



» The monks [and the nuns] shall live by the labour of their hands. « (Rule of St Benedict, Ch 48,8)

Abbey shop / Enoteca

Our abbey shop is a place for rummaging and browsing in a relaxed ambience. As well as an extensive selection of literature we offer a wide range of spelt products and “Hildegard” spices, CDs and all sorts of devotional objects. You will find Sr. Judith’s worked gold articles, some of Sr. Christophora’s ceramic works and Sr. Michaela’s individually designed candles. We provide a great variety of beautiful seasonal goods and carefully selected products from our associated abbeys as well as an excellent choice of high-quality cards.

Our enoteca is situated inside the abbey shop. We have a first-class assortment of wines from our own winery (which of course can be tasted) and homemade liqueurs and jellies. Allow yourself to be surprised!

Opening hours: Monday – Saturday: 9:00 – 17:00, on Sundays and public holidays: 14:00 -17:00 from March to December.

Abbey café

In our café visitors can enjoy simple lunchtime meals, coffees and cakes. We offer savoury and sweet delicacies from our kitchen and bakery. You will be served by the staff of St Vincent’s in Aulhausen, an associated institution for people with learning disabilities.

Opening hours: daily from 11:00 -17:00, except Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Groups please book in advance. Phone: 0049 (0)6722-499-266 or E-Mail: klostercafe@abtei-st-hildegard.de

Exhibition vault

Here we are delighted to present various exhibitions by artists from home and abroad. Their works reflect the whole gamut of art and creative power.

Opening hours: Wednesday-Sunday: 15:00-17:00

We regret that the vault is not accessible to those with disabilities.

Hiking trails around the abbey

Here are some recommendations for hikers:

The “Rheinsteig” is well-known as a challenging long-distance trekking trail. It is 320 km long and follows the central and north-eastern Upper Rhine valley.

The “Rheingauer Klostersteig” is 30 km long and links the Abbey of Eberbach in Eltville with the convent church of Marienhausen on the premises of St Vincent’s monastery in Rüdesheim-Aulhausen. On the way you will pass various hiking stops: the former Abbey of Johannesberg, the convents of Marienthal and Nothgottes, as well as our abbey.

The “Rüdesheimer Hildegard-Weg” is 6,7 km long and passes sites associated with St Hildegard’s on the eastern side of the Rhine valley: the pilgrimage church in Eibingen and our convent. It is an easy-to-walk trail with gentle gradients, a happy combination of the beautiful Rhenish landscape and quiet reflection, offering insights into the life, work and times of St Hildegard. Starting at the passenger ferry in Bingen / Rüdesheim the trail leads first to the “Brömserburg”. Then it passes the former convent in Eibingen, runs uphill to our abbey, then downhill again, rewarding you all the time with magnificent wide views of the Rhine valley.

All three trails are very well signposted.

Hiking maps and pilgrims’ passes for the “Klostersteig” are available at our abbey shop.

You can obtain your pilgrim’s stamps inside our abbey church just on the right of the entrance.



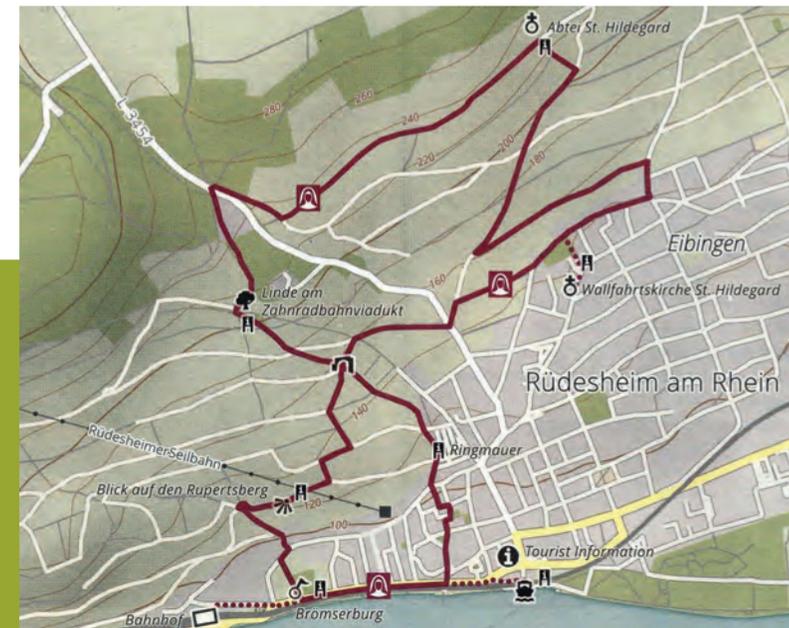
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A visitor’s guide

“Rüdesheimer Hildegard-Weg“



A visit to the Abbey of St Hildegard

Dear visitors,

we, the Sisters of the Abbey of St Hildegard, would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our visitors. This leaflet offers an overview of what you can do and experience in the abbey grounds. A visit to our abbey may give you a short break from your hectic everyday life and help you to gain a deeper understanding of our life of prayer, work and hospitality.

First of all we invite you to enjoy the magnificent view of the central Rhine valley. On the opposite side of the Rhine you will see Bingen, the town which gave St Hildegard (of Bingen) her name. Further away, on the horizon, you will glimpse the Disibodenberg where Hildegard lived for nearly forty years. Below the abbey there is the church of the former convent of Eibingen. Nowadays it is the pilgrimage church where St Hildegard's shrine is kept and guarded. At the far end of our grounds, just behind our abbey café, you will discover our sculpture park which is worth a visit.



Abbey church

The abbey church is open to all interested visitors. It is designed entirely in the Beuronese style of art and is decorated with impressive murals. The quietness of the spacious hall invites you to stay a while and contemplate. You can obtain a detailed description of the church and our monastery grounds in our abbey shop. You can also follow a guided tour via QR code in German, English and French. Everyone is invited to join our prayers, e.g. at midday at 12:00 or at Vespers at 17:30.

» In the reception of the poor and of pilgrims the greatest care and solicitude should be shown, because it is especially in them that Christ is received «

(Rule of St Benedict, Ch 53,15)

General information

Any groups that would like more in-depth information on our monastic life or the works of St Hildegard can book a lecture which will be given by one of our sisters. A lecture and /or discussion lasts about one hour and must be booked well in advance. Please get in touch with Frau Schwab who is responsible for group coordination.

Registration: Monday and Wednesday: 14:00 to 16:00, Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 to 12:00, phone: 0049 (0)6722-499-266, E-Mail: besuchergruppen@abtei-st-hildegard.de

In our information centre /info point, you will find more detailed information on the Benedictine life at our abbey and on Hildegard's personality and works. There is a photographic guided tour of the abbey, too.

QR-Codes Kirchenführung



DEUTSCH



ENGLISH



FRANÇAIS

Our living quarters and private abbey grounds are closed to the public. So there are no guided tours. Thank you for your understanding.

