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Announcement

Hinkelstein hiking marathon/trail on March 24, 2024

Hinkelstein
Wandermarathon/Trail 



With the first rays of spring sunshine, ambitious hikers and trail running fans can put their athletic skills to the test on March 24, 2024 and look forward to an exciting outdoor event at our "8th Hinkelstein Hiking Marathon / Trail".

In the immediate vicinity of the imposing abbey church, with the start and finish point at the town hall in Otterberg, the varied route follows the certified Hinkelstein Trail. In addition to natural forest paths and passages across open fields, past historic boundary stones, menhirs and idyllic ponds, the trail offers attractive landscapes and breathtaking views, including of the Donnersberg, the highest mountain in the Palatinate.

Whether at a moderate or brisk hiking pace, possibly even faster - the marathon distance requires hikers and trail runners to cover a total of around 42 kilometers and 500 meters in altitude. For hikers, there is also an optional half marathon distance with approx. 22 kilometers and 200 meters of elevation gain. The start times are 7.30-8.00 a.m. for the marathon, 8.00-9.00 a.m. for the half marathon and 9.00-9.30 a.m. for the trail.

The route is marked and signposted throughout and there are various refreshment stations. A hiking expert will also be on site: Jürgen Wachowski from Otterberg played a key role in the realization of the Hinkelstein hiking trail. He is the hiking supervisor of the German Hiking Association and, as a trained hiking guide, he will take the participating marathon hikers under his wing on the day of the event.

The hiking marathon/trail is organized by the Otterbach-Otterberg municipality, supported by the tourism offices of the municipalities of Winnweiler and Enkenbach-Alsenborn as well as volunteers from the Palatinate Forest associations and the Drehenthalerhof hiking club.

Be there! Take up the challenge of the 8th Hinkelstein hiking marathon/trail! and checkpoints along the way for all participants.

The organizer reserves the right to cancel the event at short notice.

Start/Finish:

Town hall, Hauptstraße 28, 67697 Otterberg

Start times:

- 7.30 a.m. - 8.00 a.m. Hiking marathon
- 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. Hiking half marathon
- 9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Trail

Handing out of starting documents from 7.00 am at the town hall.

Please allow for waiting times.

Route descriptions and elevation profiles:

Hiking marathon and trail: marathon distance (41.2 km, 500 m elevation gain)

Detailed description with map:

<https://www.tourenplaner-rheinland-pfalz.de/de/tour/wanderung/8.-hinkelstein-wandermarathon-trail-am-24.03.2024-otterberg/12837999/>

Directions:

Otterberg (Town Hall) - Lauterstraße - Bachstade - Kneippanlage - Johann-Roos-Straße - Am Rotenberg - Pfifferlingsberg - Götzenwooger Hang - Ultes Rast - Streifelsberg - Mehlinger Heide (entrance) - edge of A63 - Hohe Rech - Baalborn - water nature trail - perfume museum - monument - Mönchkopf - Sonnenkopf - Lanzenbrunner Weiher - Nördlicher Sonnenkopf - Husarenbrunnen - Drehenthalerhof - Kahlenberg - Leoparden-Sandstein - Potzbach - Leithöfe - Igelborner Hütte (Pfälzerwald-Verein Ortsgruppe Winnweiler) - Igelborner Höhe - Klapperborn - Höringen - Bauerncafé Gebhardt - Hauptstraße - Bergstraße - Franzoseneck - Hinterwald - Heidenkopf - Menhir "Hinkelstein" - Lichtenbruck - Otterberger Stück - Buchelstück - Birotshof - Kohldell - Frühlingsfestplatz - Drehenthalerhof - Schweissberg - Otterbachtal - Neumühle - Naturbad Otterberg - Ölmühle - Kirchstraße – Kirchplatz – Otterberg (Town Hall)

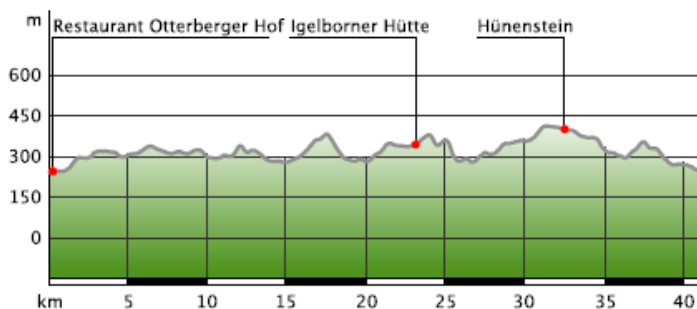
There are about 7 refreshment and control points along the way.

Please bring your own MUG !

Trail markings

Black menhir on white background (terrain), white menhir on gray background (town), signs "Hinkelstein-Wandermarathon"

Elevation profile marathon distance



Hiking half marathon distance (21.5 km, 200 m elevation gain)

Detailed description with map

<https://www.outdooractive.com/de/route/wanderung/pfalz/8.-hinkelstein-wandermarathon-trail-otterberg-halbmarathondistanz/12839788/>

Route description

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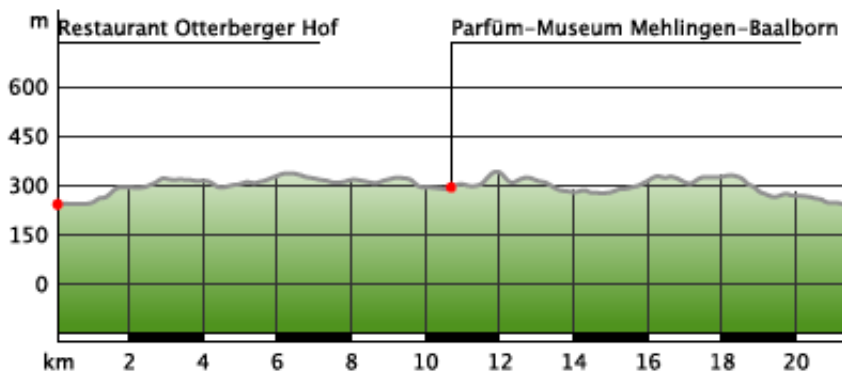
There are 3 refreshment and control points along the way.

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Elevation profile half marathon distance



Entry fees:

20,- Euro per person for half marathon and trail

25,- Euro per person for marathon

including refreshments and a surprise gift

Day registration only if not yet fully booked

NOTE:

No refund will be made in the event of cancellation or no-show!

Miscellaneous:

Free parking at the town hall Stadthalle

Changing rooms and showers available in the town hall

There will be no electronic timekeeping and no award ceremony.

Participation certificates will be presented on site.

Free coffee or tea near the registration desk

Refreshment stations along the way: tea, muesli bars, bananas, etc.

Catering at the finish at cost price

Accommodation and refreshment stops:

see under [Homepage Otterbach-Otterberg](#)

Registration: from January 2024

Registration online at

<https://www.otterbach-otterberg.de/tourismus-freizeit/wandern/hinkelsteinweg/hinkelstein-wandermarathon-trail/>

Please keep the course clean!

Please do not throw any garbage on the course or in the forest.

Many thanks in advance.

Liability:

Participation is at your own risk. The organizers assume no liability. This also applies to accidents and lost items. On receipt of the start cards, each participant declares bindingly that there are no health concerns against his/her participation and that there are no objections to the publication and use of the event photos!

The participant agrees to be informed by the organizer about future hiking events by e-mail.

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