



 Perfect paths from breakfast onward



Day 9:
Baden → Fischingen



Distance:
62 Kilometers
(or 32 with the Winterthur shortcut.)



Climbing:
742 Meters

Points of Interest:

- ★ Winterthur
- ★ Kyburg
- ★ Fresh milk ! (from coin operated machine)
- ★ Fischingen monastery

Many riders decide to take the train from Baden to Winterthur to make this an easier 1/2-day. The easiest way to do this is to take a morning train from Baden that leaves at 15 past the hour. The ride takes 54 minutes. Don't forget to buy a ticket for your bike.

Once in Winterthur, you can follow « Winterthur shortcut” to get to the trail. Note: Make sure you're going in the right direction once you're on the main path. You don't want to go west !

For those doing a half-day, we suggest buying a picnic in Winterthur and having lunch down the road in Kyburg along the river. If you have time and energy, you can make your way up to Kyburg and visit the small medieval town and the castle (open Tuesday to Sunday).

Kyburg Castle is perched high up above the river Töss. Kyburg is Eastern Switzerland's most important feudal castle and now home to a lively, newly arranged museum. The internationally awarded museum offers fascinating insights into the daily life of long ago. You can take part in a court of justice, look around the cellar, the attic and the torture chamber and sniff some spices in the medieval kitchen.

Kyburg Castle was the home of the counts of Kyburg, one of the greatest noble houses in southern Germany. The castle passed into the hands of the Habsburgs in 1264. In 1424 the City of Zurich bought the castle and its seignory. Until 1798 a Landvogt (bailiff) resided in the castle and acted as a judge and tax collector.



Flat as promised !

From Kyburg you have another 25 kilometers until your destination. At Turbenthal you will head south to Fischingen. If you're up for more biking, the roads behind the cloister where you are staying are beautiful.

The abbey was founded in 1138 by Ulrich II, Bishop of Constance as a private Episcopal monastery. It was built on the Jacques de Compostelle trail and so is still a popular stop for hikers. The monastery is now run by a Benedictine order and there are a small number of monks living at the abbey.



Kloster Fischingen - Our destination

Fischingen is famous for its abbey and so take time to appreciate your historical overnight: explore the grounds, the hallways and it's also possible to eat here, but let the reception know as soon as you arrive...and be prepared to eat very early.

Finally, be sure to ask about breakfast times and don't be surprised if they are very early, (this is a working abbey, remember !) If you have ear plugs, consider putting them in to avoid hearing the morning bells.