

Short Trips from Reutlingen

Trip One: A Walk from Tübingen to Bebenhausen

Features:

- Enjoy a pleasant walk through Schönbuch forest to the village of Bebenhausen.
- Visit the former Cistercian monastery/castle there.
- Treat yourself to coffee and cake or to a traditional Swabian meal. Or pack a picnic lunch to enjoy during the hike.

Time Needed:

- Day Trip, no need to get up extra early.
- The monastery is open every day April - October, 9 am - 6 pm; November - March every day but Monday, 10 am - 5 pm (also open Monday if it is a holiday).
- The castle has slightly shorter hours (see website below).

Expense:

- Transportation (train to Tübingen, bus [or walk] to the north side of town).
- Entry fee to the monastery and/or castle is 2 - 4 €, depending on whether you visit both and/or take a guided tour (student I.D. needed for this price).
- Discretionary (food and drink) - or take a picnic!

Take the train to Tübingen and then make your way to the north side of town, either by bus (Buslinie 2 to Waldhäuser Ost - to the last stop) or on foot (due north up Waldhäuser Str. which eventually becomes the path you need). Walk through the fields and forest, following signs for Bebenhausen. The walk won't take too long - not even an hour, even if you stop often or stroll.

Once you come out of the forest and drop down into the village you'll spot the pointed spires of the old Cistercian monastery, founded in about 1190. After the reformation one of four famous schools for boys in Württemberg (Klosterschule Bebenhausen) was located there until 1806. More recently the kings of Württemberg reconfigured parts of the building to make a hunting lodge (Jagdschloss). And after WW II representatives of the state government (then called Württemberg-Hohenzollern) met and lived there.

Landhotel Hirsch: lovely traditional place for refreshment
www.landhotel-hirsch-bebenhausen.de

Gasthof Sonne: casual and less expensive if you are ordering a meal
www.sonne-bebenhausen.de/

Double check times at:
<http://www.kloster-bebenhausen.de/de/bebenhausen/Startseite/267784.html>

