

### BALDENEYSTEIG



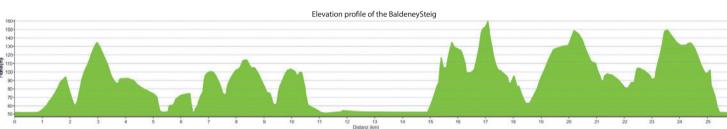
The BaldeneySteig, a circular trail of about 27 kilometers around Lake Baldeney, offers a unique nature experience with its well-marked hiking paths. The landscape along the trail itself is delightfully varied. While the north side of the lake is dominated by steep forests, narrow paths and stunning views, the south side features open fields and traces of mining history. Occasionally, the trail passes houses and settlements, yet overall, it remains impressively natural for a metropolitan area. Mostly set apart from paved lakeside paths, the trail offers everything that hikers love. In addition to the main route, four side trails can be explored. These rewarding detours lead to special viewpoints and sights along the way. Moreover, no one needs to walk the entire 26.7 kilometers, as the ships of Weiße Flotte Baldeney GmbH, the Hespertal Railway, and public transport make it possible to hike only sections oft he trail, allowing the starting point to be varied as desired. The trail was developed and funded by the project office "European Green Capital - Essen 2017" in collaboration with the district council for District IX as a part of the Green Capital year.

- **Length:** 26,7 km
- Elevation gain: 600 m
- **Difficulty level:** medium to high • Fitness level required: high
- Family suitability: only in certain sections
- Scenery/Nature:
- North of the lake: longer lakeside path and many hilly forest areas

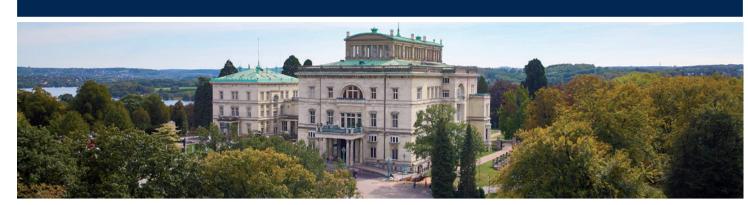
South of the lake: alternating mix of forest and agricultural areas

trail marker main route:





# **SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS**



### Weir

The weir in Essen-Werden created Lake Baldeney in 1933. Two turbines generate electricity here. At the same time, the weir serves as a crossing from one side of the lake to the other.

# 2 Farming Community Alt-Fischlaken

There are only a few full-time farmers left in Essen, some of whom are in Alt-Fischlaken. The area presents a picture of an old farmstead group.

## 3 Haus Scheppen

This noble manor from the 14th century was turned into a water castle due to the damming of the Ruhr and was heavily damaged during World War II. Today, the ruins directly by Lake Baldeney are a popular spot for motorcyclists and walkers.

### 4 Hespertalbahn Museum Railway Essen

The museum railway connects the Kupferdreh station with the former Pörtingsiepen mine. The 3.5 km route runs close to Lake Baldeney, offering beautiful views.

## www.hespertalbahn.de

Site of the Former Kaiserin Augusta Mine

The heights along the Ruhr were once full of small mines, often only visible to experts today. For example, remnants of supporting walls can still be seen along Augustaweg.

### 6 Neolithic Stone Chest Tomb

This burial site is considered the oldest preserved structure in the area of Essen and dates back to the period between 3500 and 2200 BC. The tomb was discovered in 1937 during the construction of barracks.

### Old Kupferdreh Station

This impressive suburban station was built in 1898 and no longer serves a transportation function. The brick building is worth seeing both inside and out, especially the waiting room with its stucco decoration.

www.lukas-essen.de

# 8 Bird Sanctuary "Heisinger Bogen'

The bird sanctuary was created with the construction of Lake Baldeney. The area, with remnants of floodplain forests, is home to rare bird species and serves as an important stopover for migratory birds.

#### 9 Carl Funke Settlement

Among the mining settlements in southern Essen, the Carl Funke settlement, built starting in 1900, impresses with its architectural cohesion and location above the Ruhr Valley.

### Industrial Monument Former Carl Funke Mine The Carl Funke I headframe is one of the few remaining structures from

the mine, which operated until 1973. It is the most striking monument of industrial history in the Essen Ruhr Valley.

### Torest Village Baldeney

The loosely arranged timber-framed houses of the Baldeney area once belonged to the Vittinghof-Schell family and are now owned by private

### Klusenkapelle St. Aegidius and Kluse

The chapel was built before 1300. A timber-framed house was added much later, which now houses a restaurant.

# **13** Villa Hügel Essen and Hügel Park

Villa Hügel is the former residence of the Krupp family and is surrounded by a large park. Both are owned by the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach Foundation and can be visited.

#### www.villahuegel.de

# Wild Park Essen Heissiwald

Maintained by a support association, red deer and wild boars live freely in the fenced six-hectare wild park in Heissiwald

www.wildgatter-essen.de

# **GASTRONOMY**



Along the BaldeneySteig, you will find numerous options for both small and large breaks:

- Villa Vue
- www.villavue.de
- Al Casale Bellavista www.al-casale-bellavista.de
- Zur Kluse
- vww.zurkluse.de
- Wirtshaus zur Heimlichen Liebe www.heimliche-liebe.de
- **Chicago Steakhouse**
- www.chicago-essen.de
- **Jagdhaus Schellenberg** www.jagdhaus-schellenberg.de
- Café Extrablatt
- www.cafe-extrablatt.de
- See-Bar www.see-bar.com
- **LUKAS-Kulinarischer Bahnhof** www.lukas-essen.de
- Haus Scheppen
- Haus am See
- LUJO Seecafé & Restaurant

www.lujo.de

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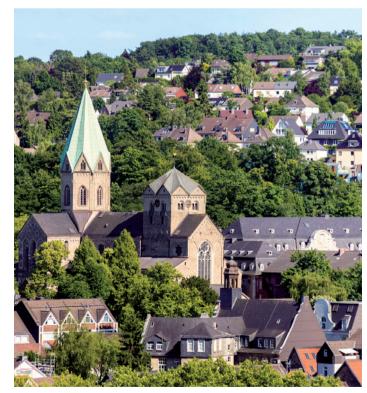
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# SIDE GLANCE ON THE BALDENEYSTEIG



# Werden

From the BaldenevSteig trail, hikers can embark on a roughly one-hour walk to discover the historic Essen district of Werden. This side trip begins at the former **Feulgen textile factory**, now transformed into modern residential lofts. Passing by the **Brehm Island** and the **Dingerkus Garden House**, you'll approach the former Werden Abbey, home to the **Folkwang University of the Arts** since 1946. Just a few meters further is the former **Abbey Church of St. Ludgerus**, where Saint Ludgerus, who founded the abbey and church around the year 800, is buried in the crypt. Before returning to the starting point through the picturesque streets of the old town, it's worth visiting **St. Lucius Church**, the oldest parish church north of the Alps.

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour www.essener-ruhrperlen.de/werden









# 2 Korte Klippe

Among the many viewpoints around Lake Baldeney and along the trail, Korte Klippe (Korte Cliff) is considered by many to be the most beautiful. Located near Jagdhaus Schellenberg, it is named after Rudolf Korte, the former director of horticulture in Essen, who also served as head of the Botanical Garden, the predecessor of Grugapark. From Korte Klippe, one of the 31 viewpoints in the "Essener Aussichten" series, visitors can enjoy a full view of Lake Baldeney.

**Duration:** approx. 20 minutes

# Ruins of Neu-Isenburg

Around 1240, Count Dietrich of Altena-Isenberg built a castle high above the Ruhr River at a strategically favorable location. Known as Neu-Isenburg to distinguish it from the older Isenburg in Hattingen, the fortress was destroyed just 48 years after its tion due to a feud. Excavations by the Ruhr Museur (then Ruhrland Museum) beginning in 1927 uncovered the ruins that are still visible today.

**Duration:** approx. 10 minutes

### 4 Brandenbusch Settlement

The Brandenbusch settlement holds a special place among the many Krupp company housing estates. Located in a beautiful area above Hügelpark, it was home to the staff of Villa Hügel, who worked nearby as servants, gardeners, cooks, or laundry workers. Built in Krupp's distinctive cottage style, the settlement features exposed timber framing and presents a charming garden-city atmosphere.

**Duration:** approx. 20 minutes

# **MOBILITY ALONG THE TRAIL**

The BaldeneySteig trail is well connected to public transportation.

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# FROM ESSEN MAIN STATION **BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Essen Hbf - Werden S-Bf Essen Hbf - Kupferdreh S-Bf

# TRAM LINES:

Linie 107/108 Essen Hbf – Bredeney Connection: Linie 169 Ri. toward Werden S-Bf

### **EXPRESS BUS LINES:**

SB19 Essen Hbf - Werdener Markt

# **BUS LINES:**

Essen Hbf - Heisingen Baldeneysee Essen Hbf - Kupferdreh S-Bf

For more information, visit: www.ruhrbahn.de

# **WEISSE FLOTTE BALDENEY**

From April to October, the Weiße Flotte ferries operate daily on Lake Baldeney. Tip: If you need a break, you can shorten your hike by taking the ferry. Timetable available at: www.baldeneysee.com

# SAUERLÄNDISCHER GEBIRGSVEREIN (SGV)

**SERVICE AND INFORMATION** 

The Mountain Association offers guided tours through Essen.

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