

Bergischer Weg (Germany)



The [Bergische Weg](#) is a virgin hiking trail in Germany, covering almost 270 kilometres from Königswinter on the Rhine to Essen in the once industrial Ruhr district. For a two-day tour starting at my own door step in Bonn, I find the route near neighbouring Hennef - clocking up some 120 trail kilometres until rain stops me in Altenberg the next afternoon. Signposting can be sparse, but frequent single track compensates for bouts of navigational despair. Near Rösrath, the trail coincides with the remains of a downhill race course. A [YouTube clip](#) indicates that the location was in use until recently. Alas, all that earthwork is probably doomed now that walkers are claiming the same itinerary.

