



# Wandering News

Wiesbaden International Wandering Club

April

Dear Members and Friends,

As April arrives, spring is finally beginning to stretch across Germany. The forests are turning bright green again, cherry blossoms and daffodils are appearing along the trails, and the longer daylight hours give us more opportunities to get outside and explore. It's one of the most beautiful times of year to hike, and a wonderful reminder of why our Wandering Club community exists—to share these moments together.

This month brings ideal conditions for discovering new trails and revisiting some of our favorite routes. Spring weather can still be unpredictable, so remember to dress in layers and be prepared for a mix of sunshine, cool breezes, and the occasional April shower. The reward, of course, is the fresh scent of the forest, rushing streams from melting snow in the higher elevations, and the first panoramic views of the season.

April is also a great time to welcome new members and reconnect after the winter months. Our club continues to be a special place where American and German outdoor traditions meet—where friendships form on the trail, stories are shared at the trailhead, and every hike offers a chance to learn something new about the places we live and explore.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the club, volunteer as hike leaders, and help build such a welcoming community. I encourage you to check this month's schedule, lace up your boots, and join us on the trail.

Happy hiking, and I look forward to seeing many of you out there this spring.

Frances Salas

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### Monthly Member meeting Reminder

April 20, 2026

Schnitzel Queen in Nordstadt ([Borsigstraße 1A, 65205 Wiesbaden](#)).

6:00 pm for dinner and socializing; 7:00 pm for the meeting.

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

# Community Connection

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## Spring Bazaar

**April 17-19**

Join us at the Spring Bazaar to support the WIWC! Help us grow our team and share our passion for adventure, wellness, and community by inspiring exploration, building new friendships, and creating lasting memories while living and hiking throughout Europe.

We need volunteers to man our booth and explain what our club does and what Volksmarching is. We also need a few more volunteers to help at our bake sale. If you wish to get your food handler certificate (you do not have to have one to volunteer, but it's helpful), then please contact us.

Sign-up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AD28A1F5CE9-55268136-wiwc>

## Volunteer Support for Ramstein Roadrunners

**April 25-26**

Our sister club, the Ramstein Roadrunners has offered some volunteer opportunities for their hosted walk in April. They are currently seeking assistance to help ensure the event runs smoothly and successfully. This is a great opportunity to support our sister club, strengthen partnership and give back to the broader community. Members who are available and interested in volunteering are encouraged to participate and lend a helping hand. Contact the WIWC council members for more information.

## Food safety certification

We are still looking for individuals who are food safety certified or would like to be. If you are interested, the club will cover the cost of the certification. Please contact the club for more details.

# Last Month's Highlight

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Our very first Dine and Dash event in Bad Schwalbach was a success! A huge thank you to everyone who came out in support. Your energy, smiles, and adventurous spirit made the morning more meaningful. From our breakfast conversations to time on the trails, it was wonderful to see members connecting, laughing, and enjoying the beautiful sunny day together.

Events like this remind us what makes the Wiesbaden International Wandering Club (WIWC) so special. A community that shows up, supports one another, and finds joy in hiking with great company. On behalf of the WIWC Council, we can't wait to see you at our next trail!



## Upcoming Walks

### Sunday, April 5

Triefenstein

6.11 km

**Start:** Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

**Address:** Vogelfrei Wine and Beer Garden, Mainlände at the threshing barn, Mainkai, 97855

Triefenstein

Worth seeing: Triefenstein Monastery, Triefender Steine (Drizzler Stone), Homburg and Kallmuth

### April 8

Guided day hike "Spring on the Wine Route"

6, 12 km

Bad Dürkheim

**Start:** Wed. 1:30 p.m. (6 km) and 1:00 p.m. (12 km)

**Address:** in front of the giant barrel on the Wurstmarktplatz (sausage market square), St. Michael Allee 1, 67098 Bad Dürkheim

### April 11

Guided day hike "Backpack hike - Leininger Monastery Trail"

Carlsberg

6 km, 20 km

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

**Address:** Hintergasse 13, 67316 Carlsberg

Leininger Monastery Trail

### April 12

Elztal-Dallau

5 km, 10 km, 20 km

**Start:** Sun. 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (5, 10 km) and 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (20 km)

**Address:** Krähenwald 2, 74834 Elztal-Dallau

Sights nearby: Neckarelz Concentration Camp Museum

### April 19

Guided day hike "To Zabershof"

6.11 km

Großenlüder

**Start:** Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

**Address:** Gasthaus "Zum Hirsch", Lauterbacher Str. 16, 36137 Großenlüder

Worth seeing: Watchtower at Zabershof

### **April 19**

Hiking Day "Hiking in the oldest wine village on the Nahe River"

6, 10, 20 km

Norheim

**Start:** Sun. 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (6 km) and 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (10, 20 km)

**Address:** SV 08 Norheim sports club, Niederhäuser Str. 12, 55585 Norheim

Other information: 20 km route can only be hiked digitally

Worth seeing: Rotenfels, Niederhausen Reservoir near Nahe

### **April 25**

Guided day hike "Rhine Beyond Borders Hiking"

15 km

Lorch am Rhein

Adventure hike: Experience the Rheinsteig and RheinBurgenWeg trails on both sides of the Rhine.

Entry fee: €3,- plus €5,- ferry.

**Start:** 10:00 a.m.

**Address:** Hilchenhaus, Rheinstr. 48, 65391 Lorch am Rhein

Worth seeing: UNESCO World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley

### **April 25-26**

Hiking Day "German-American Friendship Hike"

5, 10, 16, 21, 32, 42 km,

Ramstein-Miesenbach

**Start:** Sat. 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM (5 km), 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (10 km), 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM (16 km), 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM (21 km), 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (32 km) and 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM (42 km), Sun. 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM (5 km), 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (10 km), 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM (16 km) and 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM (21 km)

**Address:** Multi-purpose hall Miesenbach, Am Kiefernkopf 22, 66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach

### **April 26th**

Hiking Day "BUGA29 Hiking Weekend"

5, 12, 20 km,

Lorch am Rhein

**Start:** Sun. 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (5 km), 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (12 km) and 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (20 km).

**Address:** Around the Hilchenhaus, Rheinstr. 48, 65391 Lorch am Rhein

Other information: Opening of the Rheingau Gourmet Week and Wine Fair

Worth seeing: UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley, Whisper Trail, Nollig, Hilchenhaus

### 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

## IVV Permanent Trail Goetheweg

**IVV Permanent Trail "Auf den Spuren der Aartalbahn"** (on the traces of the (out of service) Aar River Valley Railroad) **5 km, 13 km & 21 km trails, GPS data for those 3 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Auf den Spuren der Aartalbahn im Taunus"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))**

**Address: Sportplatz Kleinfeldchen "Imbiss bei Kosta", Hollerbornstraße 13, 65197 Wiesbaden-Dotzheim, Hessen**

2 mi Southwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 5 minutes driving time from there.

**IVV Permanent Trail "Schwalben Wanderweg"** (Swallow hiking trail, the town's name is Swallow Creek)

**6 km, 12 km & 20 km trails, GPS data for those 3 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Schwalben Wanderweg"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))**

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

10 mi Northwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 25 minutes driving time from there.

**IVV Permanent Trail "Auf den Spuren der Roemer in Mainz-Kastel"** (on the traces of the Romans in Mainz-Kastel)

**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, GPS data for those 2 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Auf den Spuren der Römer in Kastel"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))**

**Address: Brauhaus Castel, Otto-Suhr-Ring 27, 55252 (Wiesbaden-) Mainz-Kastel, Hessen**

5 mi Southeast of downtown Wiesbaden, about 10 minutes driving time from there.

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

**13 km trail only, GPS data for this trail at [DVV Wandern - „Taunus-Rundwanderweg“](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))**

**Address: Wiesbaden Tourist Information, Marktplatz 1, 65183 Wiesbaden, Hessen**  
in downtown Wiesbaden

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

**6 km, 10 km & 20 km trails, GPS data for those 3 trails at [DVV Wandern - "Rheinhessenblick"](https://www.dvv-wandern.de) ([dvv-wandern.de](https://www.dvv-wandern.de))**

**Address: "Schlemmer House" Restaurant** (good food there), **Marie-Curie-Strasse 9, 55453**

**Gau-Algesheim, Rheinland-Pfalz**

15 mi Northwest of downtown Wiesbaden, about 25 minutes driving time from there.

## Traveling beyond Germany

Traditional volksmarches expand beyond the borders in Germany in many parts of Europe and even in the US. For more information on volksmarches overseas and abroad, check out the following:

- Volksmarches in Germany: [www.dvv-wandern.de](http://www.dvv-wandern.de)
- Volksmarches International: [www.ivv-online.org](http://www.ivv-online.org)
- Volksmarches in USA: [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

## European Walks

<p><b>April 4</b>  <b>Acoz, Belgium</b>            4km, 8km,12km,21 km, 30 km, 42 km            Salle Pouleur, Rue des Ecoles 6280 ACOZ</p>	<p><b>April 5</b>  <b>Gelbressée, Belgium</b>            4km, 8km,12km, 22 km            Salle US Gelbressée, Rue Notre Dame Vu Viver,            5024 Gelbressée</p>
<p><b>April 11</b>  <b>Westhalten, France</b>            5 km, 10 km, 20 km            Rue du Stade, 68250 Westhalten</p>	<p><b>April 11</b>  <b>Waremme, Belgium</b>            5km, 9 km, 13 km, 21 km, 30 km            Collège Saints Louis, Avenue du Prince            Régent,30, 4300 Waremme</p>
<p><b>April 12</b>  <b>Sukoró Hungary</b>            5 km, 10 km, 20 km            Sukoró, Fehérvári út 28, 8096 Hungary</p>	

# WIWC Information

## Social media

You can get updated walks through email, Facebook, and our website: Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/293708457976771>

Website: [www.wiwcvolksmarching.org](http://www.wiwcvolksmarching.org) (Currently under maintenance)

Email: [wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com](mailto:wiwcvolksmarching@gmail.com)

## Membership Information

Family: 30€/Single: 15€. Members are entitled to monthly newsletters, member trip prices, boutique discounts, and weekly notices of upcoming walks.

If you are a member and not in our WhatsApp group chat and want to be included, let us know and we'll add you.

## Volksmarching Websites

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- Volksmarches in Germany: [www.dvv-wandern.de](http://www.dvv-wandern.de)

## Elected WIWC council for 2026

President: Frances Salas

Vice President:

Treasurer: Gregory Fields

Secretary: Nicole Rand

Registration Director: Adam Marchbanks

Membership Director: Nicole Rand

Trail master: Adam Marchbanks

Social Media Directors: Christina Spence and Karen Landreth

Boutique Manager: James Meredith

Event Planning and Fundraising: Yonnie Cochran

- Volksmarches in USA: [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)
- Volksmarches International: [www.ivv-online.org](http://www.ivv-online.org)