

November 2025

Wandering News

Wiesbaden International Wandering Club

OUR MISSION

WIWC strives to encourage Volksmarching, physical activity, outdoor enjoyment, and positive interactions with our host nation's citizens.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to November! The month of gratitude! With the weather getting colder, rainier and windier (is that a word?), it's easier to stay home, curl up with a blanket and watch a movie. We may forget that the clouds can create their own outdoor beauty. While it may be colder outside, the trails are waiting for you to discover new views and vistas.

In the month of gratitude, I'm grateful for my legs and feet and the ability to walk. That ability has given me some amazing experiences and I hope that your own legs will continue to carry you along the trails.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Kim Kuhn WIWC President



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Monthly Member Meeting Reminder November 17, 2025

Schnitzel Queen in Nordenstadt (Borsigstraße 1A, 65205 Wiesbaden).

6:00 pm for dinner (individual cost, European Cash (euros) only) and socializing; 7:00 pm for the meeting.

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

Our Club's Trail

Let's Support our Club!

WIWC Goethe Trail. Get ready to explore Frankfurt! We operate 5 km, 11 km & 20 km (20 km trail not marked due to city limitations) trails ready for download. Find all the .gpx files at https://www.dvv-wandern.de/permanente-wanderwege/hessen/wanderweg/auf-goethes-spuren-frankfurt. You'll need the Komoot app to open the trail files. Want a printable PDF? Just let us know! Happy hiking! Our club earns 1.50 Euro for every start card sold so walking these trails helps support our club and our members.

Address: Goethehaus, Großer Hirschgraben 21, 60311 Frankfurt am Main, Hessen

Distance: 23 mi East of Wiesbaden, about 30 minutes driving from Wiesbaden. Easy parking and public transportation.

Upcoming Engagements

Here are the upcoming club events/volunteer opportunities. If you can help with either of them, please let us know.

Friday, Nov 14 - St. Martin's Day celebration

What: Goose dinner with side dishes and dessert. Drinks not included in cost. Where: Restaurant Neues Schützenhaus; <u>Schützenhausweg 1, 65195 Wiesbaden</u>

When: Friday, November 14 at 18:00

Cost: Price can change, but it will be roughly 33 euros per adult. We are still waiting on kids prices.

Deadline to rsvp: November 3

Nov 17 - Club Council elections: Please consider running for a council position. Our basic council member positions are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Director

Activities Director

We accept any kind of help so if you just want to help out a little without being part of the council, that would be great too. Just let us know.

Dec. 3 - Gift wrapping fundraiser: Volunteers needed to gift wrap and accept donations.

Dec. 4 - Tree lighting ceremony: Volunteers needed to provide information to those coming to our table and to help "sell" baked goods as we take donations.

Let us know if you want to volunteer by November 19.

Featured Walks

Your Next Adventure Awaits!

Ready to lace up your boots and explore? We've handpicked a few walks we think you'll absolutely love! From scenic trails to charming strolls, these routes are just waiting to be discovered.

If you embark on one of these featured walks, we'd be thrilled to hear all about your adventure! Share your experience (and those amazing pictures!) by sending a short article to **wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com**. Your story could inspire fellow volksmarchers for our next newsletter!

Our featured walk this month is our neighboring club in Ramstein! These are always good walks, so please come out and join your fellow walkers.

"Turkey Trot on Pre-Thanksgiving Weekend"
Saturday/Sunday, November 22nd/23rd
Ramstein-Miesenbach
5 km, 10 km, 16 km, 21 km
Start: Sat., Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (5 km), 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (10 km), 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (16 km) and 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (21 km)
Multipurpose Hall Miesenbach, Am Kiefernkopf 22, 66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach , Train Station:
Miesenbach

Travel Opportunities

Watch Out World, Here We Come ...!

Travel Opportunities

Our neighboring club in Dietkirchen (near Limburg) has an open invitation for us to participate in their monthly Volksmarch bus trips, mostly to Germany & Belgium destinations. They provide transportation to the event plus the Start Card to participate (but no side trip).

Unfortunately, their December trips are already booked with their own club members, but their November trip still has room.

Their next trip is: Sunday, 9 November at Saive, Belgium. All Departure times are 7:00 AM.

Cost: 13 euros If interested, please contact the Dietkirchen Club directly at wandern-dietkirchen@t-online.de. If the bus trip goes in our direction the bus will stop in Wiesbaden for us. If not, the bus will depart from Dietkirchen.

From Our Members

Photos and stories by club members

Did you recently conquer an incredible trail, discover a breathtaking new spot, or enjoy a charming neighborhood stroll? Don't keep those amazing experiences to yourself! We want to hear all about your latest adventures, whether it's a challenging hike or a relaxing walk.

Unleash your inner storyteller and spill the beans! We'd love to feature your discoveries in our upcoming newsletter. Please send a short article detailing your walk, along with any fantastic pictures you've taken, to wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com. When you send your submission, make sure your subject line is: Newsletter submission. We can't wait to share your adventures and inspire our community to explore!

Unfortunately, no stories to share this month but please let's know in the future any walks you have gone on.

Upcoming Walks in Germany

Get Out and Explore!

Looking to stay active and enjoy the beauty of our region? Here's a list of **traditional local walks happening this month**—perfect opportunities to stretch your legs, earn those stamps, and connect with fellow walkers. Mark your calendars and join in the fun!

As a reminder, it's always a good idea to go to the DVV website to see if there are any changes for the volksmarch you're planning for. The current volksmarches can be seen here:

https://www.dvv-wandern.de/aktuelles-angebot

Cancellations and any changes can be seen here:

https://www.dvv-wandern.de/terminaenderungen-nach-zeitlicher-aktualitaet

Saturday/Sunday, November 1/2 Mandel 5 km, 10 km, 20 km Start: Sat. 07:00 - 14:00, Sun. 07:00 - 13:00 Schlossberghalle, Sponheimer Str. 1, 55595 Mandel 55 minutes or 60 km southwest of Wiesbaden

Saturday, November 1 (Guided walk) Langenzenn 5 km, 10 km Start: Sa. 10:00 Uhr Gasthaus zur Krone, Hindenburgstraße 26, 90579 Langenzenn 2 hours 20 minutes or 239 km southeast of Wiesbaden Not too far from Nuremberg if you want to add a walk to a weekend trip.

Saturday, November 1 Ölbronn-Dürrn 5 km, 10 km Start: Sa. 08:00 - 13:00 Uhr (5, 10 km) und 08:00 -

12:00 Uhr (20 km)

Gemeindehalle Dürrn, Wiesenstr. 16, 75248

Ölbronn-Dürrn,

2 hours or 173 km south of Wiesbaden

Saturday, November 1 (Guided walk)

Reichenbach 6 km, 11 km

Start: Sa. 10:00 Uhr

Vereinsheim, Reichenbachtal 47, 77723

Reichenbach

2 hours 25 minutes or 228 km south of Wiesbaden

Saturday/Sunday, November 1/2

Mandel

5 km, 10 km, 20 km

Start: Start: Sa. 07:00 - 14:00 Uhr, So. 07:00 -

13:00 Uhr

Schlossberghalle, Sponheimer Str. 1, 55595

Mandel

45 minutes or 60 km southwest of Wiesbaden

Saturday, November 8 (Guided walk)

Monsheim

6 km, 21 km

Start: Sa. 11:00 Uhr (6 km) und 09:00 Uhr (21 km)

Bahnhof, Bahnhofstr., 67590 Monsheim 50 minutes or 72 km south of Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 9

Kirchen

5 km, 10 km, 15 km

Start: So. 08:00 - 14:00 Uhr (5, 10 km) und 08:00 -

13:00 Uhr (15 km)

Rathausplatz und Tourist-Information, Lindenstr.

3, 57548 Kirchen (Sieg)

1 hour 35 minutes or 122 km north of Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 9

Monreal

5 km, 10 km, 20 km

Start: 07:30 - 12:30 Uhr

Sportheim/Sportplatz Monreal, Am Bahnhof,

56729 Monreal

1 hour 35 minutes or 142 km northwest of

Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 9 (Guided walk)

Großenlüder (Grossenlueder)

6 km, 11 km

Start: So. 10:00 Uhr

Gasthaus "Zum Hirsch", Lauterbacher Str. 16,

36137 Großenlüder

1 hour 42 minutes or 149 km northeast of

Wiesbaden

Saturday, November 15 (Guided walk)

Ebernhahn

6 km, 12 km

Start: 10:00

Community Center, Dernbacher Str. 62a, 56424

Ebernhahn

1 hour or 87 km northwest of Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 16 (Guided walk)

Siegen Oberschelden

5 km, 10 km, 15 km

Start: 10:00 am

Car park "Lurzenbach", Oberschelder Str, 57080

Siegen Oberschelden

1 hour 50 minutes or 157 km north of Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 16

Niederstetten-Vorbachzimmern

5 km, 10 km, 20 km

Start: 08:00-14:00 (5 and 10 km); 08:00-12:00 (20

km)

Turn Festhalle, Hauser Tal 1, 97996 Niederstetten-

Vorbachzimmern

2 hours 10 minutes or 184 km southeast of

Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 23

Stettfeld

6, 10 km

Start: Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Brewery "Schwarzer Adler", Hauptstraße 19,

96188 Stettfeld

2 hours 35 minutes or 226 km east of Wiesbaden

Saturday, November 29 (Guided hike)

Bad Dürkheim-Leistadt

6 km, 20 km

Start: Sat. 11:00 a.m. (6 km) and 9:00 a.m. (20 km)

Felsenberg-Berntal car park, outskirts of town,

Weidenhof, on the L 517, 67098 Bad Dürkheim-

Leistadt

1 hour 20 minutes or 108 km south of Wiesbaden

Sunday, November 30 Mönchengladbach-Hardt 6 km, 11 km, 15 km Start: Sun. 08:00 - 12:00 (6, 11 km) and 08:00 -11:00 (15 km) Parish hall St. Nikolaus MG-Hardt, Alexander-Scharff-Str. 35, 41169 Mönchengladbach-Hardt 2 hours 35 minutes or 246 km northeast of Wiesbaden Sunday, November 30 Ketsch (Near Heidelberg so you can check out that town as well.) 6 km, 12 km, 21 km, 30 km Start: Sun. 07:00 - 13:00 (6, 12, 21 km) and 07:00 - 11:00 (30 km) Rheinhalle, Im Bruch 3, 68775 Ketsch, Train

European Walks

Every Month is Full of Fun!

There are a wagon load of Volksmarches happening across Europe in July—plenty of opportunities to hit the trails and explore new places on foot! Here are just a few upcoming walks to whet your appetite:

Sat 01.11.2025 38e Marche de l'Argentine Place: 1332 Genval, Belgium

5 km, 11 km, 16 km

Sat 01.11.2025 50e Marche internationale du Houx Place: 4610 Beyne-Heusay, Belgium 4 km, 6 km, 12 km, 21 km, 30 km, 42 km

Sun 02.11.2025 27e Marche de la Vallée du Piéton Place: 6230 Pont-à-Celles, Belgium 3 km, 6 km, 12 km, 18 km, 24 km

Sun 02.11.2025 50e Marche internationale du Houx Place: 4610 Beyne-Heusay, Belgium 4 km, 6 km, 12 km, 21 km, 30 km

Sat 08.11.2025 MARCHE ANNULEE Place: 7141 Carnières, Belgium 4 km, 6 km, 12 km, 20 km

Sat 08.11.2025 IVV-Wanderung in Dudelange

Marsch der 10.000 Schritte - ALD Place: 3449 Dudelange, Luxemburg 5 km, 10 km

station: Schwetzingen or Mannheim

Sat 08.11.2025 55e Marche de l'Armistice Place: 4671 Saive, Belgium 4 km, 8 km, 12 km, 33 km, 42 km

Sun 09.11.2025 6e Marche des Potes Iront Place: 5310 Boneffe, Belgium 4 km, 7 km, 13 km, 21 km

Sat 15.11.2025 51e Marche Internationale du Plateau Place: 4650 Herve, Belgium 3 km, 5 km, 8 km, 13 km, 18 km, 25 km

Sat 22.11.2025, Sun 23.11.2025 Walking in RIXHEIM Place: 68170 RIXHEIM, France 5 km, 13 km

Sat 22.11.2025 IVV-Wanderung in Leudelange Abendwanderung Place: 3352 Leudelange, Luxemburg 5 km, 10 km

Sun 23.11.2025 53e Marche des Bruyères Place: 4030 Grivegnée, Belgium 2 km, 4 km, 6 km, 12 km, 21 km, 30 km Sat 29.11.2025 IVV-Wanderung in Kayl (Tétange) Weihnachtsmarkt-Wanderung Place: 3786 Tetange, Luxemburg 5 km, 10 km

Volksmarching Websites

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

International Walks	http://www.ivv-online.org
Sponsored Walks in Germany	https://www.dvv-wandern.de/aktuelles-angebot
Year-Round Walks in Germany	https://www.dvv-wandern.de/permanente-
	<u>wanderwege</u>
Walks in the USA	www.ava.org

** For Your Information **

The DVV 2026 books are now available for 6€ each. Same information you can find online, but in book form.

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

Year-Round Walking Opportunities!

For local traditional events, check out nearby permanent trails (Year-Round Events). Hike them anytime to get your book stamp. In addition to our very own Geothe walk in Frankfurt list at above, check out:

"Auf den Spuren der Aartalbahn" (on the remnants of the old Aar River Valley Railroad. IVV Permanent Trail 5 km, 13 km & 21 km trails, DVV Wandern - "Auf den Spuren der Aartalbahn im Taunus" (dvv- wandern.de) Address: Sportplatz Kleinfeldchen "Imbiss bei Kosta", Hollerbornstraße 13, 65197 Wiesbaden- Dotzheim, Hessen Distance: 2 mi Southwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 5 minutes driving time from Wiesbaden.

"Schwalben Wanderweg" (Swallow hiking trail, the town's name is Swallow Creek) IVV Permanent Trail 6 km, 12 km & 20 km trails, DVV Wandern - "Schwalben Wanderweg" (dvv-wandern.de)

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

Distance: Northwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 25 minutes driving time from Wiesbaden.

"Auf den Spuren der Roemer in Mainz-Kastel" (on the traces of the Romans in Mainz-Kastel). IVV Permanent Trail 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, <u>DVV Wandern - "Auf den Spuren der Römer in Kastel" (dvv-wandern.de)</u> <u>Address</u>: Brauhaus Castel, Otto-Suhr-Ring 27, 55252 (Wiesbaden-) Mainz-Kastel, Hessen <u>Distance</u>: 5 mi Southeast of downtown Wiesbaden, about 10 minutes driving time from Wiesbaden.

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

13 km trail only, <u>DVV Wandern - "Taunus-Rundwanderweg" (dvv-wandern.de)</u>

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

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

6 km, 10 km & 20 km trails, <u>DVV Wandern - "Rheinhessenblick" (dvv-wandern.de)</u>

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

In Hessen

Bad Schwalbach

6 km, 12 km, 20 km

Start: Cafe Kirch 1, Kirchstrasse 1, 65307 Bad Schwalbach

30 minutes or 28 km northwest of Wiesbaden

Braunfels

5 km, 12 km, 20 km

Start: Tourist Information, Markplatz 9, 35619 Braunfels

1 hour or 92 km north of Wiesbaden

Limburg

7 km, 11 km, 14 km, 20 km

Start: Tourist-Information Limburg, Barfuesserstr. 6, 65549 Limburg an der Lahn

40 minutes or 57 km north of Wiesbaden

Runkel

6 km, 12 km (the 11 km is currently closed due to storm damage)

Start: Altstadt Cafe, Burgstr. 2, 65594 Runkel

45 minutes or 63 km north of Wiesbaden

Wiesbaden

13 km

Start: Wiesbaden Tourist Information, Marktplatz 1, 65183 Wiesbaden

Wiesbaden

7 km, 15 km

Start: Brauhaus Castel, Otto-Suhr Ring 27, 55252 Mainz-Kastel

Wiesbaden

5 km, 13 km, 21 km

Start: Imbiss bei Kosta, Hollerbornstr. 13, 65197 Wiesbaden-Dotzheim

In Rheinland-Pfalz

Argenthal

6 km, 10 km

Start: Backerei Cafe Dhein, Simmerner Str. 16, 55496 Argenthal

55 minutes or 68 km west of Wiesbaden

Bad Kreuznach

10 km

Start: Guest House/Tourist Information, Kurhausstr. 22-24, 55543 Bad Kreuznach

55 minutes or 52 km southwest of Wiesbaden

Bad Marienberg

5 km, 10 km

Start:MarienBad, Bismarckstrasse 65, 56470 Bad Marienberg

1 hour, 15 minutes or 95 km north of Wiesbaden

Bendorf/Rhein

5 km, 7 km, 10 km

Start: Aral gas station, Hauptstr. 170, 56170 Bendorf/Rhein

1 hour or 101 km northwests of Wiesbaden

Enspel

10 km

Start: Stoeffel-Park, Stoeffelstrasse, 57647 Enspel/Westerwald

1 hour, 10 minutes or 93 km from Wiesbaden

Stahlhofen

9 km, 10 km

Start: Tourist information Waellerland, Winner Ufer 9, 56459 Stahlhofen am Wiesensee

1 hour or 85 km north of Wiesbaden

WIWC Information

This Club is for you...and Your Friends!

Social Media

You can get updated walks through email, Facebook, our website, and our WhatsApp Group chat.

- Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/293708457976771
- Website: <u>www.wiwcvolksmarching.org</u>
- Email: wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com
- WhatsApp: For members we have a WhatsApp Group Chat. Want to be included, let us know and we will add you.

Membership Information

Family price: €30 Single price: €15

Members are entitled to monthly newsletters, weekly notice of upcoming walks, member trip prices, and boutique discounts.

Judy, our Vice President and Klaus, our Treasurer and Registration Director have moved. We thank them and wish then the best in their future adventures. They have given countless hours over the years to our club in different ways and have been invaluable. Our club cannot run without volunteers so even if you can give 30 minutes a week of your time, we would be grateful.

WIWC Council for 2025

President Kim Kuhn

Vice President

Treasurer Gregory Fields **Secretary** Nicole Rand

Registration Director

Membership Directors Paula Johnson and Nicole Rand

Trail Master Adam Marchbanks

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 and Adam Marchbanks

Note: We need volunteers to help. **We need you!** Please donate some time to help us out and keep this club moving forward.

Komoot Instructions

You Can Never Get Lost, Now!

The following instructions are based on my experience using an Android phone, Apple devices have had issues. If you've successfully installed on an iPhone, please share those steps with us.

Steps to Download a DVV Trail on Komoot (Android):

- 1. **Download the Komoot App** from the Google Play Store.
- 2. Go to dvv-wandern.de.
- 3. Click the **three horizontal lines** (menu) in the top right corner.
- 4. Select "Permanent Hiking Trails".
- 5. Choose **Hesse** as the association.
- 6. Select **Bad Schwalbach** this location offers three options: 6 km, 12 km, and 20 km routes, known as the "Swallows Hiking Trail".

Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. There you'll find:

- Start and Finish: Café "Kirch 1", Kirchstraße 1, 65307 Bad Schwalbach (Note: The opening/closing times listed online are not accurate the café opens at 10:00 AM on Sundays.)
- Directions
- **Download links** for each of the three trail options

To Download and Open in Komoot:

- 1. Click the link for the trail you want to hike.
- 2. Tap **Download**.
- 3. Open the file.
- 4. Choose to open it with **Komoot**.
- 5. Tap Open File.
- 6. Select **Hiking**, then **Continue**.
- 7. Save it if you'd like, or simply tap **Navigate**.

Komoot will show:

- Estimated time for an average hiker (I tend to take longer!)
- Total distance
- Elevation profile

Komoot also includes trail descriptions, fitness levels, and more — although, in my experience, those descriptions aren't always spot-on.

Why Use Komoot?

Komoot is incredibly helpful during your walk. Komoot provides turn-by-turn prompts and shows your real-time location on the map. It's a great companion for staying on course.