

VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
FORTRESS RUINS AND KIOSK	Sun – Tue 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Wed – Sat 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Mon – Sun 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
RESTAURANT	Current restaurant hours can be found at: www.hohenneuffen.de	

TOURS	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
FORTRESS RUINS	Wed – Fri 3:00 PM; Sat, Sun and holidays 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM <i>Tour in German; Group tours by arrangement; special tours as per online program and by arrangement</i>	no tours
FALCONRY DEMONSTRATION	Public demonstration, weather permitting, on Sun and holidays 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM <i>Requests: wolfgang@falkner-wolfgang-weller.de</i>	after 12/26, weather permitting, on Sun and holidays 2:00 PM

ADMISSION	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
FORTRESS RUINS	Free admission	Free admission
FORTRESS RUINS (incl. tour)		
Adults	€ 5.00	
Discounted	€ 2.50	
Families	€ 12.50	
Groups of 20 or more	€ 4.50 (per person)	€ 4.50 (per person)
FALCONRY DEMONSTRATION		
Adults	€ 5.00	€ 5.00
Children under 14 yrs.	€ 3.00	€ 3.00
Groups	upon request	upon request

Visit our website for more information on disability access, discounts, special tours and other important details regarding your visit.

CONTACT

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND TOUR REGISTRATION

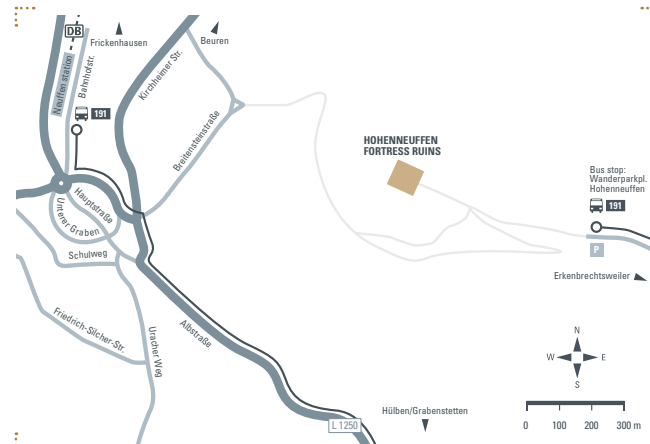
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HOW TO FIND US



By public transport: From Nürtingen train station take the Talspahn line to Neuffen. From there, it is approx. a 50-minute walk. On weekends, there is a shuttle bus to "Neuffen-Wanderparkplatz Hohenneuffen" (a 20-minute walk).

INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR MONUMENTS

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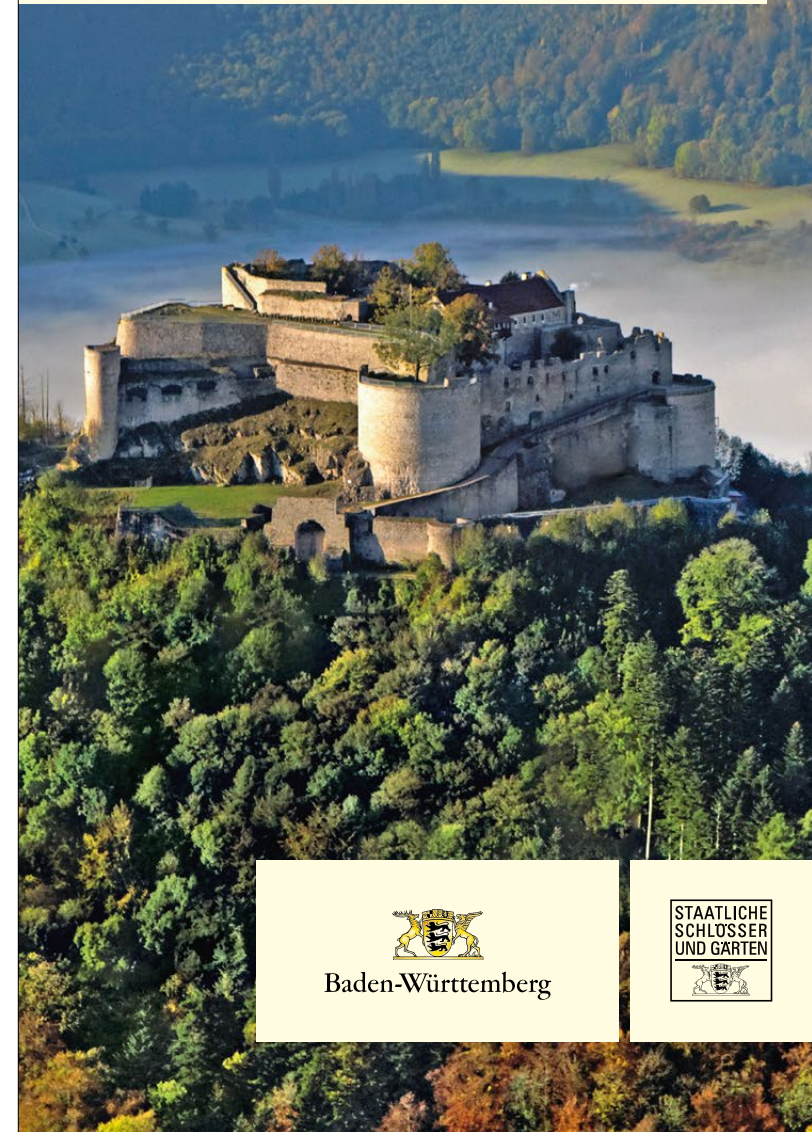
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REGIONAL FORTRESS IN A SPECTACULAR
SETTING AT THE ALBTRAU F



HOHENNEUFFEN FORTRESS RUINS



Baden-Württemberg

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On the edge of the Swabian Alps, the remains of one of the greatest elevated fortresses in Southern Germany lie high above the town of Neuffen and offer a breathtaking view of the enchanting cultural landscape of Württemberg.

At a height of 743 m, strategically situated on the white Jurassic crag of the same name, which rises up from the Albtrauf, the Hohenneuffen Fortress Ruins (*Festungsrüne Hohenneuffen*) offer an *impressive view* of the surrounding idyllic valleys as well as an amazing view as far as Stuttgart.

The earliest fortress construction on the Hohenneuffen dates back to the 11th century. The fortress, first mentioned in a document in 1198, was in the possession of the von Neuffen free nobles, the most famous scion of which was the minnesinger, Gottfried von Neuffen. In 1301, the Hohenneuffen fell into the hands of the *Württemberg*

Even today, the fortress is still full of surprises and offers thrilling views



The former regional fortress offers expansive views of the countryside

dynasty and, over the course of the 15th century, became the most important Württemberger fortress.

WÜRTTEMBERG REGIONAL FORTRESS

The new masters were well aware of the high defence value afforded by the fortress and further expanded it, creating a great regional fortress at the Albtrauf. The *final phase of construction* took place in the 18th century under Duke Karl Alexander, the objective being a fortress in the French style. The death of the monarch and lack

The fortress lies mightily and strategically on the Hohenneuffen



The Württemberg coat of arms still bears witness to the former owners

of money, however, resulted in the work being abandoned. Once the fortress lost its military importance, it was allowed to fall into disrepair and in 1801, the decision was made to have it torn down. It was only years later that attempts were made to secure what remained of the fortress.

IMPREGNABLE AND NOTORIOUS AS A PRISON

The Hohenneuffen fortress was never conquered by any enemy during its period of military use. Twice, however, in 1519 against the Swabian League and again in 1635 during the Thirty Years' War against imperial troops, the garrison surrendered the fortress following a siege. In addition to its function as a military base, the Hohenneuffen fortress also served as a prison—as did other regional fortresses, such as *Hobenasperg* and *Hobentwiel*. However, it was not only criminals who were incarcerated and brutally tortured there, but also—even preferably—personal opponents of the ruling dukes.

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

In 1948, the fortress played a special role as the venue for the Three-States Conference, at which the foundation of today's Southwestern Federal State of Baden-Württemberg was decided upon. Today, a climb to the top is not only rewarded with a spectacular view, but also with a falconry and fortress restaurant.