Kybfelsen-Tour4Two

The starting point for the Kybfelsen hike is easy to reach from the centre of Freiburg or from the surrounding villages. Today, on a hopefully wonderfully fresh and sunny day, you will start at the Johanniskirche in the Wiehre, right next to the Swfr. There you can park your bike and greet and introduce yourself with your elbow. But now: Let's go!

The way is simple. Just follow the rails uphill until shortly before the next stop (Holbeinstraße). You will pass the supermarkets and a cute little kiosk where you can stock up on crispy apples or a warming cup of coffee - because especially in winter it is still very fresh in the morning.

Shortly before the next tram stop, a steep narrow forest path goes uphill on the left side. If you are not sure, there is a pillar on which Kybfelsen stands for 5 km. From now on follow the blue rhombus, which shows you the way up to the top.

Now the 2 kilometre long ascent begins. If you are surrounded by forest, just stop and listen... The street noises seem to be far away, the birds sing their songs, which are not affected by the urban bustle and the sun sends its warming rays through the bare deciduous trees.

Distance: 11.5 km  Time: ca. 3 hours  Altitude gain: 580 m  Distance (uphill): 5.2 km  Distance (downhill): 4.7 km

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The next two kilometres will be sweaty. The route leads over narrow forest paths, large clearings with branches in all directions, through deciduous and coniferous forests and on upwards. If you don't like walking uphill, the steadily decreasing number of kilometres, which is indicated from time to time on a signpost in a sunlit clearing, is a small encouragement to "go on and on".

In between there are opportunities to sit down, like on a musty old bench, to take a short break. A little bit further up after one of these benches, a flatter stretch of road awaits you. Wonderful! Relaxed walking through the Black Forest, which smells pleasantly of coniferous wood. The first two kilometres are done.

After half a kilometre the path goes slightly uphill again. Follow the blue rhombus, which will guide you through the crossing, winding and parallel paths. It is a friendly companion for you.

Then you will reach a stony bright clearing where you can already catch the first glimpses of the vast and breathtaking surroundings. "View Two Birches" is the name of it. Now it is not far away.

And indeed, after not even one and a half kilometres you can climb the last stony steps. You will pass the ruins of a former small fortress and Ah! Wow! I really was worth it for that, wasn't I? The summit feeling. You look over fir forests, a town on the right at the foot of the mountain and far behind you can see the Vosges mountains. Or is it the Himalayas. This view invites you to dream and to rave.
If it is not already occupied by other wanderers, you can sit down on the wooden couch, which after the exertions of the ascent may seem to you like the preliminary stage of the Kingdom of Heaven. My head is completely free and I am amazed.

After some time you stretch your limbs and start your way back. To do so, follow the arrow Kybfelsen-Descent, which points in the opposite direction from where you came. Now you only go downhill. After some time you'll come to a clearing with a wooden house again—as if it was taken from the fairy tale of the seven dwarves. Here you can linger for a while and listen to the splashing of the small stone pool. Now you can follow the yellow-brownish arrow to Günterstal (3.5 km).

This time the signs are not as clear as on the ascent. But to walk only downhill would be too easy, too. So on your further way follow the yellow rhombus and the signs to Günterstal. After some time the forest thins out and you pass the first settlements. You are back in the world of humans and follow the signs to Günterstäler Tor.

When you arrive there, follow the rails again towards your starting point "Lorettostraße" to your bikes or take the streetcar directly from here. Wonderful you have successfully completed one of the most beautiful hikes in Freiburg.