

Frequently Asked Questions

■ How can I find the trekking camps?

After completion of the booking you will receive the coordinates and UTM data for the trekking camp. A GPS device or enabled mobile phone is therefore advantageous. You will also receive a small section from a map depicting the respective camp with access paths.

■ Are there other campgrounds along the Soonwaldsteig?

For a trekking tour over the entire Soonwaldsteig, in addition to our four Trekking camps, the outdoor park Lauschkütte (stage 5) is a good choice. This is not bookable via our website and must be reserved separately. Contact data can be found on the [trekking camp websites](#).

■ How far are the distances between the individual campgrounds and/or to the start/finish points of the Soonwaldsteig?

Section		Km	Walking time
Start/Finish Kirn	– Campsite Schmidtbург	17 km	5:00 h
Camp Schmidtbург	– Camp Alteburg	20 km	6:30 h
Camp Alteburg	– Camp Ellerspring	7 km	2:00 h
Camp Ellerspring	– Camp Ochsenbaumer Höhe	8 km	2:00 h
Camp Ochsenbaumer Höhe	– Outdoor-Park Lauschkütte	16 km	4:30 h
Outdoor-Park Lauschkütte	– Start/Finish Bingen	18 km	5:00 h

■ Where can I replenish my water supply on my tour? Where can I buy something on my tour?

Long stretches of the Soonwaldsteig are quite far away from any infrastructure. The only possibility to purchase potable water and food is in the cities **Kirn, Rheinböllen and Bingen**. In Kirn there are several larger supermarkets along the trail, in Rheinböllen you can shop either at the filling station in the industrial area or take a short 15 minute detour into Rheinböllen to a “Wasgau” supermarket. In Bingen there is a “Netto” supermarket located directly at the start/finish point by the train station.

In the center of Gehlweiler there are two vending machines with drinks and food products such as sausages. These can be reached at the beginning of the third stage via an access path after about 1.5 km.

Even when filter systems are used, drinking water quality cannot be guaranteed for streams, water bodies and water sources. These are not suitable for drinking water. This also applies to springs.

At the Schmidburg ruins, there is a water tap located at the lower part of the southern bordering wall. As this tap is connected to an old well this water also does not have drinking quality.

Nature Park Soonwald-Nahe is currently building up a “network of open taps” at Soonwaldsteig, which provides drinking water for free. Check our site “[service](#)” to find out more about the taps.

■ **Are there parking areas for hikers (Wanderparkplatz) where I can park my car near the trekking camp and if so how far away are they from each camp?**

In the vicinity of each trekking camp there is a parking area for hikers, where you can park for the duration of your stay. The exact position of the parking areas for hikers can be found by [opening the stage map](#).

Distances parking areas for hikers – Trekking camp

Parking area for hikers „Schmidzburg“	– Camp Schmidzburg	1,3 km
Parking area for hikers “Alteburg”	– Camp Alteburg	800 m
Parking area for hikers “Ellerspring”	– Camp Ellerspring	700 m
Parking area for hikers “Schanzerkopf”	– Camp Ochsenbaumer Höhe	800 m

Please note direct access to the camps with vehicles is not permitted.

■ **Where are there emergency rescue points? Does the mobile phone network function in the camps?**

Along with your booking confirmation you will receive a map section depicting the emergency rescue point closest to the respective trekking camp. On site the emergency rescue points are marked by a green sign with a white cross. On the sign there is a number which, in case of an emergency, must be provided to the emergency rescue team.

The mobile phone network does function in many parts of the Soonwald, depending on provider. Valleys are still often wireless dead spots. The emergency phone number 112 is always available with any mobile phone network.

■ **Can I reach the trekking camps/the Soonwaldsteig by public transport?**

The trekking camps are not accessible by public transport. Information regarding how to reach the Soonwaldsteig by bus or train can be found under the following [link](#).

■ Can I call a taxi to the trekking camp?

Local taxi companies cater services to hikers. You should order your taxi to the nearest parking area for hikers. Please clarify call out fees with the company before ordering the taxi. A list of taxi companies can be found under following [link](#).

■ Where can I park free of charge in Kirn and/or Bingen?

In **Kirn** long-term free parking is possible near by the intersection Kallenfelser Straße/Berger Weg. Additional metered parking is available in the parking lot "Kiesel". Maps are available [here](#).

For long-term parking in **Bingen**, please click [here](#). For further information, please contact the Bingen Tourist Information Office on tel. 06721 184-205 / -206.

■ May I bring my dog on trekking camps?

Well behaving dogs are very welcome on trekking camps. Please don't let your dog wander around in the surrounding forest and be considerate to other guests.