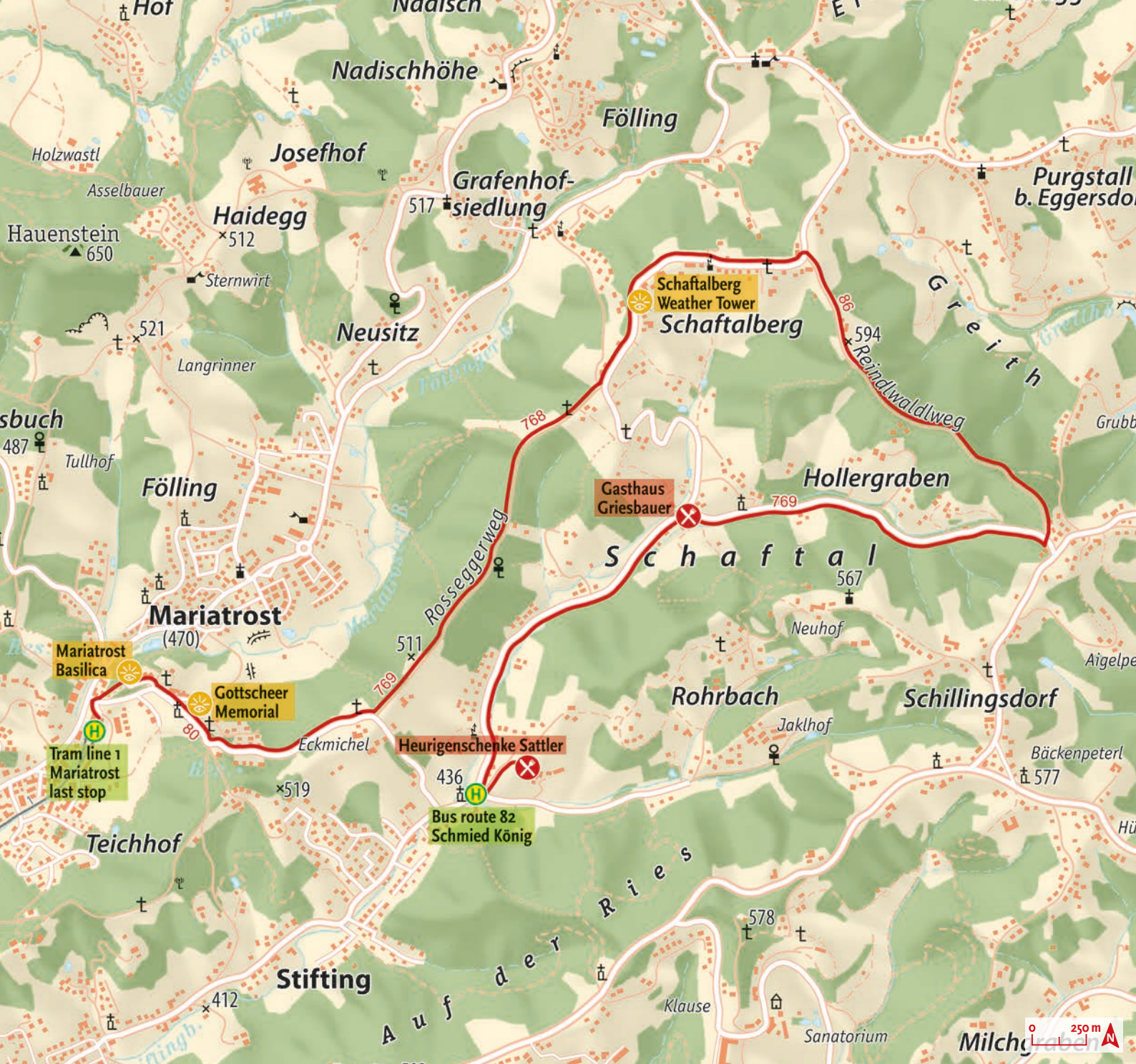
- Mariatrost Basilica
- Gottscheer Memorial
- Schaftalberg
Weather Tower



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 a 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 and walk up to the left. 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 relax and enjoy a picnic.

The "Lustbühel Observatory" was completed in 1976 and houses the "Observational Astrophysics" group's 50 cm Cassegrain telescope (f/9). 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 tent, 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 Haupt-
platz; bus route 60 from Krenngasse

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

Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Landscape: 🌿🌿🌿🌿

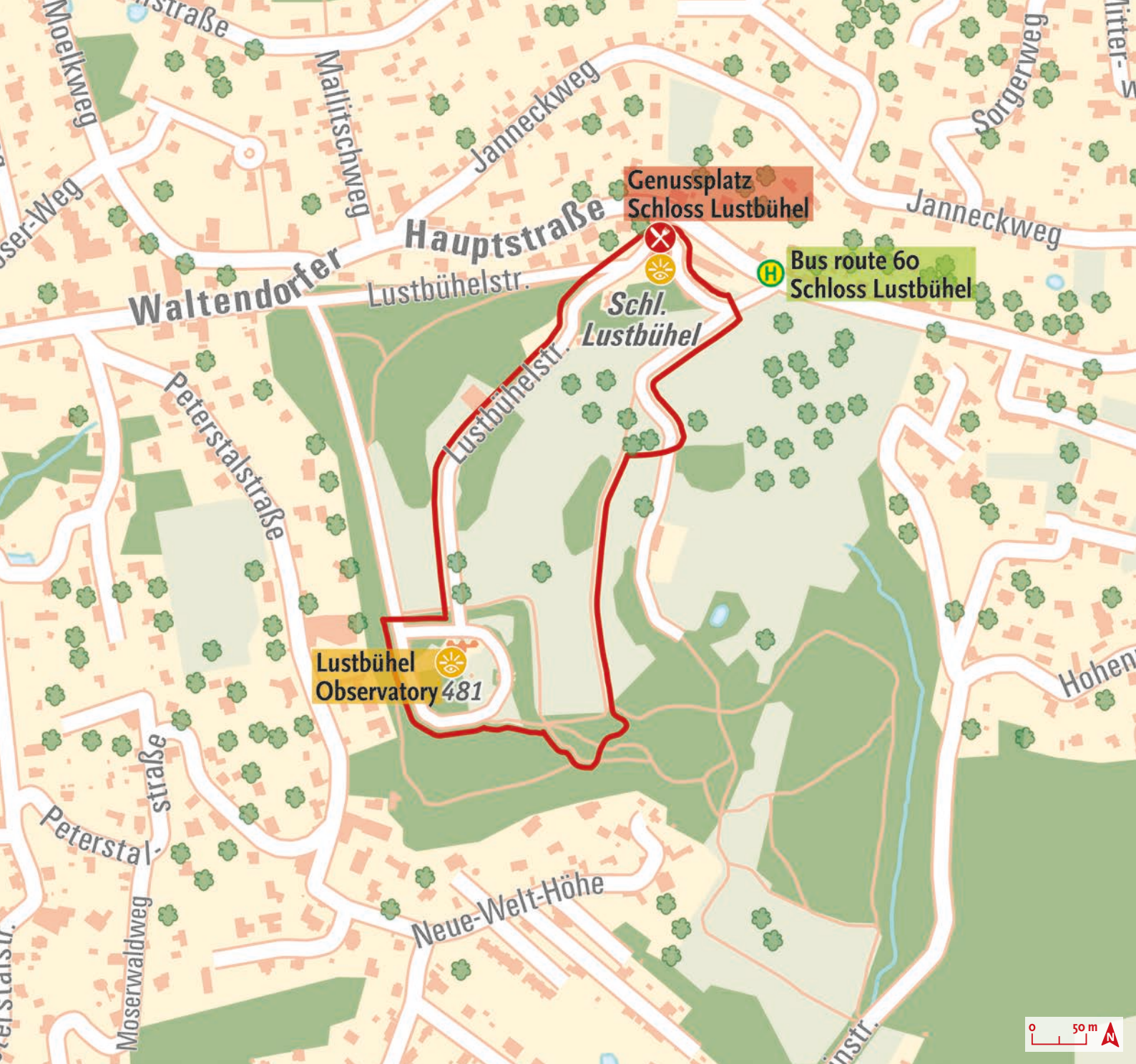


Eating & drinking:
– Genussplatz Schloss
Lustbühel



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 with 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. 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
 - Gasthaus Orthacker
gh-orthacker-buchkogel.metro.rest
 - Gasthaus St. Johann und Paul

- 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





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 Bertha 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 area 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.

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:

- Stadtstrand Graz Bistro



Sights & experiences:

- Seifenfabrik Event Venue
- Grünanger
- Augarten park with Augartenbucht





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