

Welcome in the Nideck's land



Hiking and walks



HIKING TRAIL CASTLE NIDECK



intermediatelevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



1 km



1h



190 m



Auberge de la Cascade

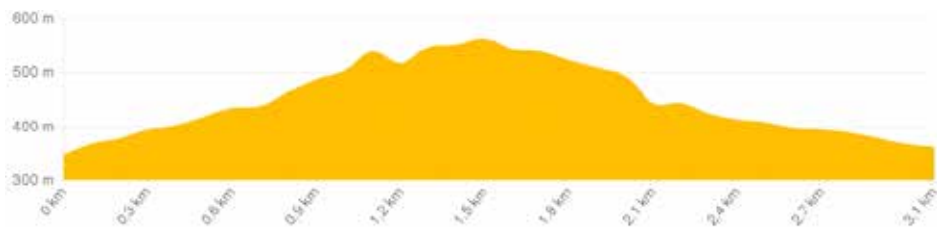


P. Auberge, route du Nideck



10 km - Urmatt

Small circuit towards the ruins and the waterfall of Nideck (25m).



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HIKING TRAIL SYMPOSIUM SCULPTURE - SANDWEG

Easy level



Starting point : Oberhaslach



Circuit to discover art works exposed in the forest. In 2003 during the Symposium of Sculptures, eight artists met during 3 weeks to create.



4,3 km



2h



186 m



Car parc Sandweg



P. Sandweg, route du Nideck D218



5 km - Urmatt



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STEPS

Find the parking



From the D218 by car, don't miss the exit on the right in the direction of the Sandweg trail and take the gravel road to reach the parking.

Start



The trail starts on your right when you arrive from the Nideck road (D218). Follow the yellow ring (direction south-east)

First sculpture



After 300m, in a sharp turn on the left, look on the right hand side to see the first sculpture « Elephant Comb » from Iuan Bon.

Next...



Stay on the same path to see the sculpture n°2,3,4 and 5 which are respectively "549" from François Weil, "Le dialogue des géants" from Tomasz Domanski, "Le royaume du laboureur" from Bénédicte Weber and Sylvain Chartier and "Existe-t-il ou n'existe-t-il pas ?" from Christian Fuchs.

Hohenstein Castle



Leave the Sandweg forest road by taking the path on the left. At the next divergency, turn right to go to the ruins of the Hohenstein Castel and admire the valley from the panoramic view.

Next...



Go back and stay on the right at the divergency to continue the walk until the next sculpture.

Next...



Pay attention around you in order to see the sculpture n° 6 and 7, respectively "Le portique des géants" from Alfi Vivern and "Sans titre" from Kim de Ruyscher.

Back to the parking



A bit further, trun left following the mark of the yellow ring. After approximately 400m, you will se the last sculpture : "Le château égyptien de la poupée de la fille du géant" from Gerardo Arribas. The path brings you directly to the parking.

EASY WALK FOR FAMILIES



Easylevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



5 km



1h30 min



50 m



Mairie



Mairie, rue du nideck



5 km - Urmatt

Little walk of 1.30h through the village and forest. The family tour has 2 options: 5 km or 3 km.



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STEPS

Town Hall

Starting at the town hall, take the rue des écoles located between the town hall and the school. Follow the green and white sign for the family trail. After about 200 metres, take the first street on the right, rue des sapins. At the end of this street turn left into rue des pèlerins. After about a hundred metres take the first street on the right, rue de la source. Continue on this route.

Water Station

After passing by the Oberhaslach reservoir, the trail enters the forest. After about ten metres, take the small path that leads straight ahead, (do not take the path that veers off to the right). The trail leads to a forest path where the route continues to the left.

Virgin Mary

After walking along past the few houses to the left on the edge of the forest, take the path straight ahead at the next intersection. After walking 1 km on level terrain, take the narrow path that leads down towards the wayside shrine to the Virgin Mary. There is a bench for a nice little break here.

Panorama point

Continuing downwards, after about a hundred metres, the path exits the forest, offering a stunning view of the villages of Oberhaslach and Niederhaslach. From here, there are two options:

Option 1

Either turn right onto rue du Ringelstein. At the end of the descent, on your right is the St Florent chapel with its ex-votos which are also worth a visit. Then retrace your steps and walk down the few steps leading to rue de la croix. Then turn left onto rue du Nideck to return to where you started at the town hall.

Option 2

Or go straight down rue Schotten to get straight back to where you started at the town hall.

HIKING THE NIDECK'S GIANTS



Easylevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



This is a walking trail created for a sculpture symposium (2003). More than 80 projects on the local Nideck legend were received from the whole world. 8 monumental pink sandstone sculptures are the result.



6,4 km



3h



261 m



Mairie



Mairie, rue du Nideck



5 km - Urmatt



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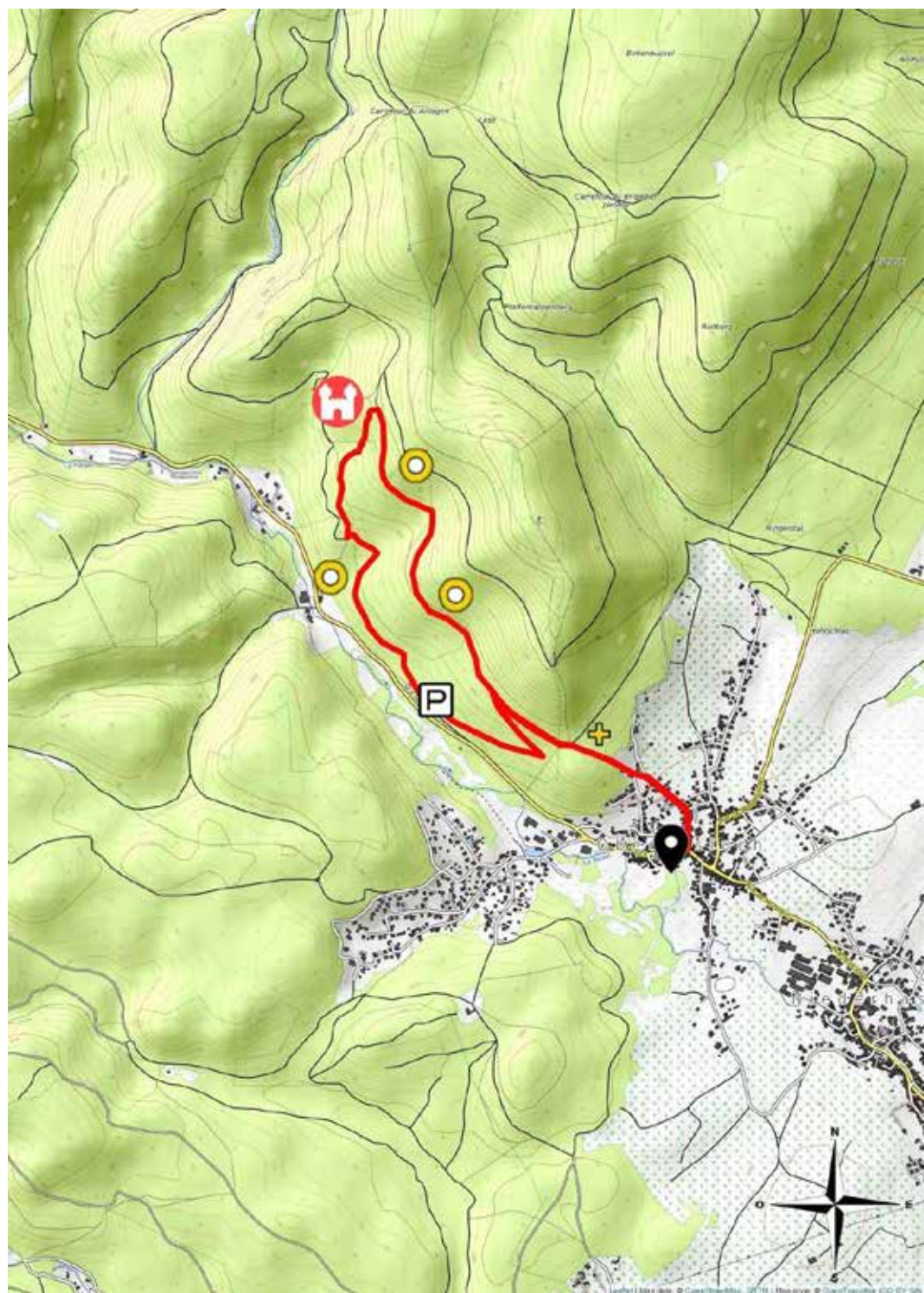
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STEPS

Oberhaslach



Take rue des Ecoles, then rue Schotten. At the intersection take at left to Rue du Ringelstein and then follow the trail at the right of the house No. 19 and reach the forest road further on. Turn left to join the sculptures trail (yellow ring).

Sculptures trail



Stay on the same path to see the sculpture n°2,3,4 and 5 which are respectively "549" from François Weil, "Le dialogue des géants" from Tomasz Domanski, "Le royaume du laboureur" from Bénédicte Weber and Sylvain Chartier and "Existe-t-il ou n'existe-t-il pas ?" from Christian Fuchs (Nr 1 ends the tour).

Hohenstein castle

Leave the Sandweg forest road by taking the path on the left. At the next cross road, turn right to go to the ruins of the Hohenstein Castel and admire the valley from the panoramic view.

Back to the sculptures trail



Go back and stay on the right at the cross road to continue the walk until the next sculpture. Pay attention around you in order to see the sculpture n°6 and 7, respectively "Le portique des géants" from Alfi Vivern and "Sans titre" from Kim de Ruyscher.

To Egypt



A bit further, turn left following the mark of the yellow ring. After approximately 400m, you will see the last sculpture : "Le château égyptien de la poupée de la fille du géant" from Gerardo Arribas.

Last and first art work



After 300m, in a sharp turn on the left, look on the right hand side to see the first sculpture « Elephant Comb » from Iuan Bon.

Back to Oberhaslach



At the next cross road, take right to join Oberhaslach again

HIKING TRAIL CASTLE HOHENSTEIN



intermediate level



Starting point : Oberhaslach



9 km



Half-day



454 m



Circuit through the forest to visit the ruins of 3 castles: Petit and Grand Ringelsberg, Hohenstein. To see on the way: the waterfall of Nideck



Camp site Luttenbach



P. Luttenbach, Route du Nideck



10 km - Urmatt



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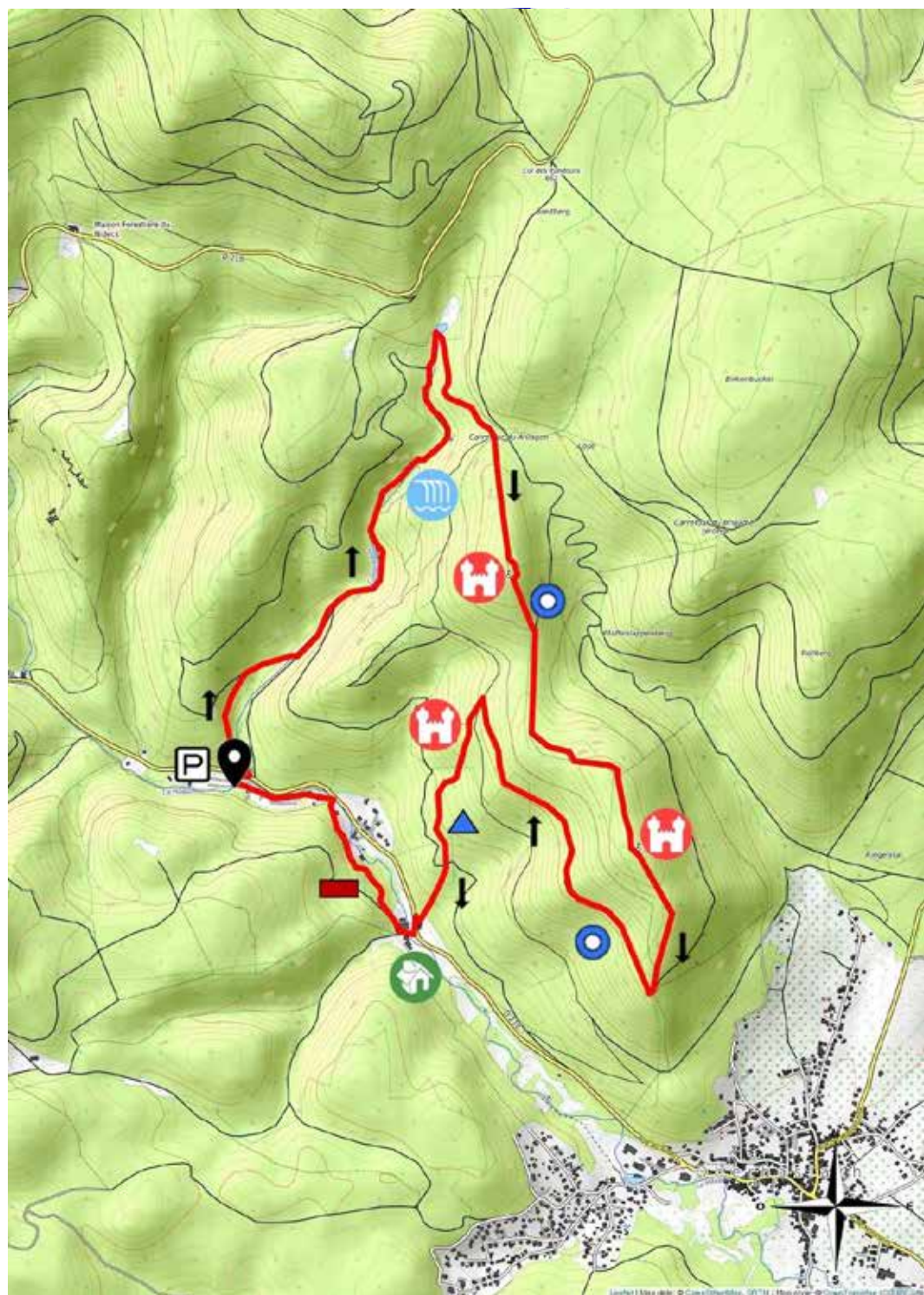
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HIKING TRAIL OF THE WATERFALLS - YELLOW TOUR



intermediate level



Starting point : Oberhaslach



Hiking into the forest of Oberhaslach to visit 2 other waterfalls: Soultzbach and Weinbaechel. They are less impressive than their great sister Nideck (red and black tour).



10,50 km



Half-day



229 m



Salle polyvalente



P. salle polyvalente, route du Nideck



5 km - Urmatt



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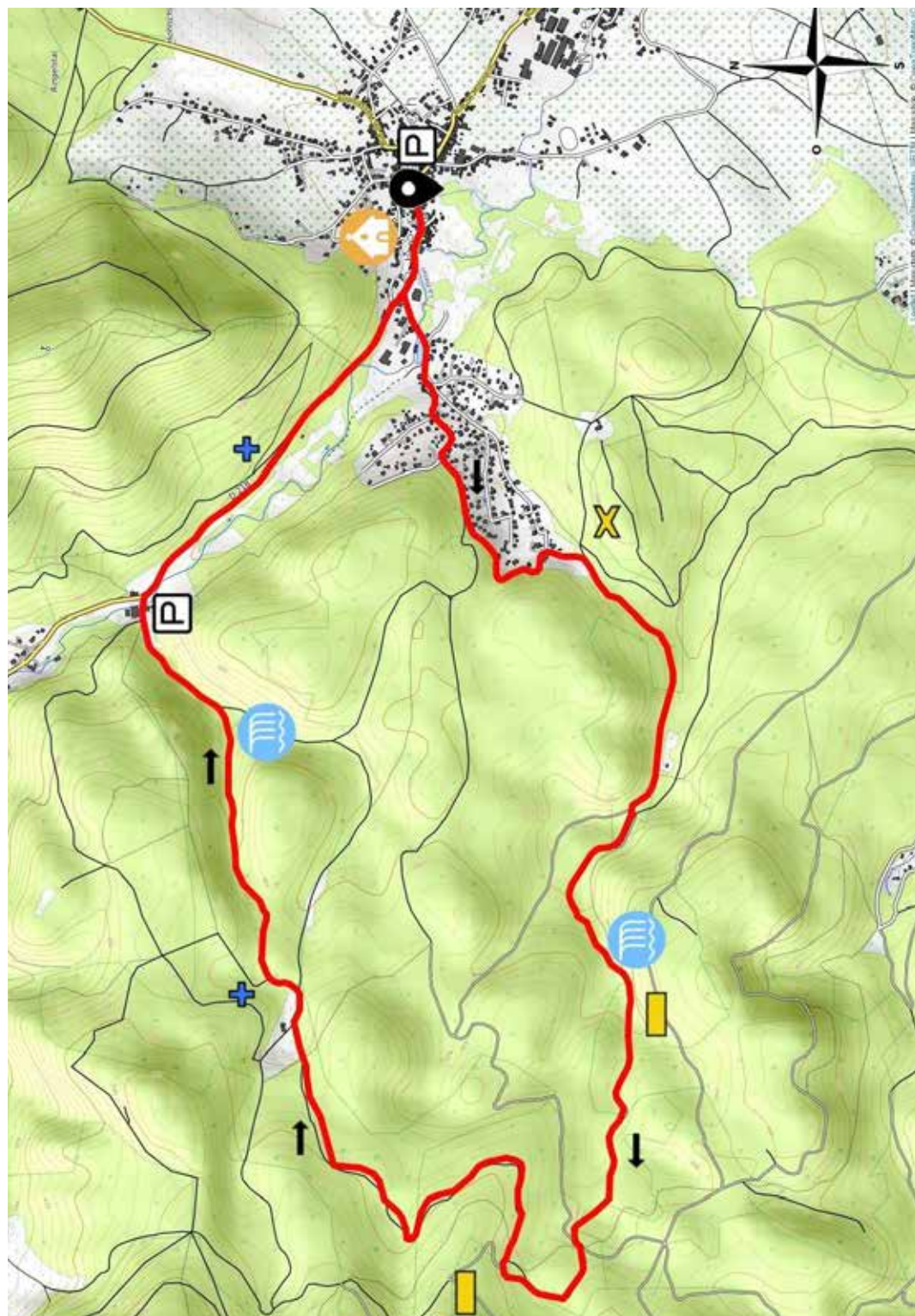
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HIKING TRAIL OF THE WATERFALLS - RED TOUR



Sportivelevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



Circuit through the forest to the waterfall of Nideck and the ruins of the castle of Hohenstein.



10,7 km



2h30 min



359 m



Salle polyvalente



*M. F. Hohenstein, route du
Nideck*



5 km - Urmatt



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HIKING PANORAMA



Sportivelevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



11,5 km



Half-day



457 m



Mairie



7 km - Urmatt

Circuit to discover the ruins of the Petit and Grand Ringelsberg so as the Hohenstein. Also to see: the chapel Saint Florent and its ex-votos.



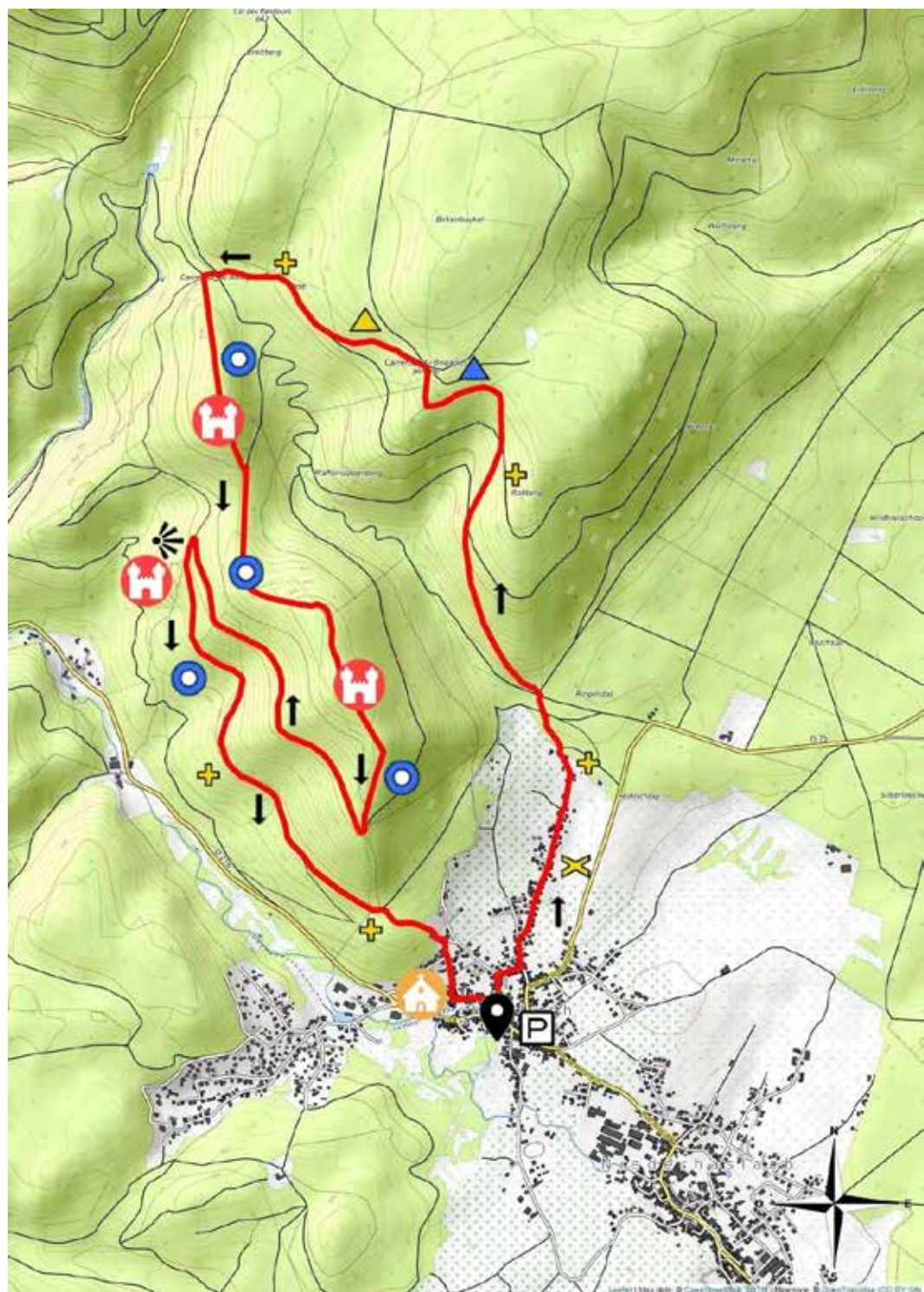
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STEPS

Start Oberhaslach ✕



After the town hall, on the left, take the rue des écoles. At the second crossroads, take a right, rue des sapins, and then a the left, rue des pèlerins. Rue de la source will then lead you to the edge of the forest.

The forest +



Once at the forest, take the path on your left (the steepest) for about 200 m, this will lead to a small intersection. Continue straight ahead until you reach the next crossroads.

Pfaffenlapp rock



Then take the path marked with a yellow cross on the left leading up high (path steep). Climb about 1.7 km (most difficult part of the walk). Once you have reached the plateau, turn left after 100 m. Pfaffenlapp rock (663 m) will then provide a stunning view over the whole Alsatian plain, the valley of the Hasel and Bruche rivers.

Brigadier Jérôme crossroads ▲



To leave, take the path on the left marked with the yellow cross, which will take you to the “Brigadier Jérôme crossroads” (200 m further on)

Le Petit Ringelsberg



At this crossroads, turn left to reach a place called "Anlagen" (573 m) following the markings: yellow cross and yellow triangle, then blue for about a kilometre. From there, take the left footpath, marked by a blue ring, which is about 50 m below the crossroads. The path that will take you to the top of the "Petit Ringelsberg" (641 m), passing some Gallo-Roman remains.

The Ringelstein



Still following the blue ring markings, a small descent then a slight ascent will take you to the ruins of Ringelstein castle at the top of the Grand Ringelsberg (645 m).

The Hohenstein castle ruins



To descend, take the blue ring (about 400 m descent, be careful) then the trail on the right marked by a yellow cross to return to the village of Oberhaslach. As you walk, you will pass by the Hohenstein castle ruins. Continue for 300 m on the path marked by a yellow ring and then a yellow cross.

St Florent Chapel



Return to the village by taking rue de Schotten, then rue Ringelstein until you reach rue Saint Florent. From there turn right, rue de la Croix (small alley with steps) which takes you to rue du Nideck (main street).

HIKING LEGEND OF THE LADY IN WHITE



intermediate level



Starting point : Oberhaslach



14,6 km



Half-day



555 m



Hostellerie Saint-Florent



Mairie, rue du Nideck



5 km - Urmatt

Circuit to discover the ruins of the castles and the legend of the White Lady who haunts the Hohenstein. On the way, there are also Gallo-Roman remains.



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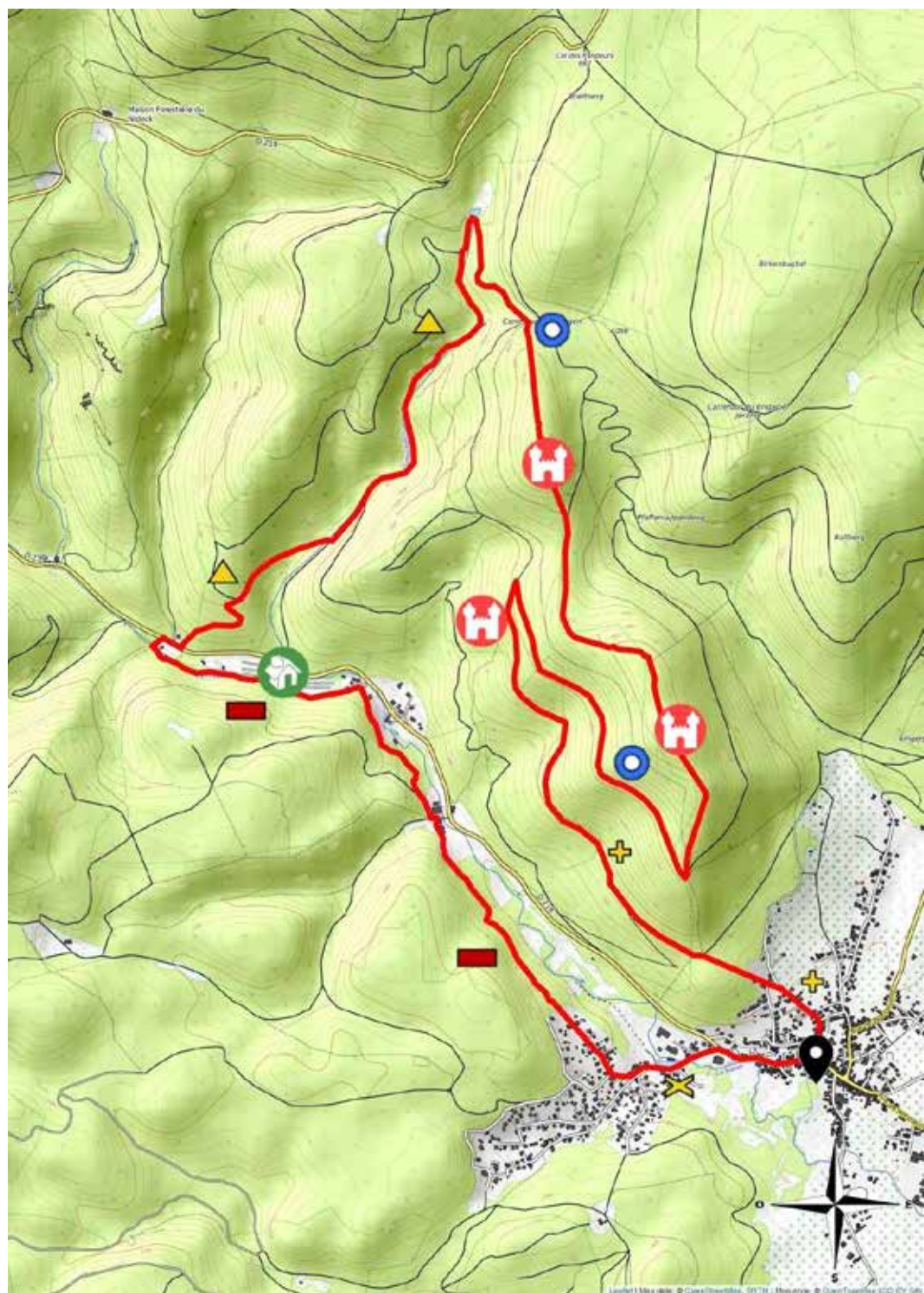
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STEPS

Château du Hohenstein

From the hostellerie Saint-Florent, take rue des Ecoles, then rue Schotten. At the intersection take at left to Rue du Ringelstein and then follow the trail at the right of the house No. 19 and reach the forest road further on. Turn left to join the sculptures trail and the path towards castle Hohenstein (yellow cross).

Legend of the white Lady

Many hikers who, when the evening is coming, see a lady, all dressed in white, haunting the ruins of the Hohenstein castle. She is sitting at the top of the rock, so close to the abyss that she seems to want to rush into it. She stretches her imploring hands towards the hikers and groans, cries in despair.

Ringelsberg castles

Continue your way to the ruins of the two castles Ringelstein (blue ring): the Great and the Little. At the top of the Grand Ringelsberg lies the ruins of the Ringelstein. Continue to the intersection Anlagen and the Kasperlehep ponds, then turn left and follow the Luttenbach River (yellow triangle) to go down to the village.

Ruines and remains

Many remains of stones and walls more or less preserved so as Gallo-Roman remains. At the top of the great Ringelsberg castle lies the ruins of the Ringelstein castle.

GR53

Arriving at Route D218, take at right a few meters to reach the GR53 on the left (red rectangle). Pass behind the Luttenbach campsite and continue straight until the first houses of Oberhaslach.

Oberhaslach

At the end of the rue de la forêt, take at left (yellow x cross). At the rue Klintz, take rue du Nideck to the right to return to your starting point. To visit: the chapel St. Florentius

HIKING TRAIL OF THE WATERFALLS - BLACK TOUR

Sportivelevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



21 km



Half-day



606 m



Salle polyvalente



P. salle polyvalente, route du Nideck



5 km - Urmatt

Great circuit to discover the waterfalls of Oberhaslach: Nideck, Soultzbach, Weinbaechel and Luttenbach. This tour can be divided into 2 distinct trails (yellow and red).



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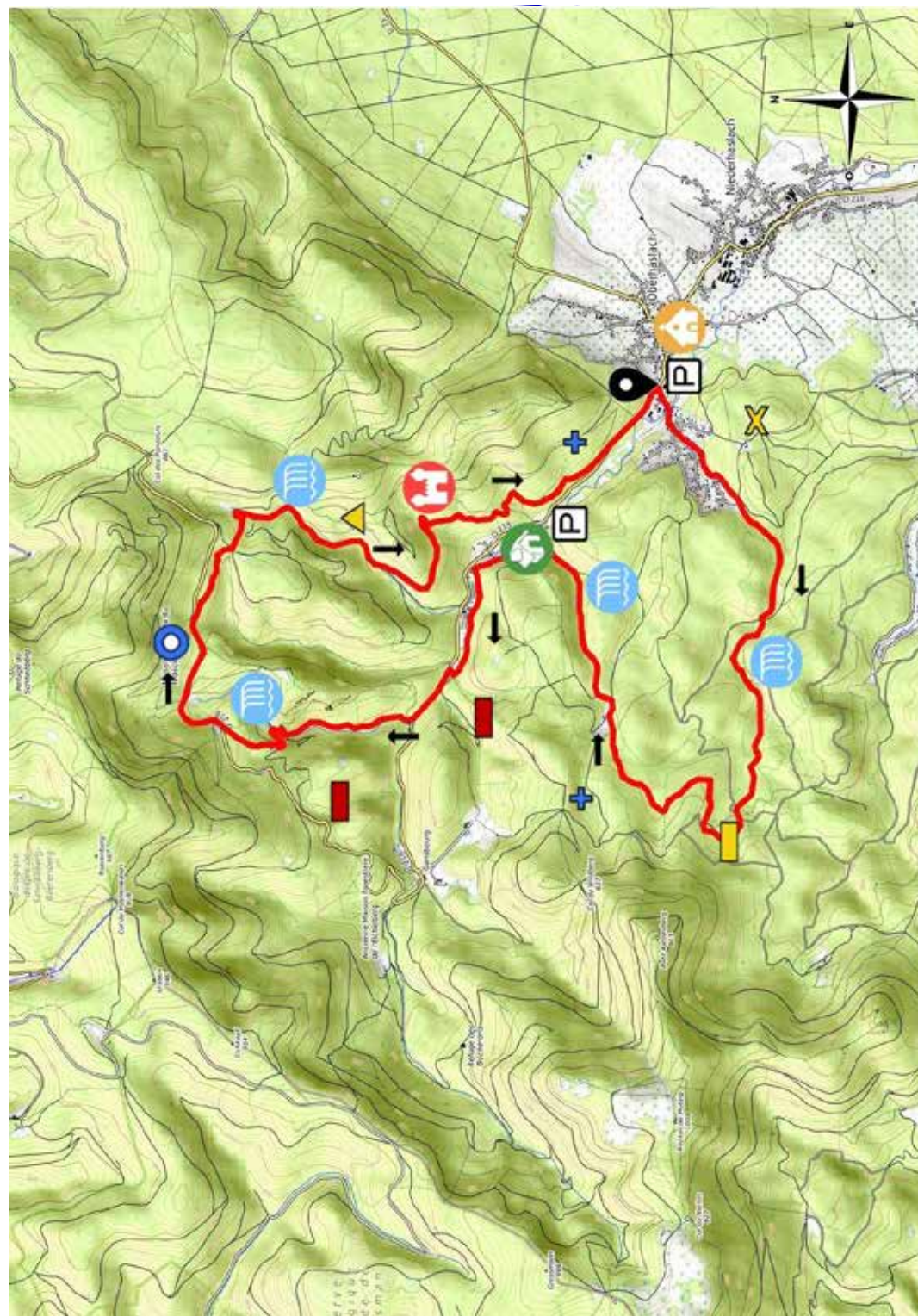
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HIKING TRAIL ROCHER DE MUTZIG



Sportivelevel



Starting point : Oberhaslach



23,6 km



Half-day



817 m



Mairie



Mairie, rue du Nideck



7 km - Urmatt

Circuit en forêt à la découverte d'un des point culminant du Bas-Rhin : le Rocher de Mutzig. sur le parcours, à découvrir la Porte de Pierre ou porte des Géants.



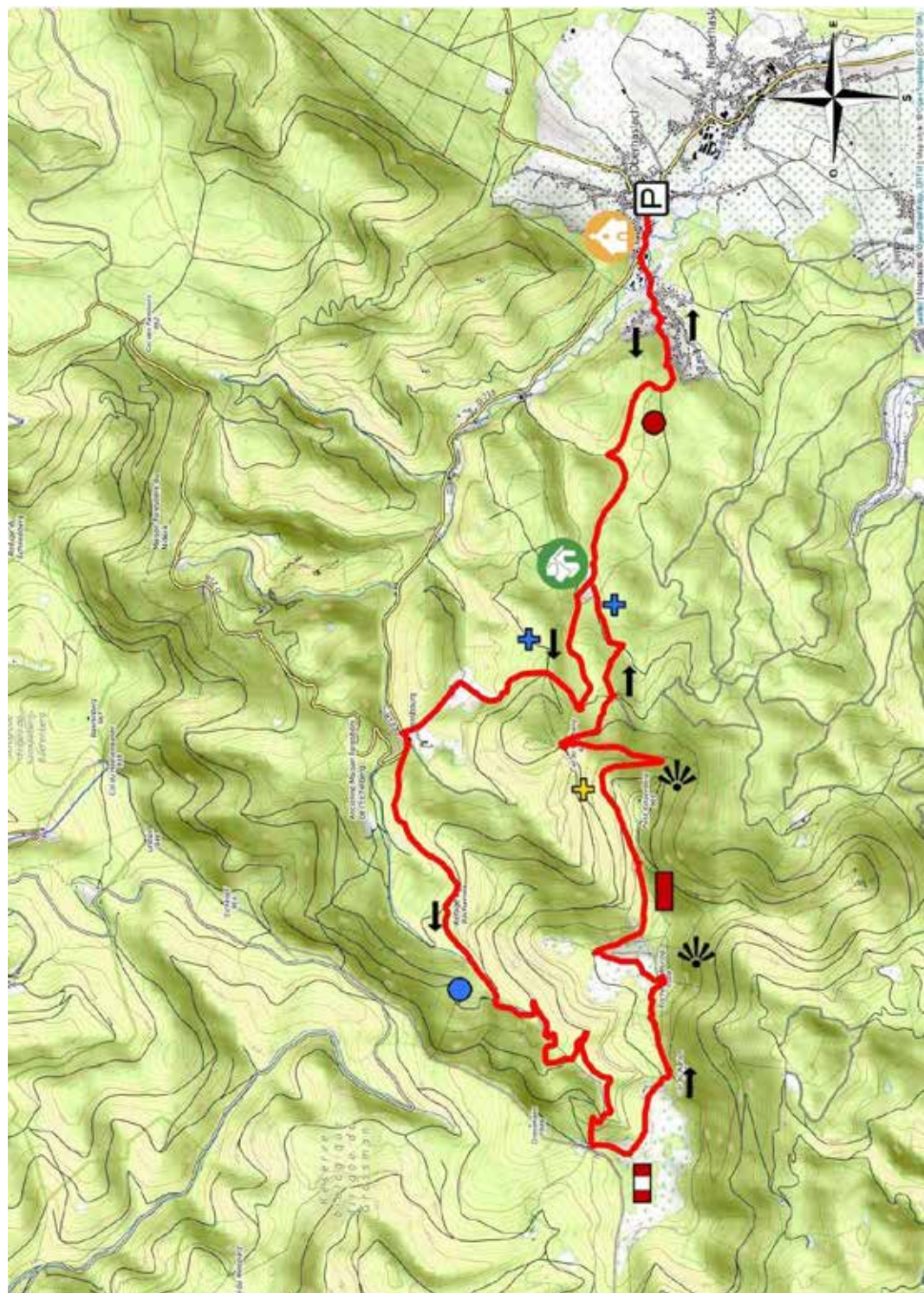
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STEPS

Start town hall

From the hotel turn left, towards the village hall in Rue du Klintz, then onto Rue de la Forêt, heading towards Spiess to get to Gensbourg.

House Worker

Once you've arrived, head down towards the right to the workers' house and then go back up to the left in the pin bend. The forest path crosses the stream, continues upwards (left bank of the stream) before a series of bends starts that takes you almost to the top of the small valley

The source of the river Hasel

At the last right turn, ascend via a small footpath on the left which passes the source of the river Hasel, reaches the Altmatt pass, between the Grassmann (987 m) and the Noll (990 m) peaks. From the pass, head south to reach the ridge of the Rocher du Mutzig at the Narion pass (Cabane des juifs), on the GR53.

GR 53

Follow the GR53 to the left. It roughly follows the line of the ridge before ascending in a few bends to reach the main summit at an altitude of 1010 m.

Porte de pierre

From the summit, continue on the GR53 which then first turns to the left before coming to a path leading down the northern slope of the Grand Katzenberg to reach the enigmatic Porte de Pierre (Stone Gate): pink sandstone rock intriguingly eroded into a natural triumphal arch.

Wildberg pass

From the Porte de Pierre, the route continues downwards via the north side of the Petit Katzenberg on a beautiful fir-tree lined path that leads to a small unloading trail, which you take to the left up to the Wildberg pass (637 m).

GR 532

Turn to the right, then immediately continue to the left on a path leading straight down onto the GR532 to the top of the pass (550 m) overlooking the Gensburg clearing

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