Badenweiler Parks with Castle

A LANDMARK IN A WONDERFUL LANDSCAPE GARDEN

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Baden-Württemberg
State Palaces and Gardens

Visible from afar, Badenweiler Castle (Burg Badenweiler) rises above the spa town in the southern Black Forest. In the 19th century the ruins of the castle were incorporated into Badenweiler Parks (Kur- und Schlosspark Badenweiler) – now one of the spa parks with the most diverse range of tree species in Germany.

One of the "gems" among the castles belonging to the House of Baden in the Upper Rhine region, Badenweiler Castle – also known as Baden Castle – is perched atop a picturesque hilltop overlooking Badenweiler Parks. Thought to have been founded by the House of Zähringen, the castle first appeared in historical records in the early 12th century. The neighboring Badenweiler Roman Bath Ruins are one of the most significant Roman landmarks in Baden-Württemberg.

From the ruins, there are sweeping views over the Rhine Valley and the Black Forest

Strategic fortress

The surviving core of the castle dates back to the early 12th century. Its oldest and most striking feature is the palas, or great hall, with late Romanesque arched windows. Due to the fact that materials from the Roman thermal baths were used in its construction, it was long believed that the castle itself was also of Roman origin. Badenweiler Castle passed into the possession of the Margraves of Baden in 1503. Having been expanded into a *strategic regional fortress,* it was subsequently destroyed by departing French occupying forces in 1678 during the Dutch War. To protect the ruins from further deterioration and make the castle accessible to tourists, it underwent preliminary restoration in 1982 and was thoroughly renovated in 2004. The walkable castle keep offers guests a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside.

The Grand Ducal Palace is set amid Badenweiler Parks, a parkland ensemble inspired by the English concept of the landscape garden

Grand-ducal landscape garden with rare trees

The surrounding parklands were laid out in the 19th century in the English landscape style. The court councilor and garden director of Schwetzingen at the time was Johann Michael Zeyher: from 1824 to 1828 he created a small park with English-style elements. Later the park was significantly expanded. Now home to old oaks, lime trees and a sizeable collection of non-indigenous trees, including massive redwoods, *the park thrives on its visual axes.* The Castle Park contains the buildings that belonged to the former Grand Ducal Spa Residence: the former stables, the kitchen building and the Grand Ducal Palace, which now houses exhibitions. Badenweiler Parks also include Hildegard von Bingen Garden, which features an exhibition showcasing a variety of medicinal plants and the abbess's medical expertise, and also the Belvedere, which was built between 1811 and 1816 according to plans drawn up by court architect Friedrich Weinbrenner as a stately "teahouse and pavilion" in the Classicist style.

Visitor information

Opening hours and guided tours

Castle	Open free of charge all year round during the day; Visits possible without a guided tour
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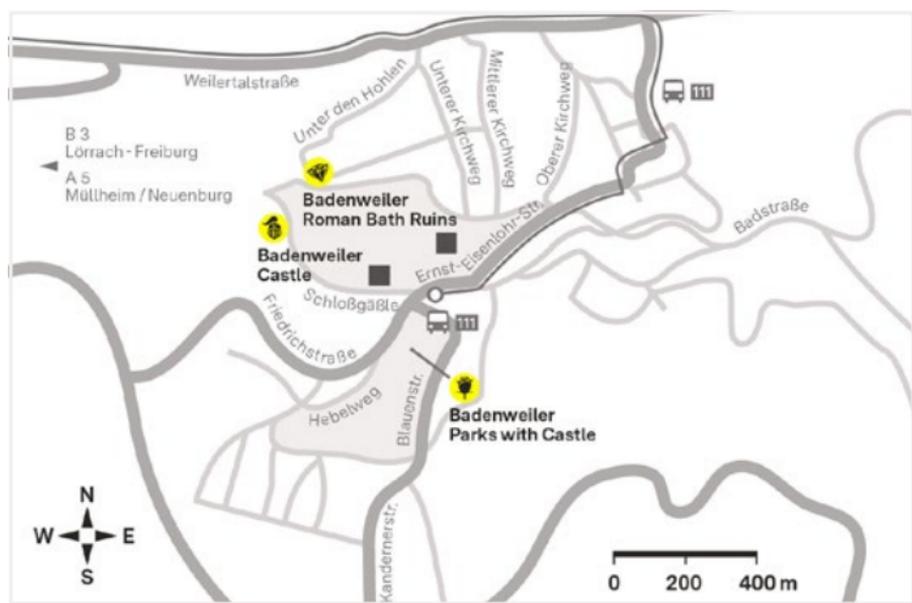79410 Badenweiler, Germany
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How to find us

Badenweiler can be reached via the A5 (take exit Müllheim/Neuenburg (65)) or the B3 from Lörrach to Freiburg. In Müllheim, follow signs to Badenweiler. Parking spaces are available in the multistory parking garage as indicated (subject to a fee). Alternatively, take bus 111 from Müllheim station to the stop "Evangelische Kirche".

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