



Churches and Chapels – Eastern Route

About the route

Distance: about 27 km (16 ¾ mi.)
 Duration: 3.0 hours
 Difficulty: easy tour, mostly flat terrain
 Points of interest: (Lippstadt) Luth. Marienkirche, Luth. Brüderkirche
 (Bökenförde) Brünneken Chapel, St. Dionysius
 (Hörste) St. Martin
 (Esbeck) St. Severinus

Abbreviations:
 NSG – Nature
 reserve
 CR – Cycle route
 SP – Signpost

Stops for refreshments: Gasthaus "Rixbecker Alpen"
 Landgasthaus „Günther“

- You start at Lippstadt **Town Hall** just opposite **Marienkirche (St. Mary's Church)**, turn into **Brüderstraße** (at the registry office), and walk about 100 m east (against the flow of traffic) to reach **Johann-Westermann-Platz** and the Protestant **Brüderkirche**.
- Turning **right** at the church, you take the cycle path, which leads you past the **red brick building** of Wilhelmschule to **Geiststraße**, where you turn **left**. Follow the street and, keeping to the left, continue via **Esbecker Straße** to leave the city centre.
- Once you have passed under the **B55**, take the first street to the **right** to cycle across the commercial area "Am Mondschein".
- When you see a bicycle store to the right, turn **left** into a small cycle path ("**Im Wasen**", SP "Rixbeck"), cross Rixbecker Straße at the traffic lights and continue through two cycle barriers to **Hans-Sachs-Straße**.
- Turning first **right** and then **left** into **Albrecht-Dürer-Straße**, you get to **Alpenstraße**, where you turn **right** again to pass under the railway.
- After having crossed the "Rixbecker Alpen" hills, you get to a large crossroads, where you continue straight ahead into the street called **Oberdorf** (SP "Brünneken"); you veer **right** into **Liebfrauenweg** and follow it to **Brünneken** chapel.
- You continue on Liebfrauenweg to the junction with **Rüthener Straße**.
- Turn **left** and cross Bökenförder Straße after about 50 m (refuge island); follow the cycle path to St. Dionysius, the parish church of Bökenförde.
- After about 100 m, the supraregional CR **R6** is signposted ("Geseke" / "Langeneicke").
- Turn **left** into **Langeneicker Straße**, follow it to **Puisterweg** and, after having crossed the latter road, continue in the same direction on **Totenweg**.
- You reach **Wilderich-von-Ketteler-Weg**, a tree-lined road, at the end of which you see "**Schwarzenraben**" castle; here is the highest point within the boundaries of Lippstadt (114 m).
- Turn **right** into the street **Schwarzenraben**, and follow the signs "**Rund um Lippstadt**" to pass through **Ermsinghausen**.
- Continue on the road called **Tiefenbruch** to **Störmeder Straße**, turn **right** and follow the road for about 500 m.
- At the next junction, you turn **left** (**Handweiser**) and continue to the junction with **Ehringhauser Straße**.
- You turn **right** and reach the end of a rifle range after about 800 m.
- Now cross the road to enter **Lämmerbach** to the **left**. After about 300 m, following the SP "Rund um Lippstadt", you turn **left** again into **Öchtringhauser Straße**. Pass through the village of Öchtringhausen, and continue to **Hörste**.
- After crossing **Hörster Straße**, you find yourself in front of the Catholic church of **St. Martin**.
- To continue to Lippstadt, you cross Hörster Straße again, follow Öchtringhauser Straße back for about 100 m and turn **right** into **Sauerfeld**; you turn **left** into **Im Dornei** at the T-junction (with wayside shrine) and **right** into **Am Lämmerbach** at the crossroads.

Signs "**Rund um Lippstadt**" sometimes very hidden

Road signs "**Handweiser**" and "**Ehringhauser Straße**" lacking

Road sign "**Lämmerbach**" lacking
 Road sign "**Öchtringhauser Straße**" lacking

- Continue via **Wacholderweg** and **Stratbrede** to **Bergstraße**, where you turn **right** (SP “**Esbeck**”).
- You are now in the village of **Esbeck**, where you can visit the Catholic church of St. Severinus (about 200 m to the right).
- To continue to Lippstadt, get back to **Paderborner Straße** and follow it westward to the junction with **Im Dorf**, where you turn **right**.
- Continue to **Merschweg**, turn **right** into this road, keep to the **left** where it branches – and the name changes to **Röwekamp** – and turn **right** into the cycle lane of **Knappstraße**.
- You cross the Lippe River and turn **left** after the bridge, heading for **Bellevue**.
- Pass under the B55, take the road **Am Friedhof**, and turn **left** after the railway crossing (Schulte-Steinberg-Weg) to get into the **Grüner Winkel Park**.
- Again you see the **red brick building** of Wilhelmschule beyond the Lippe River; you take two bridges over the river, pass by Wilhelmschule and turn into **Brüderstraße**, from where you reach your starting point, **Town Hall** and **Marienkirche**.

Road sign “**Bergstraße**”
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The Road Traffic Regulations must be followed. You take this cycle tour at your own risk.

