### VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	04/01 - 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
CASTLE AND BAILEY	Tue – Sun and holidays 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM <i>May close early in inclement w</i> a	
BRUNNENSTOLLEN	From early May to mid-September, depending on weather	closed
TOURS	05/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
CASTLE AND BALLEY	Sun and halidays 2.00 DM	

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 CASTLE AND BAILEY
 Sun and holidays 3:00 PM
 no tours

 Group tours by prior arrangement with Neckargemünd
 Tourist Information; tour in German

ADMISSION	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
CASTLE AND BAILEY	WITH BRUNNENSTOLLEN	WITHOUT BRUNNENSTOLLEN
Adults	€ 2.00	€ 2.00
Discounted	€ 1.00	€ 1.00
Families	€ 5.00	€ 5.00

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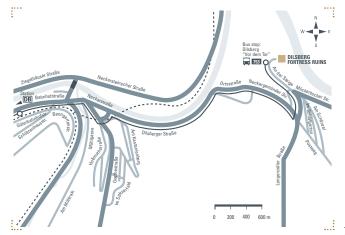
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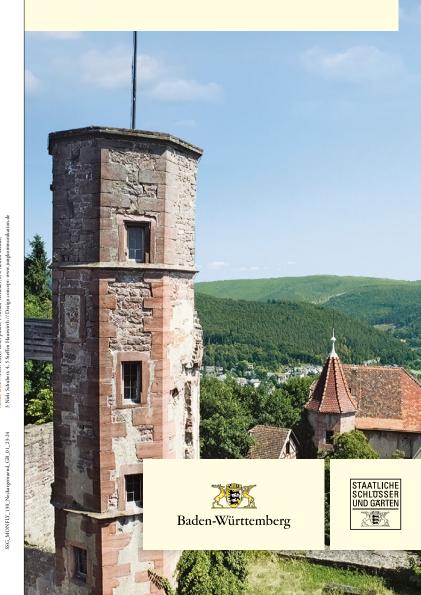


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A PROUD FORTRESS WITH A SECRET TUNNEL

# **DILSBERG** FORTRESS RUINS



Dilsberg Fortress Ruins (Burgfeste Dilsberg) are known for their sweeping 360° views of the Neckar valley and Odenwald forest. Its other highlight is found lower down: a subterranean passageway in the depths of the well.

Dilsberg Fortress Ruins occupy a prominent position on a hilltop overlooking the Neckar valley, near the picturesque former imperial city of Neckargemünd. Built around 1150 by the counts of Lauffen, Dilsberg passed into the possession of the Electoral Palatinate in the 14th century, and was granted city rights in 1347.

# **RISE AND FALL OF A STEADFAST FORTRESS**

For a long time, the castle was regarded as unconquerable, until, after a long siege, it was eventually occupied by imperial forces under Count Tilly in the Thirty Years' War. In 1633, the fortress was taken again, this time by the Swedes. However, despite these defeats and some fierce battles, Dilsberg was never successfully stormed by



# An impressive sight: Dilsberg is known for its castle walls, which are over 15 meters high

attackers, nor was it destroyed. When the Electoral Palatinate came to an end in 1803, the fortress and town became part of Baden, the former serving as a prison. In the 19th century, the castle fell into disuse, and was used as a quarry. In the early 20th century, however, the ruins became an increasingly popular tourist attraction, and were ultimately restored and partially reconstructed.



#### A FASCINATING PASSAGEWAY

The impressive 46-meter deep well in the bailey, or castle courtyard, supplied the defenders with much-needed water during sieges. A particular highlight of the fortress is found here: an approximately 80-meter long subterranean passageway, the *Brunnenstollen*, lies a few meters above sea level. Rediscovered in 1896 by Fritz von Briesen, the tunnel was opened to the public in 1926. Previously thought to have been an escape route out of the besieged castle, the tunnel is now believed to have acted as a ventilation shaft.

Today, the town and fortress ruins of Dilsberg form an enchanting ensemble of Medieval character. A climb up the tower takes you out onto the 16-meter high curtain walls, which offer *panoramic views over the town and the Neckar valley.* 

- Left: The approximately 80-meter long Brunnenstollen passageway invites you to come and explore the realm beneath the fortress
- Right: A Medieval gateway leads to the charming and historic Dilsberg