



Hohenneuffen Fortress Ruins

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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 (Festungsrueine 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.

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



The former regional fortress offers expansive views of the countryside

In 1301, the Hohenneuffen fell into the hands of the *Württemberg dynasty* and, over the course of the 15th century, became an important Württemberger fortress.

Württemberg regional fortress

The *last construction* phase was in the 18th century under Duke Karl Alexander: here the aim was to create a fortress based on the very latest models. Following the monarch's death and due to financial constraints, the construction project was only partially completed. When the fortress was no longer needed for military purposes,

The fortress lies mightily and strategically on the Hohenneuffen





The Württemberg coat of arms alludes to its former owners

the order was issued for its demolition in 1801. It was not until after this that its potential as a tourist attraction was recognized, and efforts began to preserve the remaining structures.

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 *Hohenasperg* and *Hohentwiel*. However, it was not only criminals who were incarcerated there, but also – even preferably – personal opponents of the ruling dukes.

Special significance for Baden-Württemberg

The fortress played a key role as the venue of the Three-State Conference in 1948: it was here that deliberations took place on the creation of the modern state of Baden-Württemberg. Today, a climb to the top is not only rewarded with a spectacular view, but also with a falconry and fortress restaurant.

Visitor information

Opening hours and guided tours

Fortress Ruins Open free of charge all year round during the day;
Visits possible with or without a guided tour

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Our website also provides information on accessibility, discounts, special tours and other important details relevant to your visit.

Current information



At a glance

For details of our current opening times, tours, events, admission prices, catering and falconry, see:

www.festungsrueine-hohenneuffen.de/en/visitor-information

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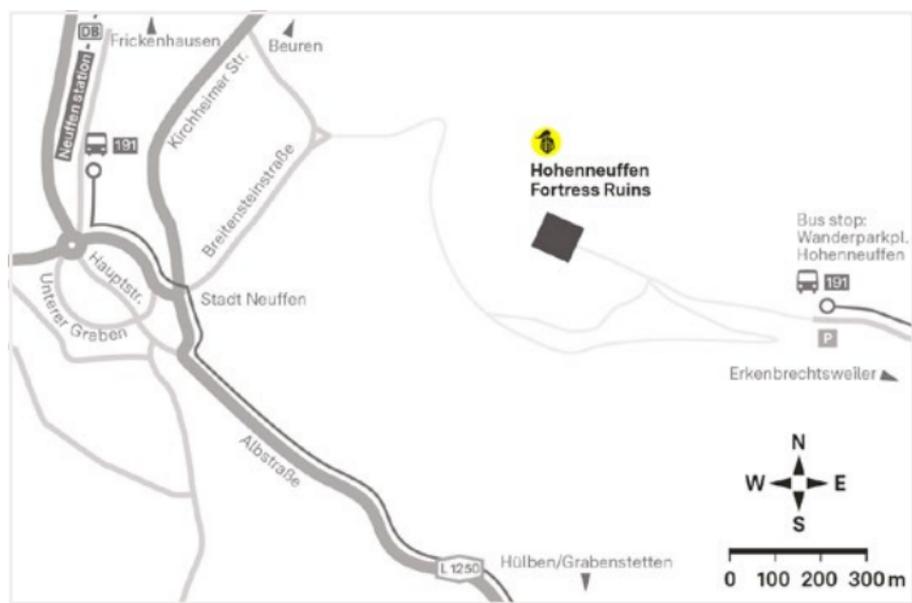
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By public transport: From Nürtingen train station take the Tälesbahn line to Neuffen. From there, it is approx. a 50-minute walk. On weekends, there is a shuttle bus to “Neuffen-Wanderparkplatz Hohenneuffen” (a 20-minute walk).

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