LA ROUTE VERTE: LEISURE ROUTE

Vines & Orchards

Description

The „Vines & Orchards“ Leisure Route takes you in five days from Schaffhausen to Delémont to discover the vineyards, forests and orchards of the three Swiss-German nature parks of La Route Verte. From the vineyards of the Blauburgunderland in the Schaffhausen Nature Park, you arrive in Bad Zurzach where you can enjoy the thermal baths. The Linn Lime Tree welcomes you at the entrance to the Argovian Jurapark, whose cultivated landscape is marked by high-stemmed fruit orchards. After a stop in Liestal, the capital of Canton Baselland, you cycle to the Thal Nature Park, where you canadmire the works of art along the forest path “Holzweg Thal”. Your trip ends in Delémont in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, whose historic centre is well worth a visit.

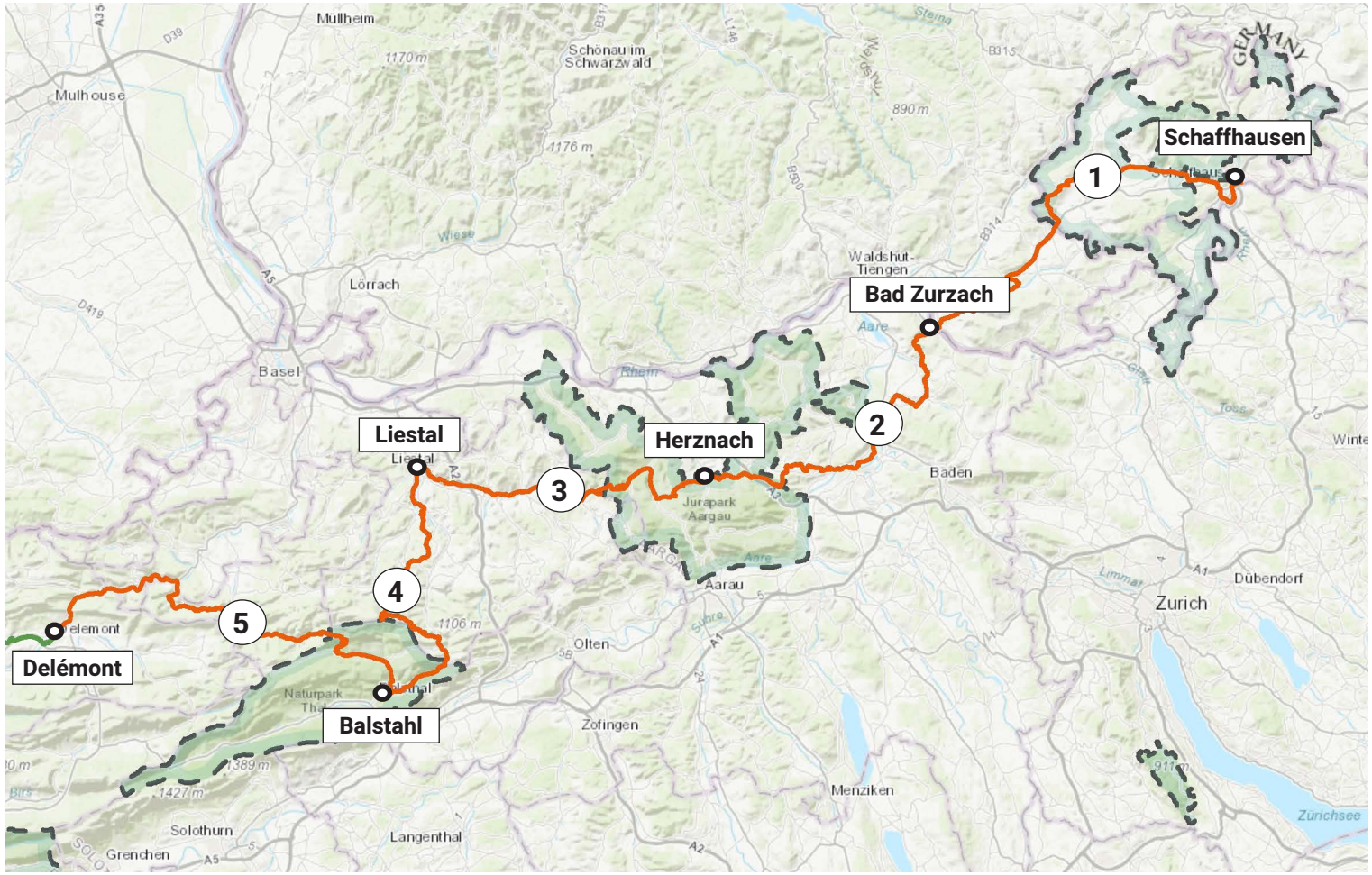
The Route Verte enjoyment routes last 4 to 5 days and consist of shorter stages. This gives you more time to discover the lively landscapes of the parks and enjoy regional products.

Legend (detailed maps)

Where to sleep · Where to eat · Places of interest · E-bike rental/repair · Information

Park boundaries

Leisure route “Vines & Orchards”: Schaffhausen – Delémont



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Stage 1: Schaffhausen - Bad Zurzach

Schaffhausen – Beringen

The route starts at the Schaffhausen train station and continues along the itinerary 77 of Switzerland Mobility's "Cycling in Switzerland" along the Rhine and through Neuhausen. Shortly before leaving the village, check out the famous Rhine Falls on your left. After that, you ascend beside the train tracks to Klettgau, a plateau at 50 metres above the Rhine. You stop following the train tracks at the Beringen Badischer train station and turn towards the town centre of Beringen.

See map 1

Beringen – Hallau

From Beringen, the route follows the Klettergauer wine route (itinerary 751 of "Cycling in Switzerland") until you reach Hallau. The name says it all: from here, you ride your bike to the heart of the Blauburgunderland passing through the winegrowing villages of Gächlingen, Oberhallau and Hallau.

See maps 2 and 3

Hallau – Trasadingen

From Hallau, the route follows itinerary 50 of "Mountainbiking in Switzerland". It goes through the middle of the vineyards and winds its way up to the Hallau refuge, before continuing along the ridge to Trasadingen.

See map 4

Trasadingen – Bad Zurzach

From Trasadingen, the Route Verte again follows Veloland Schweiz route no. 77. After crossing the border, you pass through Erzingen (Germany) and Geisslingen. From there you cycle on until you cross the Rhine and thus also the border again and reach the market town and spa of Bad Zurzach. Here you can treat yourself to a bath in the thermal baths.

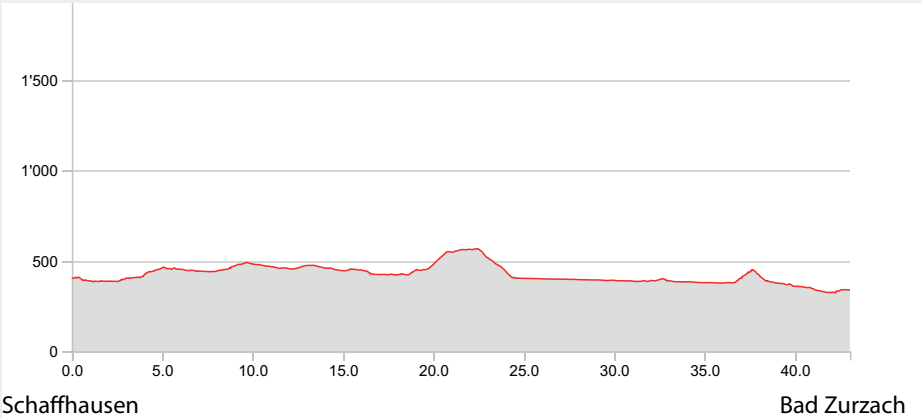
See maps 5 and 6

Length
43 km

Ascent
522 m

Descent
585 m

Height profile



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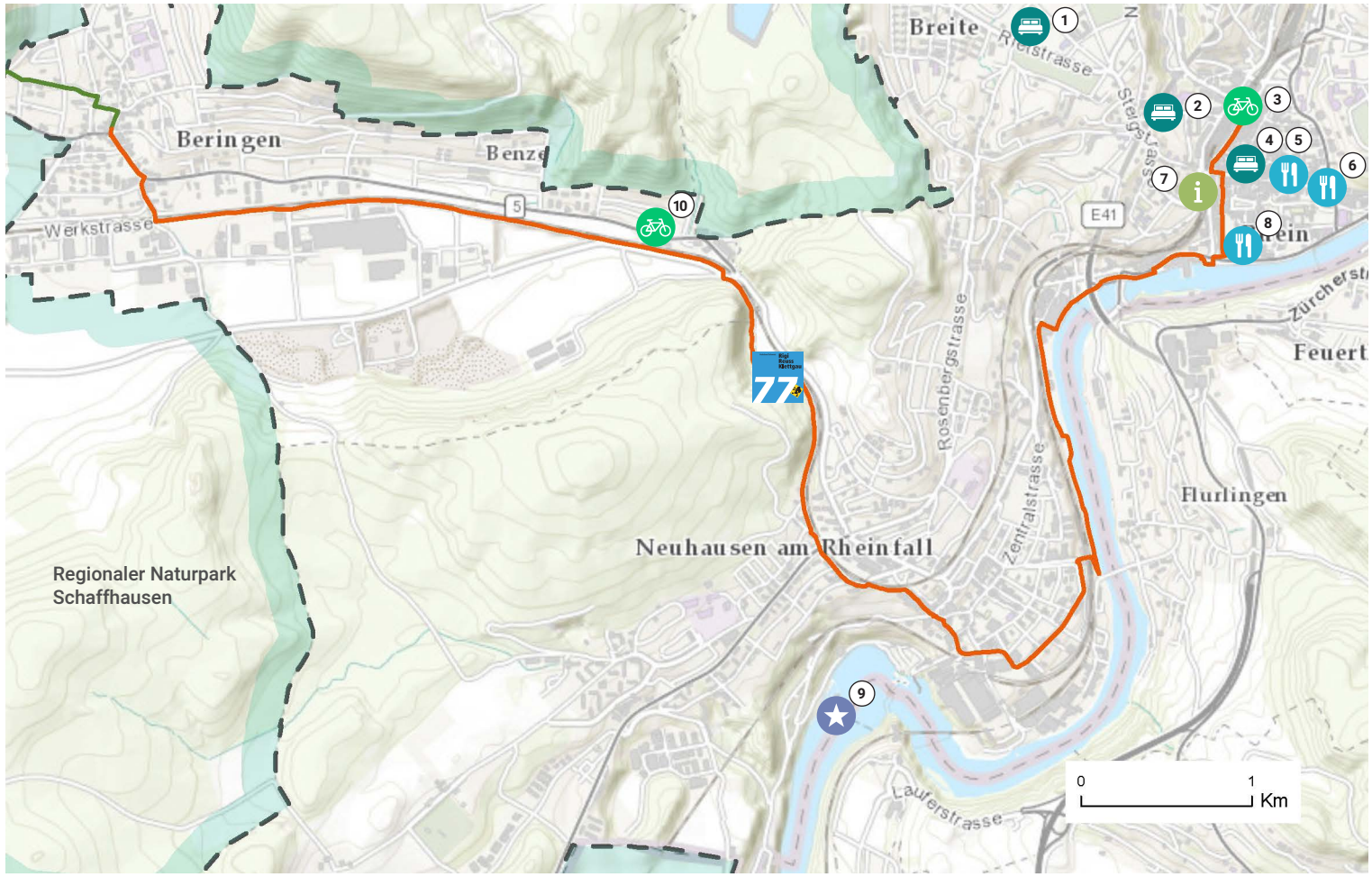

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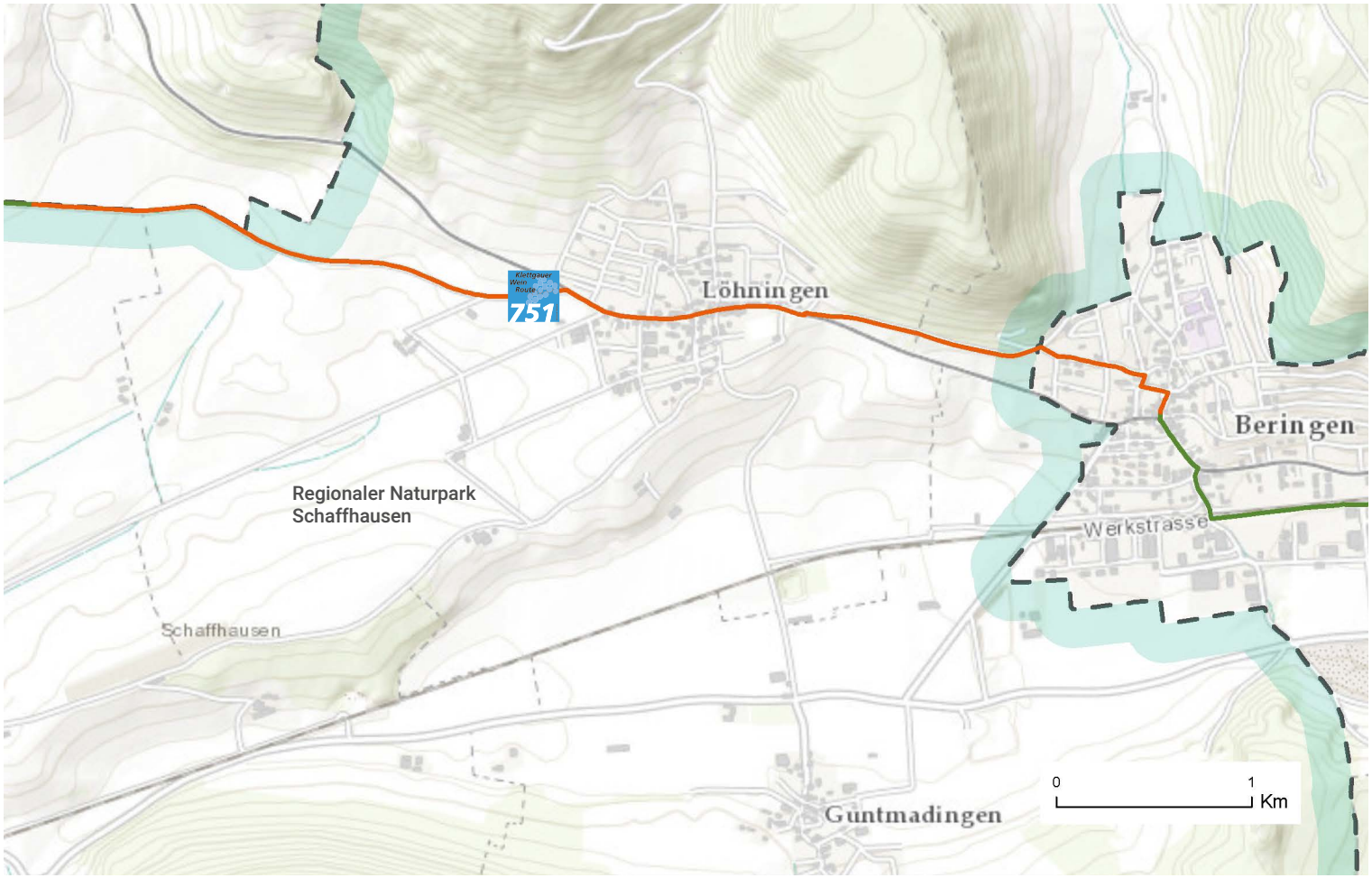

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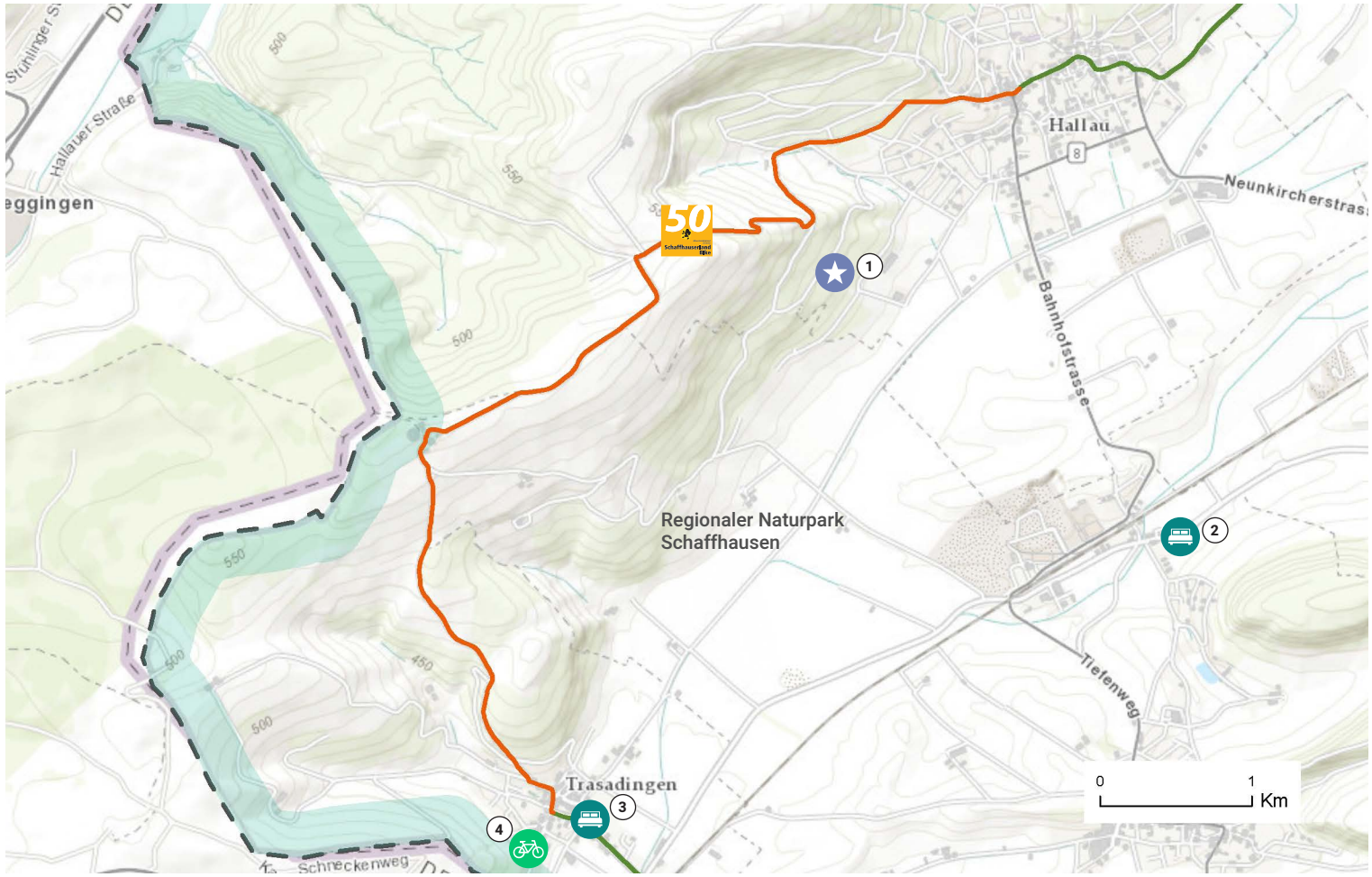

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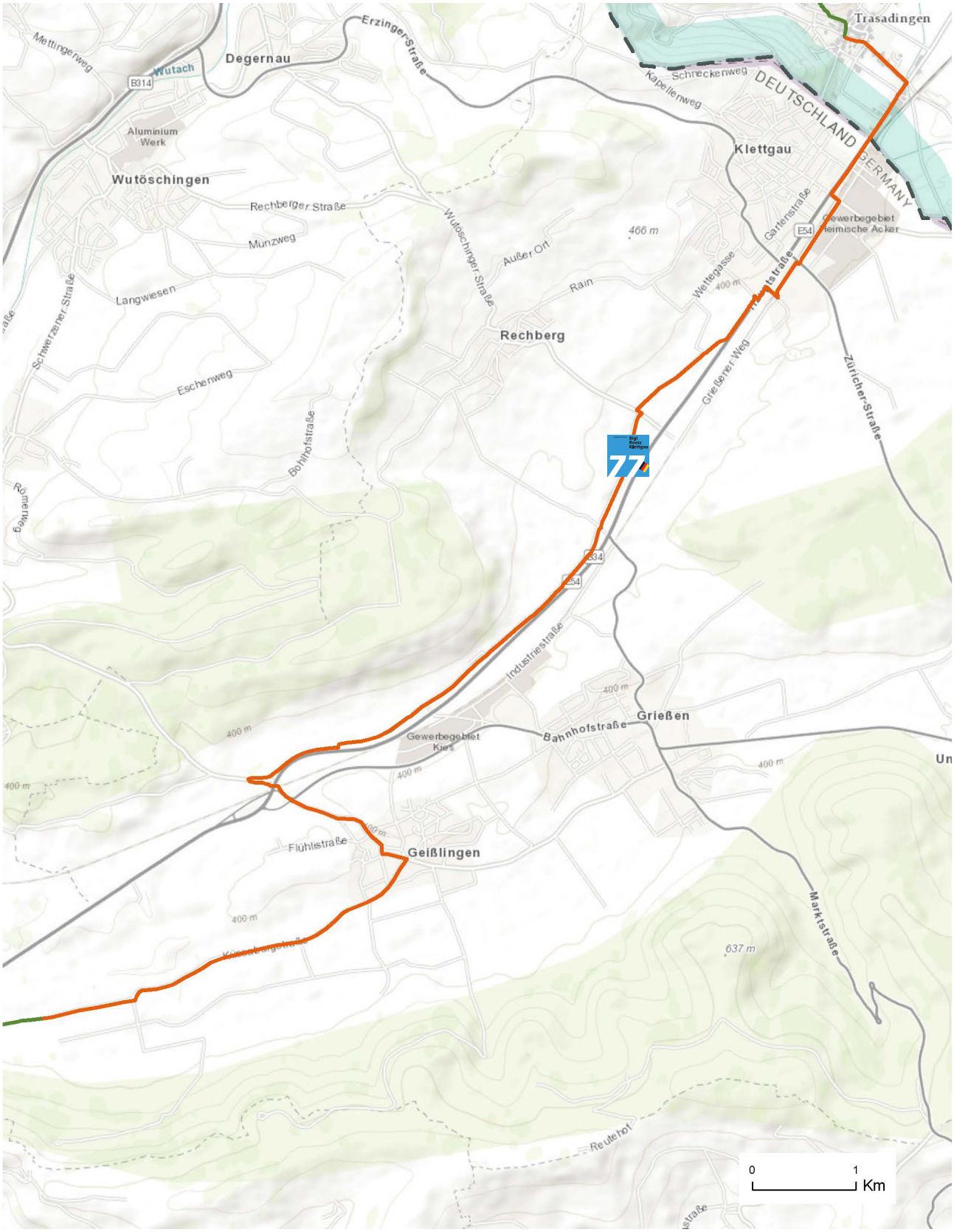

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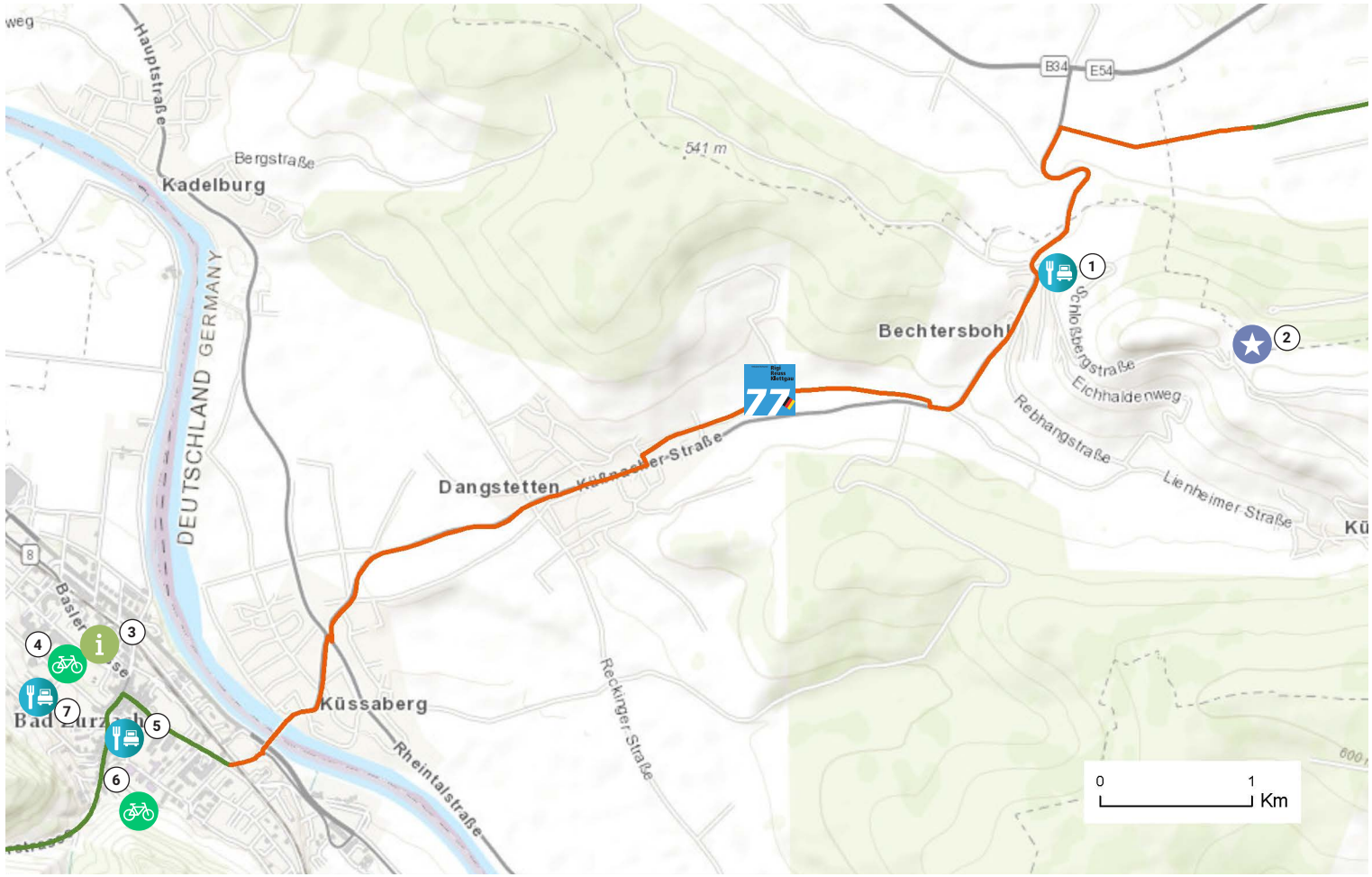

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Stage 2: Bad Zurzach - Herznach

Bad Zurzach - Brugg

From the village centre, you continue to follow itinerary 77, which leads you through the Acheberg to Surbtal and then to Würenlingen before arriving in Brugg. From the Würlingen's Ruckfeld you get to have a first glance over the Argovian Jura. Both hills are easy to climb with e-bikes.

See maps 7 to 8

Brugg – Zeihen

After crossing the Aare in Brugger Schachen, turn right before the railway underpass on itinerary 8 of "Cycling in Switzerland". Follow this road into the old town of Brugg until the next railway underpass.

There, you switch to itinerary 56 towards Frick, which follows the footbridge over the Aare. After a long ascent to the Bözberg, you are rewarded at the Linn lime tree with a beautiful view of the Aare valley.

See maps 9 and 10

Zeihen – Herznach

Continuing along the itinerary 56, you ride through the wild and romantic Sagimülitäli and then towards Zeihen, where the itinerary turns right. However, you go straight on here into the village of Zeihen (no signs) and continue uphill up to the "kleiner Klausen" pass above Herznach. You soon arrive at the main road, where you turn left to reach the stage's destination in Herznach!

See map 11

Length
37 km

Ascent
685 m

Descent
611 m

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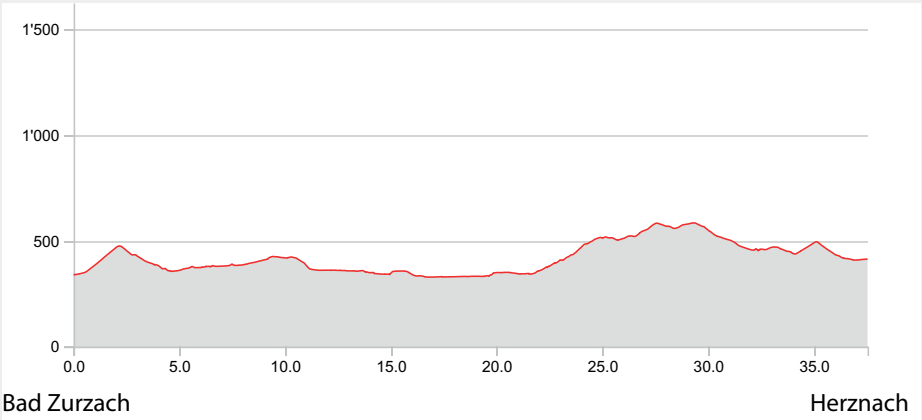

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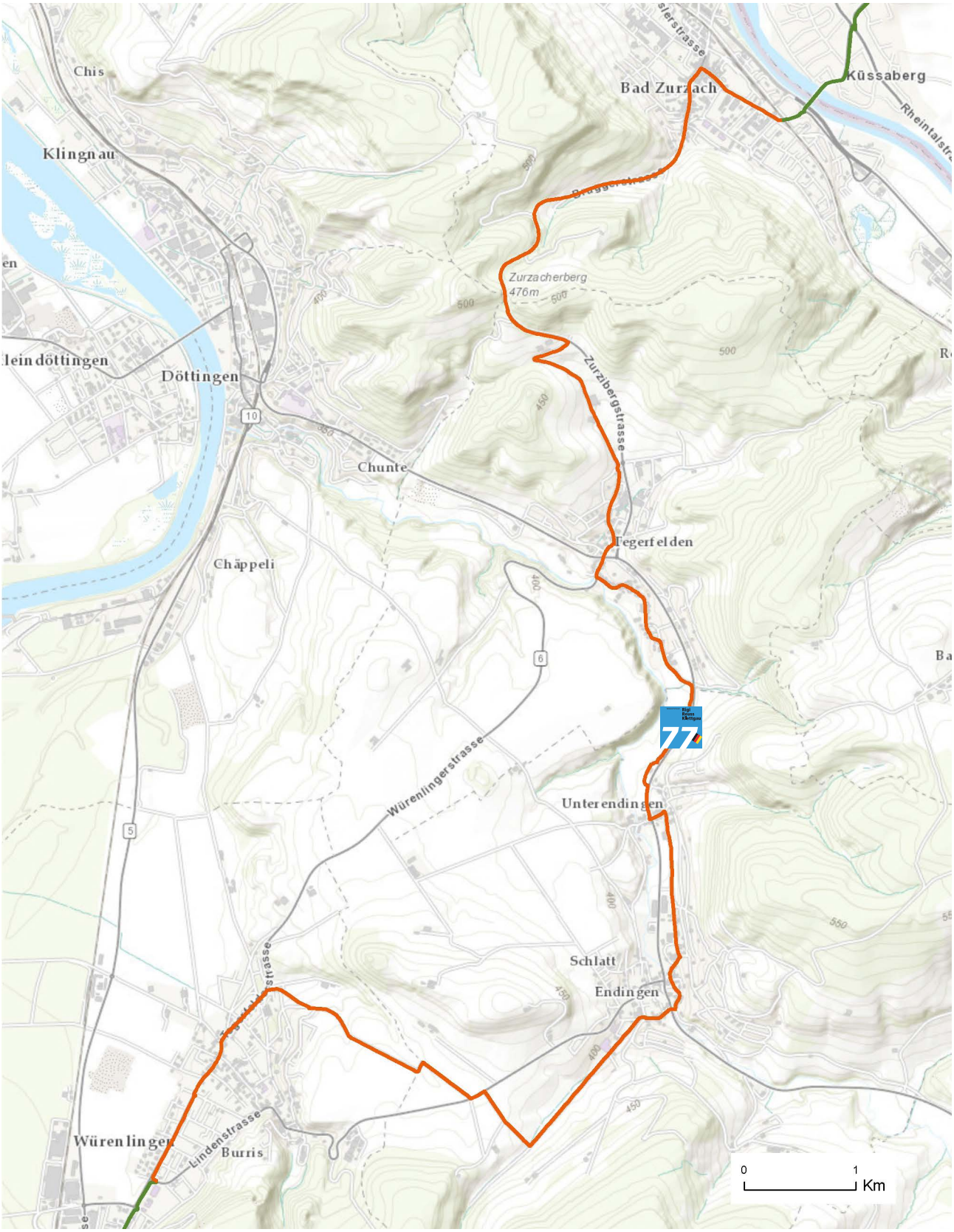

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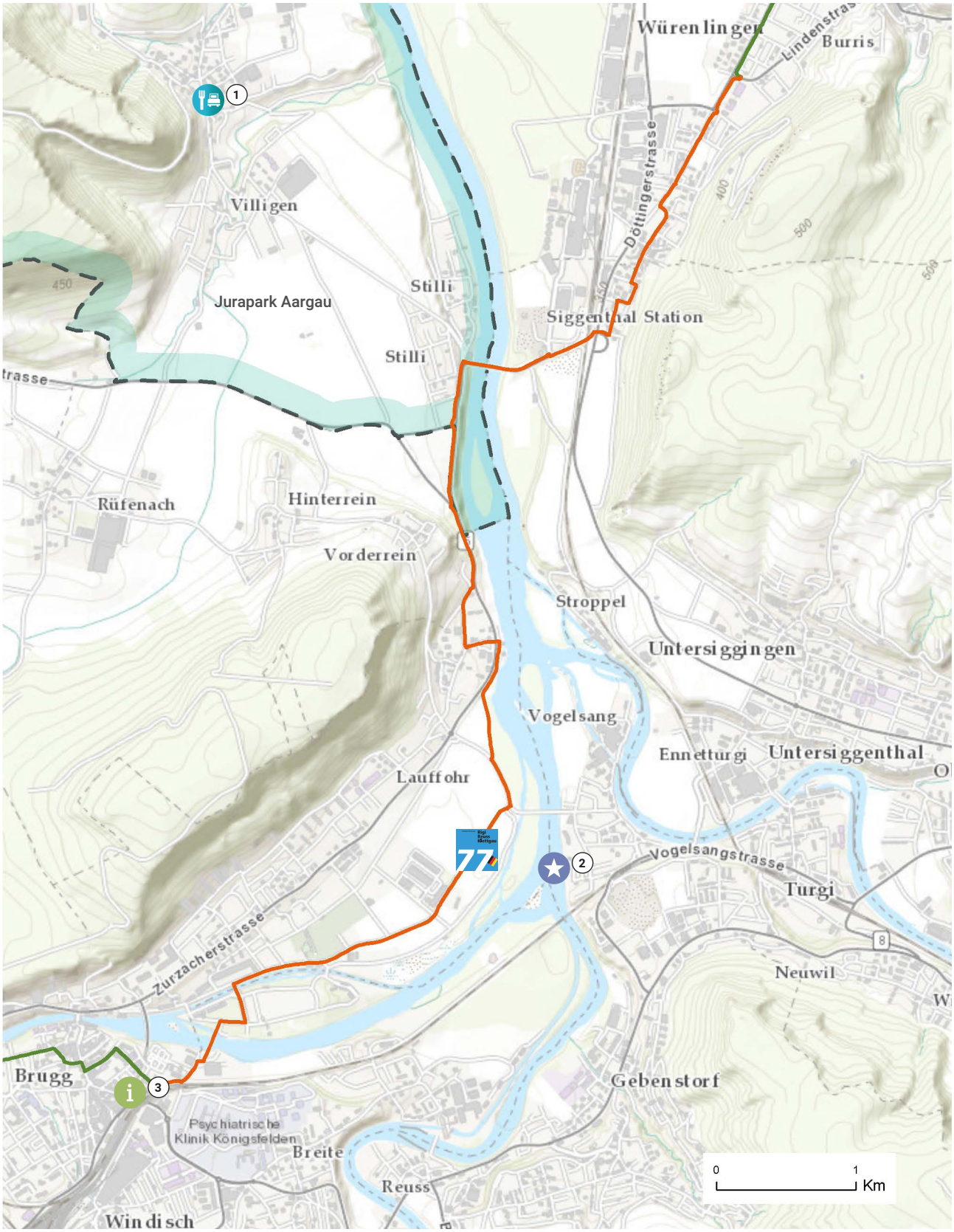

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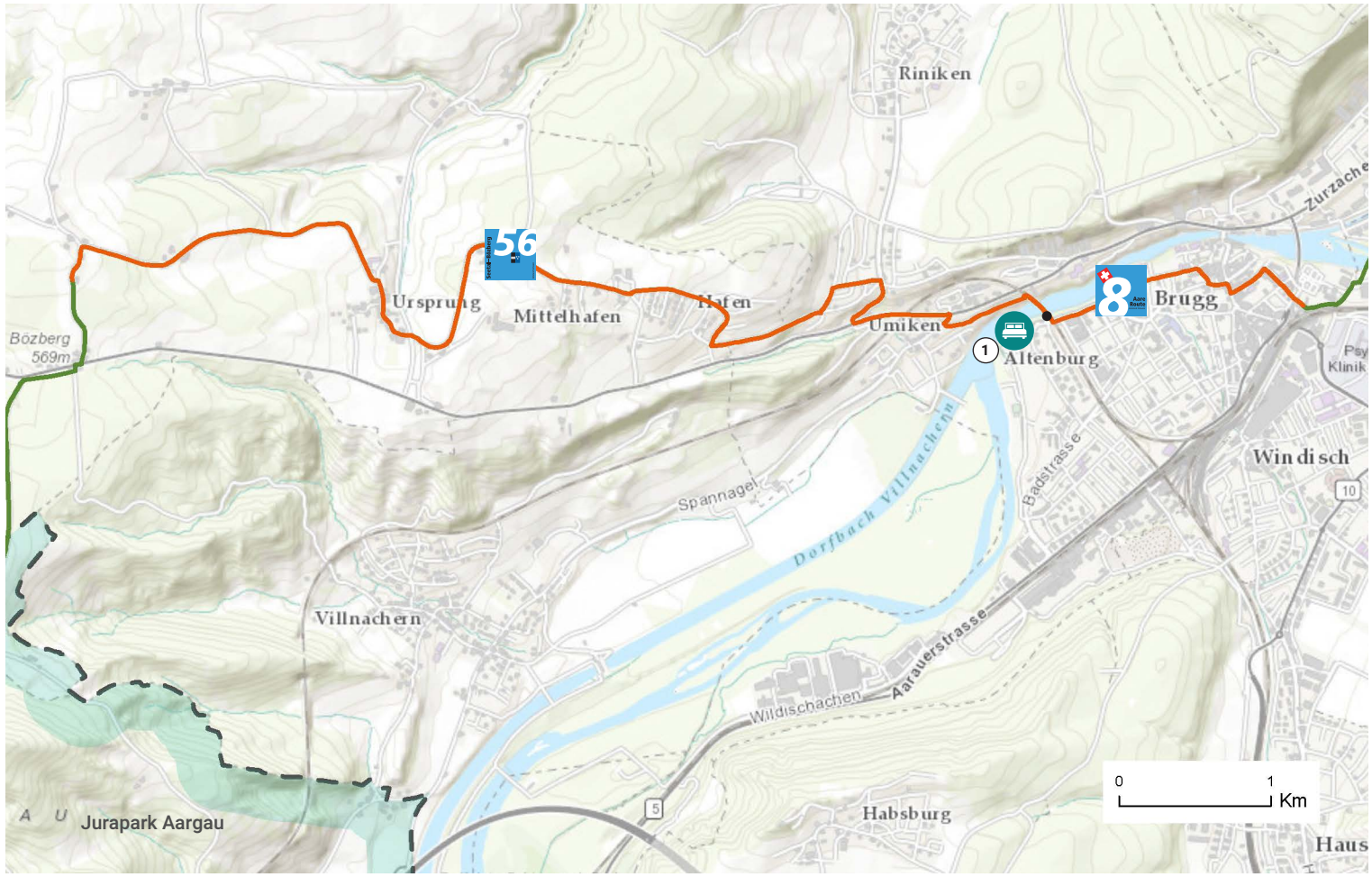

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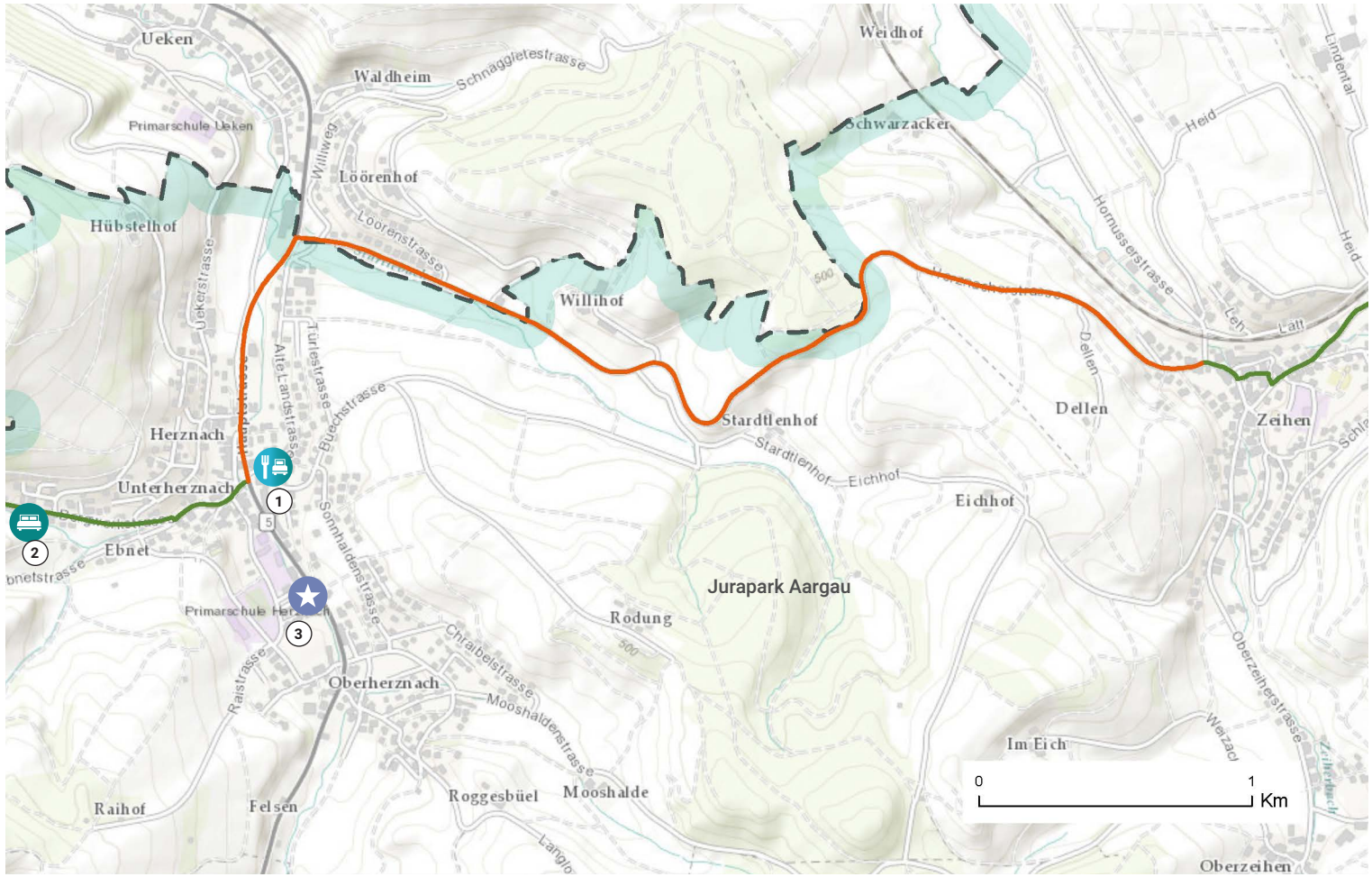

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Stage 3: Herznach - Liestal

Herznach – Rothenfluh

From the centre of the village of Herznach, follow the sign indicating the mine («Bergwerk») and cycle by the silo that can be seen from a distance, in the direction of Kornberg. Then cut across the plateau towards Wölflinswil, (first turn left, then right after the farm) and follow the small paved road without a bike lane. After a short passage through the forest, stay on the winding road that leads to Wölflinswil. Once you arrive at the centre of the village, turn right onto the main road towards Wittnau/Frick. After about three kilometres, before the crossing, take the left road and catch up with the main road that goes through the village of Wittnau. Here starts your long ascent up the Limperg (road towards Sissach/Rothenfluh) - don't forget to take a look at the scenic hills of the Jura on the way. When you reach the parking lot, you can stop at the chapel of Buschberg, a place full of energy. Then follow the road to the village of Rothenfluh. There, on the main road, you arrive on the itinerary 3 of "Cycling in Switzerland" that takes you towards Liestal.

See maps 12 and 13

Rothenfluh – Liestal

Continue along the itinerary 3 of "Cycling in Switzerland". On the way from Rothenfluh to Liestal, you can admire some breath-taking landscapes – especially in spring when the cherry trees bloom. After leaving Gelterkinden, you shortly reach Sissach. The area above Sissach is very popular amongst tourists. It is called «Sissacher-Fluh» and has a wonderful view over the Ergolz and Diergertal valleys, which extends partly to the Alps. Continue to follow the road to Liestal and visit its medieval old town.

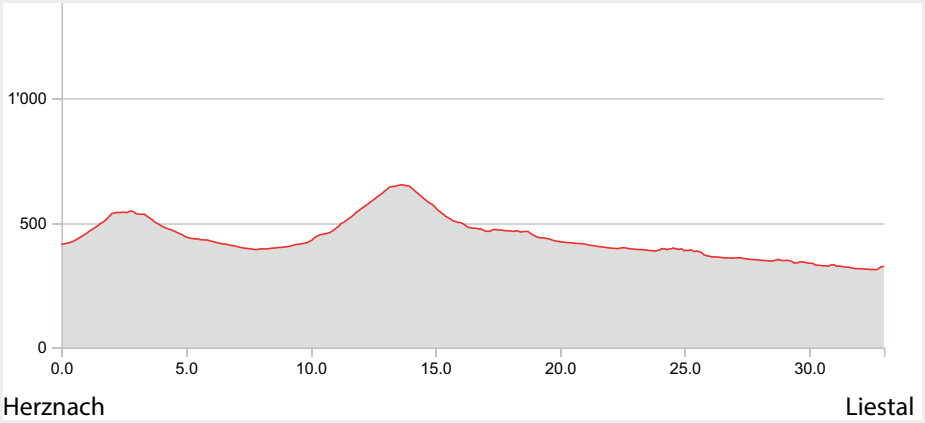
See maps 14 to 16

Length
33 km

Ascent
488 m

Descent
578 m

Height Profile



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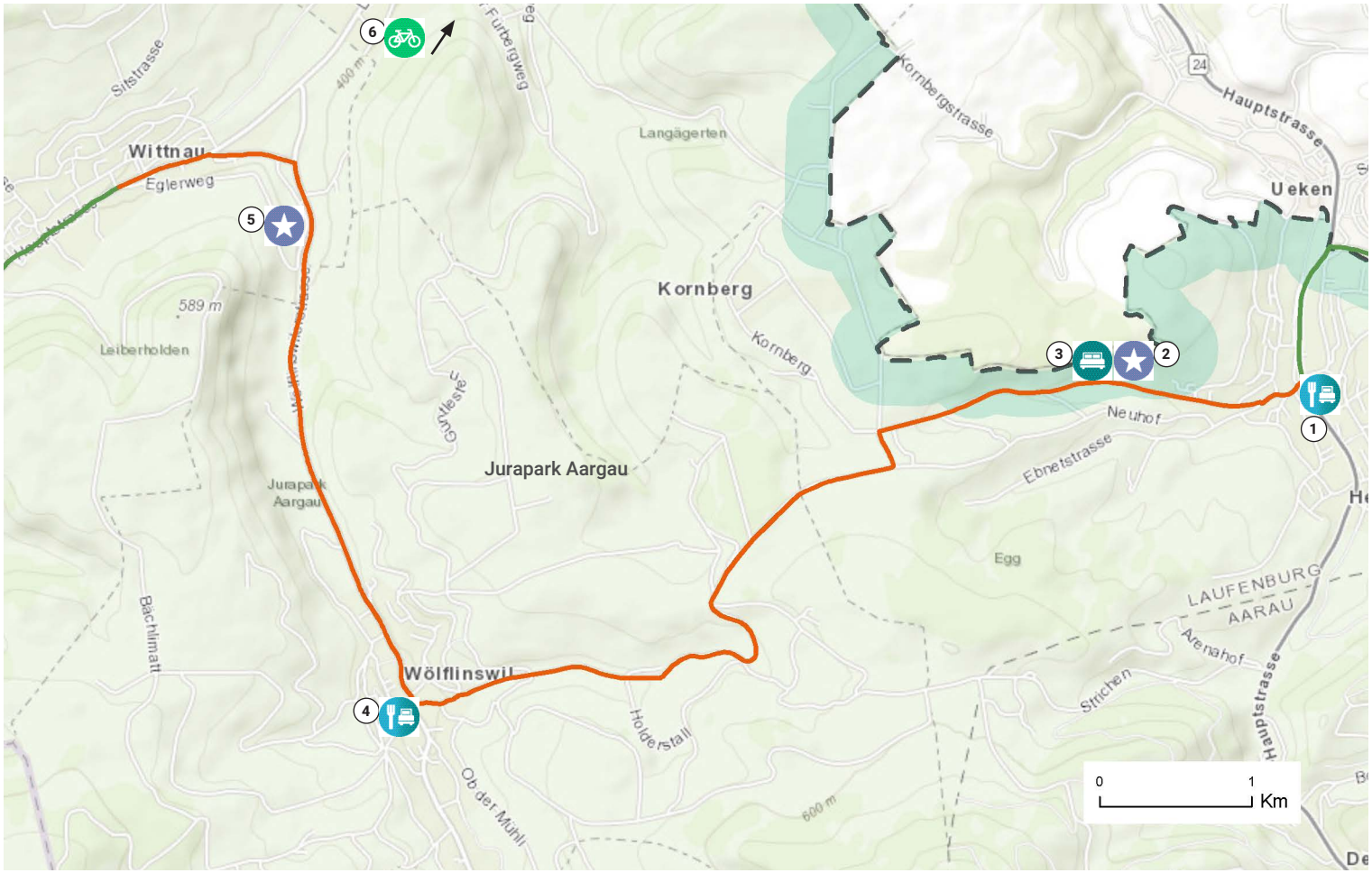

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14. Rothenfluh – Liestal

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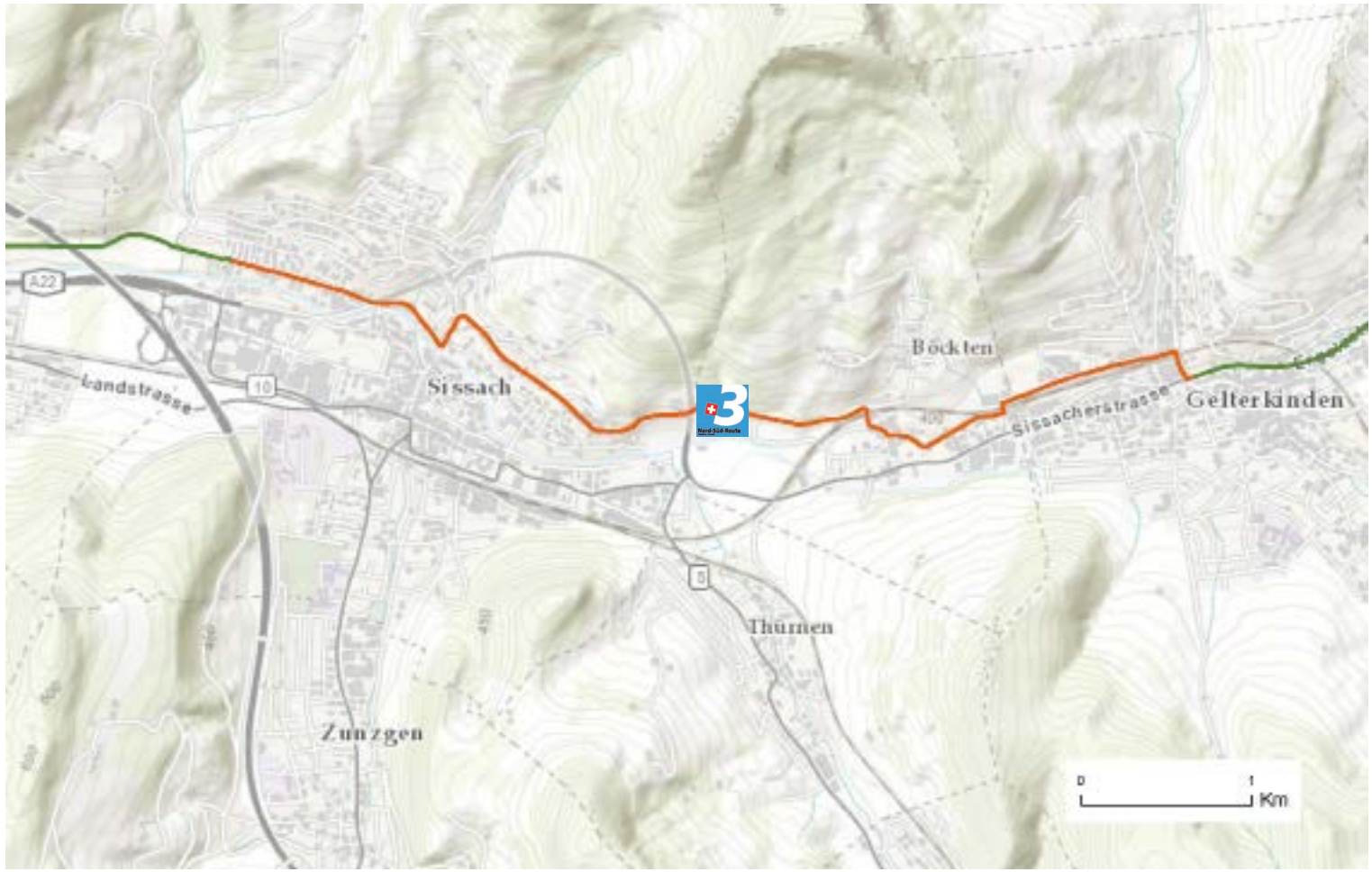

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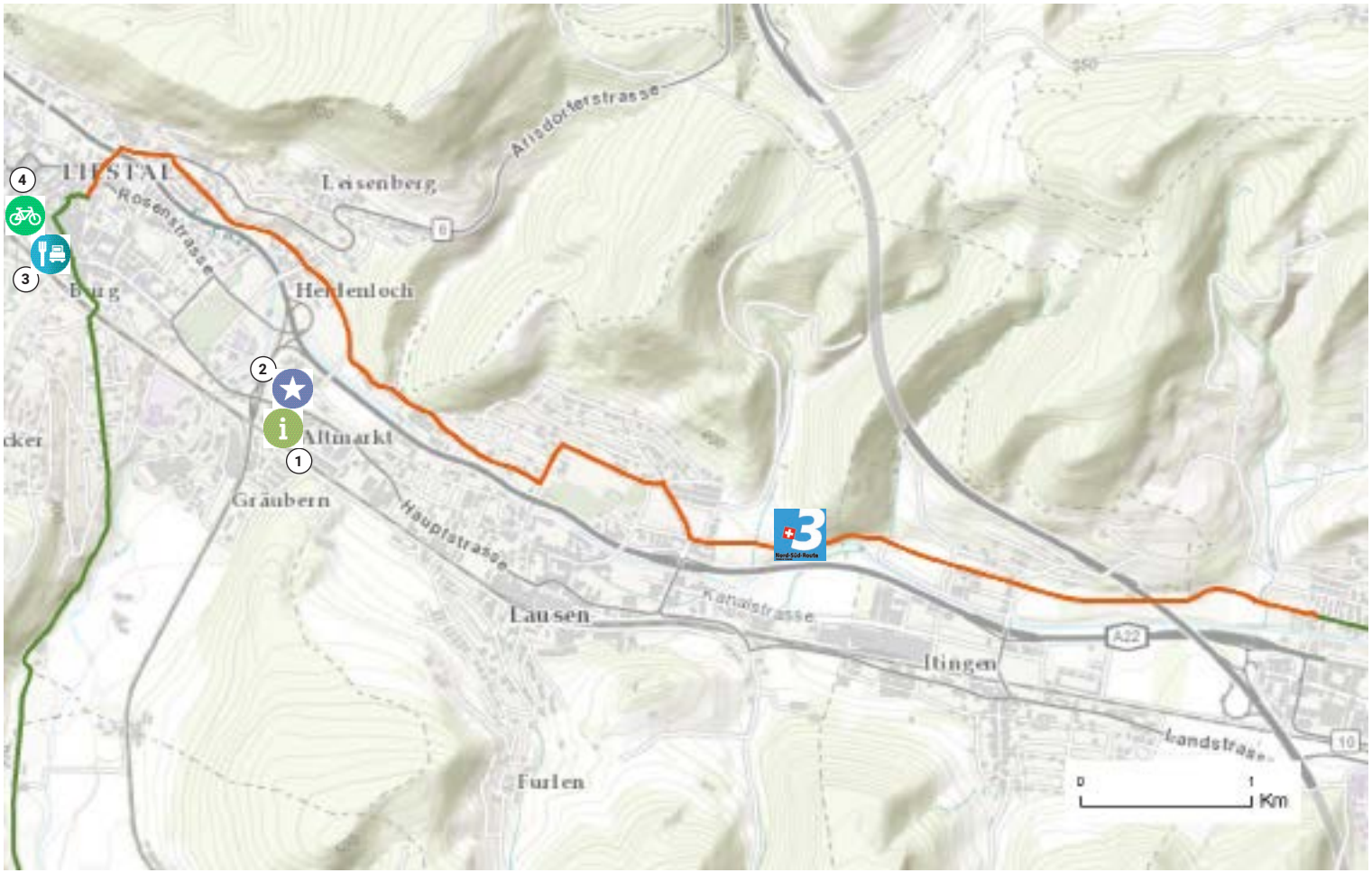

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Stage 4: Liestal - Balstahl

Liestal – Langenbruck

From Liestal, follow itinerary 112 of “Cycling in Switzerland”. The anthem of Basel-Land, «Baselbietrelied», does not only celebrate the beauty of the landscapes but also the «mountains and the valleys». Indeed, the topography makes the itinerary demanding, but it definitely pays off. Once you have crossed Bubendorf, Lampenberg, Titterten and reached Liedertswill, the climb up to the region of Wasserfallen is well worth the effort. This region is much appreciated by hikers, and you can buy some food at many small farm stores if you need some more energy. After a short climb, you reach the highest point of Hauenstein, where you can enjoy a view of the entire region, reaching from Basel to the French Vosges and the Black Forest. Along the Jura mountain range, you cycle along imposing limestone formations and lush forests. You enjoy one breath-taking panorama after another, revealing the Alps in the distance. After that, one last descent separates you from Langenbruck – you are almost there!

See maps 17 and 18

Langenbruck – Balsthal

From Langenbruck, follow the itinerary 54 of “Cycling in Switzerland” which offers you a magnificent view of the forest and the ruins of Neu Falkentstein castle. After Holderbank, in Höll, you can turn right to make a detour by the Holzweg Thal. You can also continue to Balsthal where the beautiful Hotel Balsthal awaits.

Please be careful between Langenbruck and Balsthal as the cantonal road might be dangerous due to the density of traffic.

See map 19

Length
37 km

Ascent
1‘006 m

Descent
837 m

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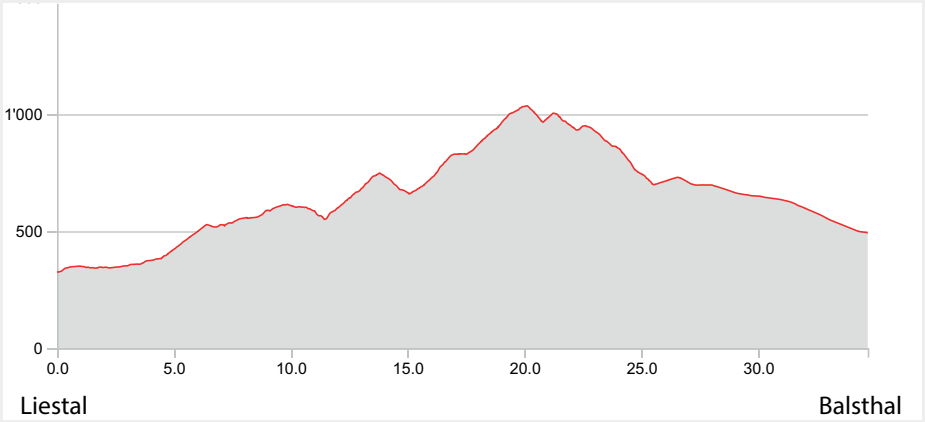

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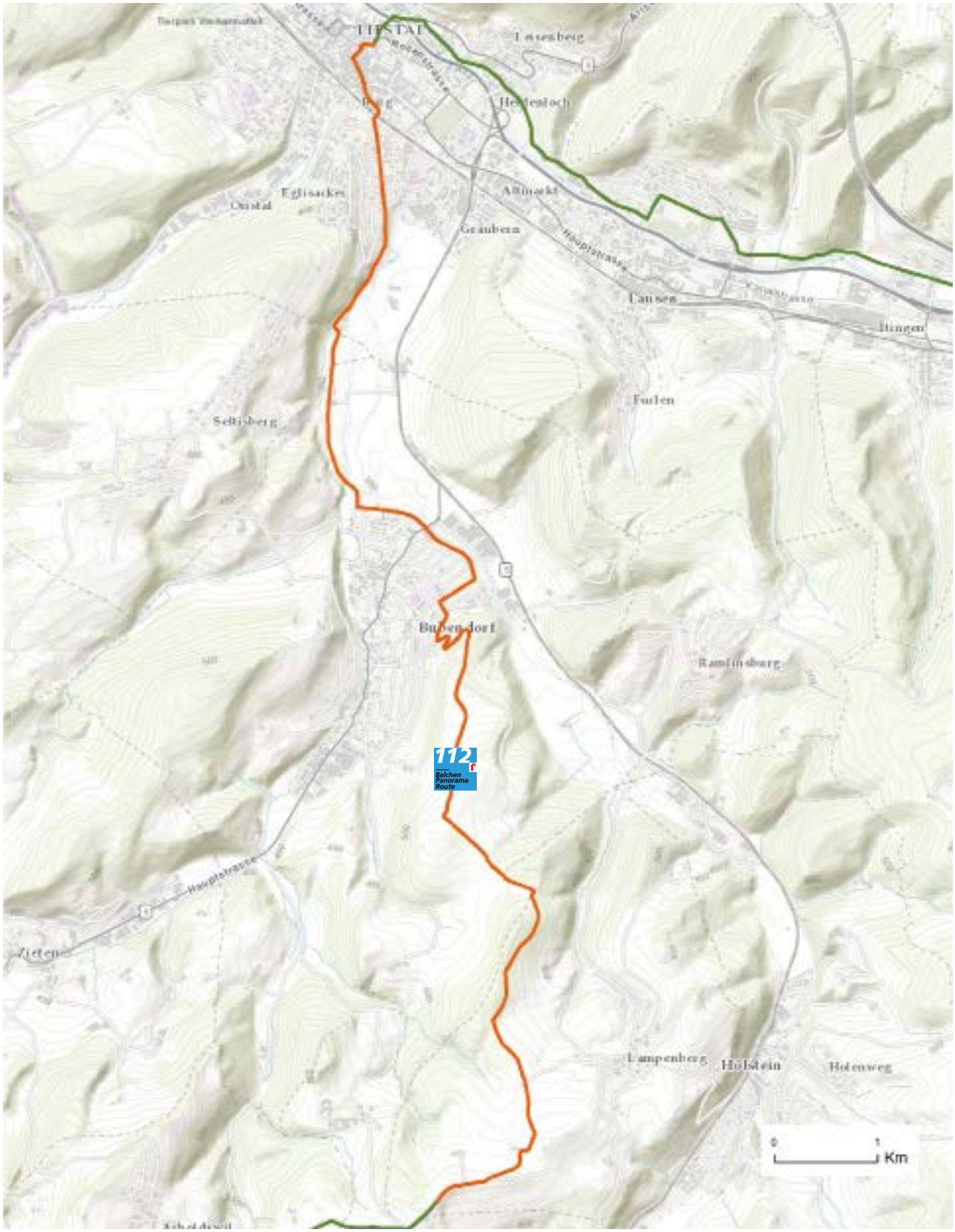

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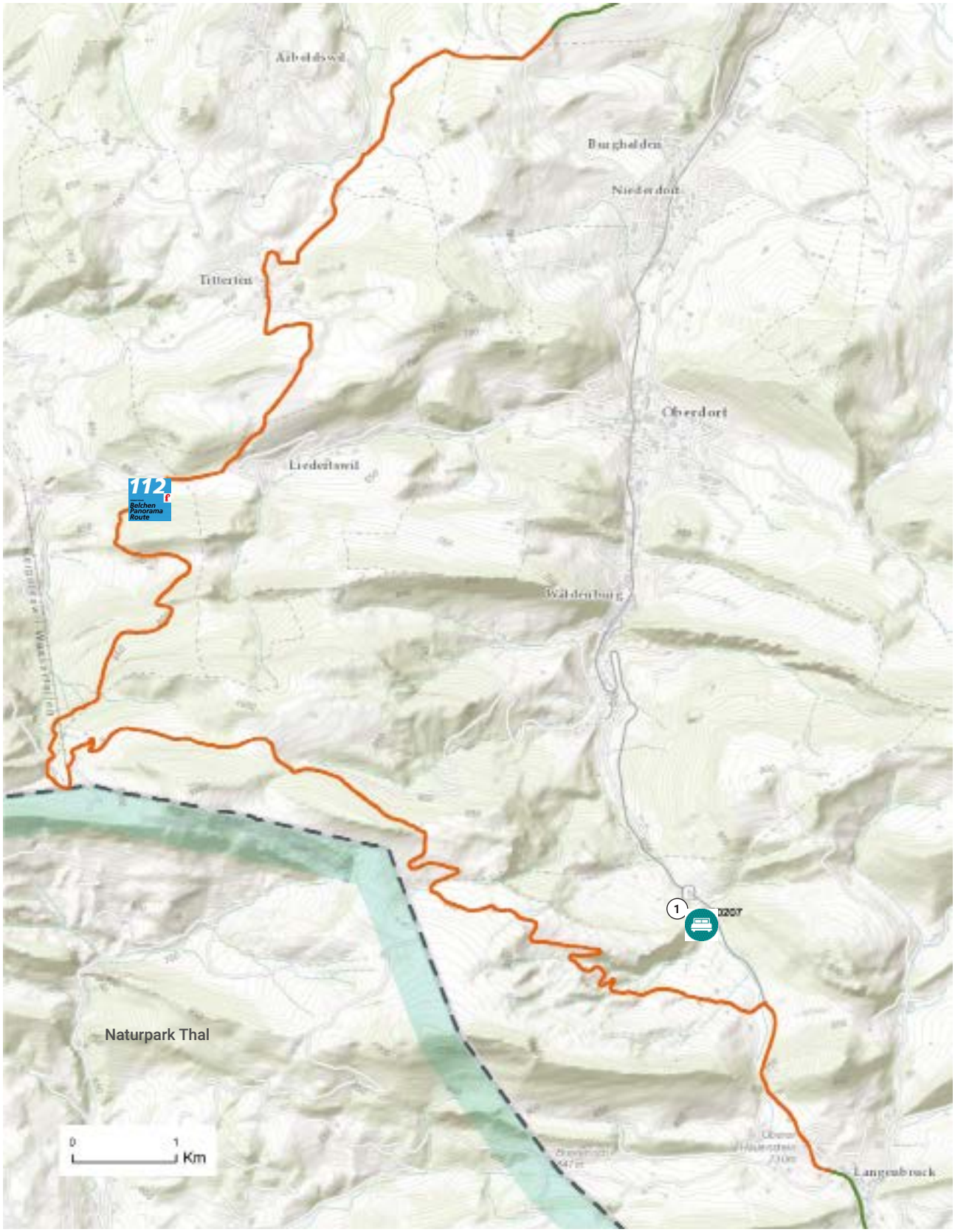

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19. Langenbruck – Balsthal

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Stage 5: Balstahl - Delémont

Balsthal – Neuhüsli

From Balsthal, follow the itinerary 71 of «Cycling in Switzerland» which leads you to the Passwang. You ride between steep cliffs and pass Mümliswil, a charming village in which you can find the unique HAARUNDKAMM museum. After Ramiswil, the road starts to ascend – get your legs ready for the climb to the Passwang. Be careful, as this cantonal road can sometimes be busy. If you still have some energy left, it is worth making a little detour to the Vogelbergfluh, where you can enjoy a superb view over the Alps and the city of Basel. After that, the road goes downhill to Beinwil Neuhüsli.

See maps 20 and 21

Neuhüsli – Liesbergmüli

From Beinwil Neuhüsli you follow itinerary 348 of «Cycling in Switzerland» into the charming region of Schwarzbubenland. With wonderful views, you continue your descent and follow the Lüssel River in Erschwil. The route continues through the hilly landscape to Bärschwil, on the northern side of the Fringeli mountain, where you can visit the village via a geological theme path. The road then leads you through the Laufen valley, where you follow the river Birse to Liesbergmüli.

See maps 22 to 24

Liesbergmüli – Delémont

At Liesbergmüli, change to itinerary 23 of «Cycling in Switzerland» following the Birse river until you reach Delémont.

See map 25

Length
45 km

Ascent
856 m

Descent
918 m

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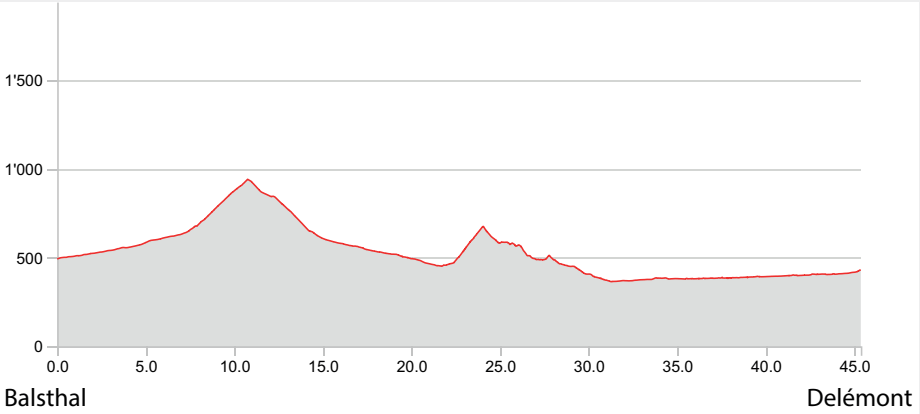

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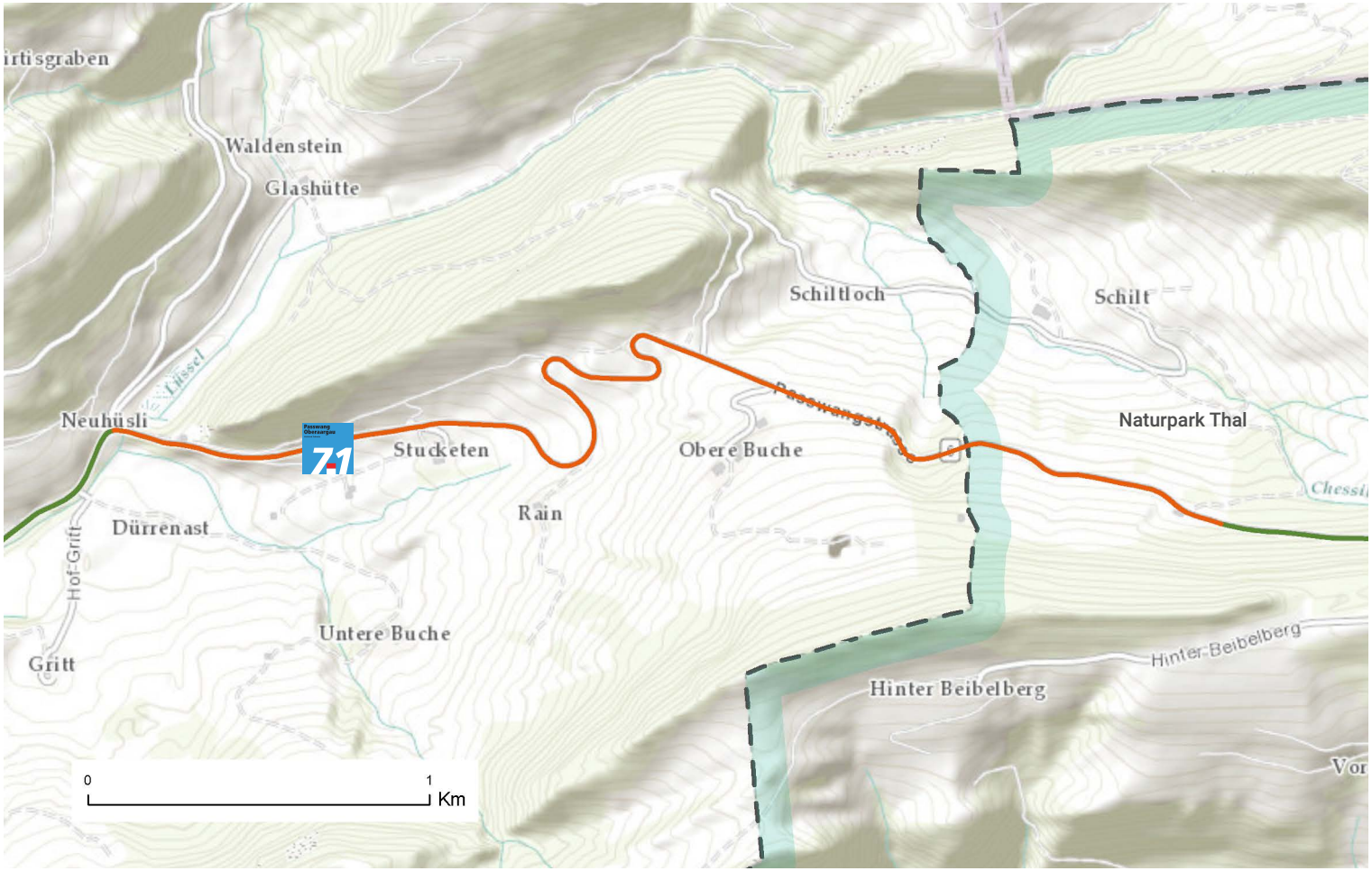
21. Balsthal – Neuhüsli



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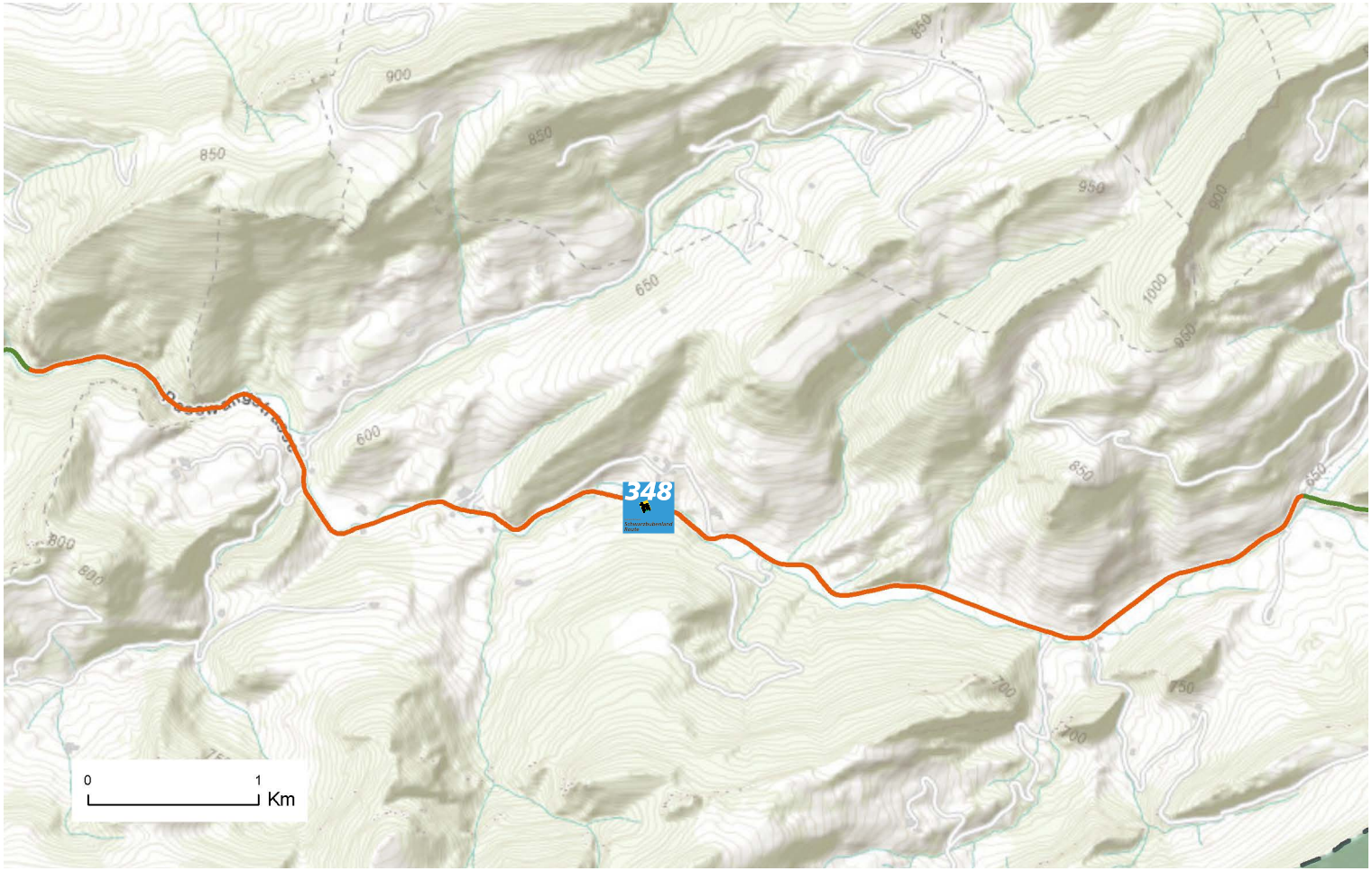

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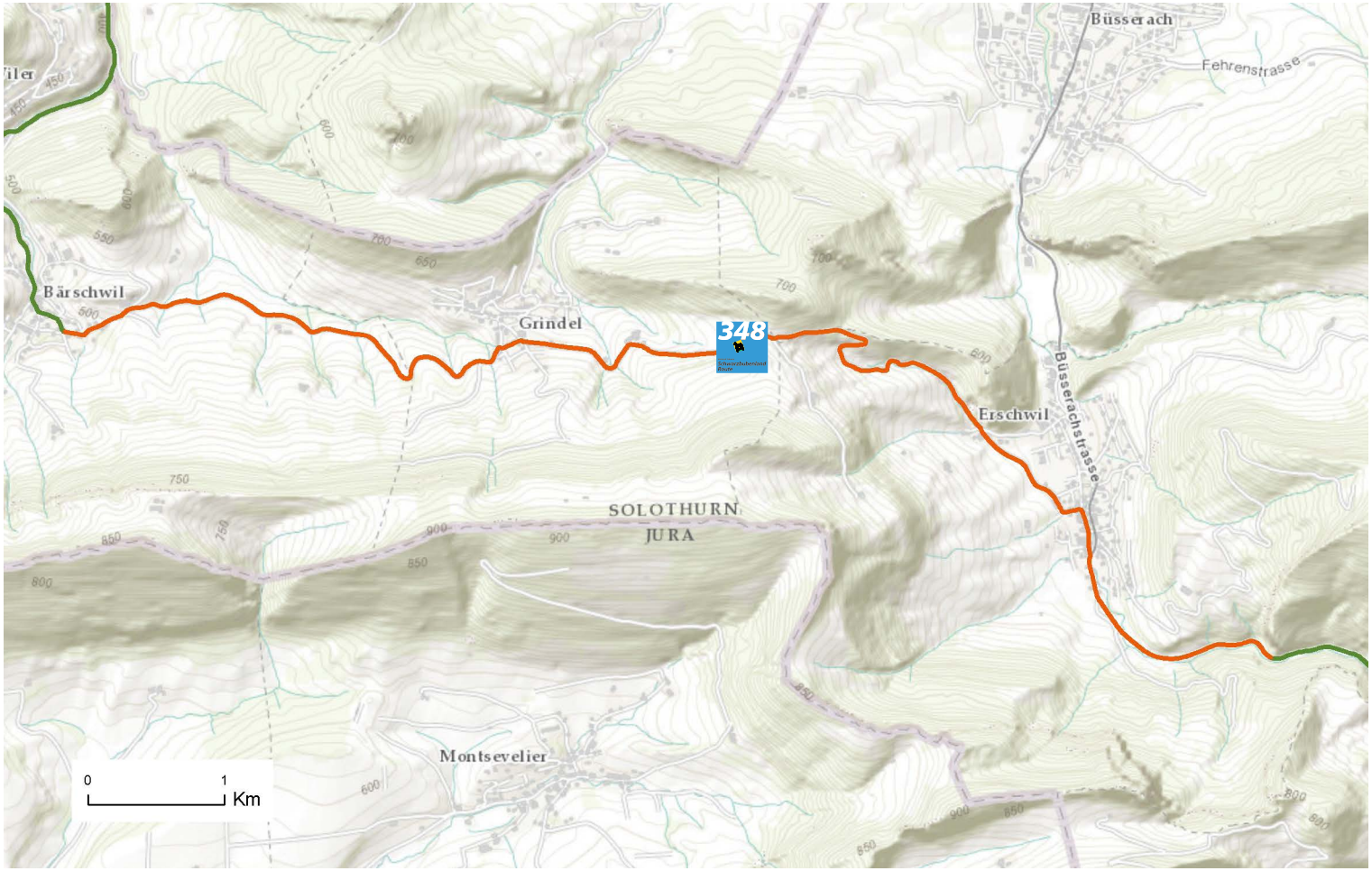

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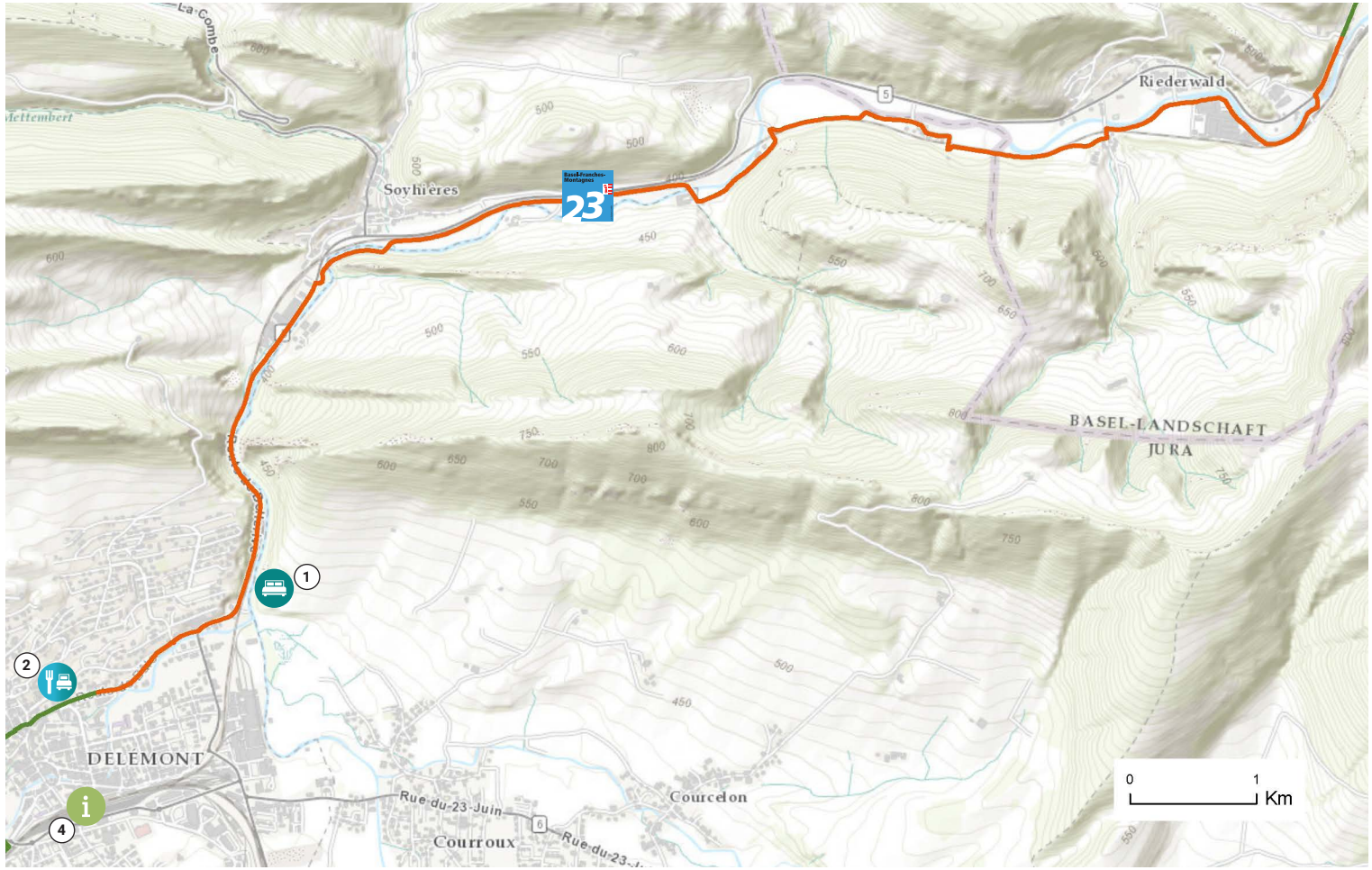

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The vineyards of Blauburgunderland
Regionaler Naturpark Schaffhausen

With its exceptional natural and cultural landscapes, the region of Schaffhausen is truly unique. The hills of the Randen, the vast vineyards and agricultural lands, the forests, the bucolic villages as well as the Rhine give the area a magnificent diversity. La Route Verte crosses the region of Klettgau, which is characterized by endless rows of vineyards growing Pinot Noir and Riesling-Silvaner. The regional winegrowers cultivate their vines with great love, care, passion and knowledge, producing a variety of exceptional wines. Enjoy the trip through the Schaffhausen Regional Nature Park and make the most of the opportunity to taste some excellent wines in idyllic wine cellars.

Further information...

The Klettgau landscape within the Schaffhausen Regional Nature Park is characterised by green vineyards, authentic huts and idyllic wine cellars. The history of the vines and the wine in Klettgau goes back a long way. The local vine planting already started with the Romans and was carried on, later, by religious members of the Schaffhausen convent. Not only was the wine used during the celebration of the holy mass, but also accompanied them in their daily lives. According to the rule of the Benedictine order, each monk was entitled to a generous ration of wine - all the better if it could be produced directly «in your backyard».

Today, the largest vineyard in German-speaking Switzerland extends from Gächlingen via Hallau to Trasadingen and thus represents the most important wine region in the canton of Schaffhausen. In this region, Blauburgunder (Pinot-Noir) and the Riesling-Silvaner are the most cultivated grape variety. The soils consist of limestone rich clay and offer excellent conditions. The centre of the Klettgau wine region consists of the Hallau village, which has only 2000 inhabitants. From afar, you can already see the region and its landmark, the St. Moritz church, which overlooks the houses and vineyards.

Hallau's Pinot Noir wine has always been considered as the jewel of Schaffhausen's winegrowing and is one of the most popular red wines from Switzerland. About 200 winegrowers are currently working in Klettgau between tradition and innovation. Each autumn, they transform their full-bodied grapes into a noble beverage. During that time, the people of Klettgau celebrate their wine with many festivals, which are highly recommended.

Markus Hallauser is one of many winemakers in the region. He grew up on the family farm around Hallau. From a very young age, he helped his grandfather in the vineyard. Eight years ago, he turned his passion into his profession. Today, Markus and Nadja, his wife, run the winery of Stefan Gysel. As a team, they produce their wine - the «Aagne», which means «typical» in the local dialect. In addition to Pinot Noir (Blauburgunder) and Riesling-Silvaner, they cultivate eight other selected grape varieties. The wines of Stefan and Markus are of exceptional quality. They have won several gold and silver medals from various national and international wine competitions.

The Schaffhausen Regional Nature Park has the mission to promote sustainable economic development in the Canton of Schaffhausen's rural areas. This includes projects in the areas of agriculture, tourism, culture and education. In the Blauburgunderland, regional wines represent an essential part of the culture and of the economy. The Park works closely together with the «Blauburgunderland» organisation, for example by awarding the "Parr Product" label to some of the wines, recognising their quality and origin.
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High-stem orchards
Argovia Jurapark

High-stem trees such as the apple and cherry tree, have characterised the Argovian Jura for centuries. On the second stage of La Route Verte, you bike through many orchards that traditionally surround the villages. Unlike low-stem trees, which have a shorter lifespan, trees with high stems shelter an entire ecosystem and therefore make a huge contribution the diversity of species. The Argovia Jurapark and its fruitgrowers support the preservation of these unique landscapes, for example by selling products made from these trees. Buy a «Süssmost» (apple juice) certified by the Argovia Jurapark – it is a great to recharge your batteries whilst supporting the local fruit trees. .

Further information...

High-stem trees such as the apple and cherry tree, have characterised the Argovian Jura for centuries. Between Linn and Wittnau, you bike through many orchards that traditionally surround the villages. Unlike low-stem trees, which have a shorter lifespan, trees with high stems shelter an entire ecosystem and therefore make a huge contribution the diversity of species such as lichens, moss, insects, spiders, birds and bats.

These high-stem orchards also produce delicious fruits that can be enjoyed in many different forms like dried fruit, jams, syrups, juices, mustards or vinegars. We recommend the candied cherries from the farm «Erlenhof Wittnau» which are delicious with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. You will find a wide variety of original regional products that support the conservation of these natural landscapes as well as of the many species of birds and bats that live there.

However, this unique habitat has dramatically diminished in recent decades. Fortunately, some passionate farmers are committed to the preservation of high-stem orchards. The organic farmers of Wittnau composed of both families Müller and Schmid are a good example. They cultivate and maintain high-stem trees with passion and transform them into dried fruit and juice that have received the "Park Product" label and that they can then sell. You can taste different fruit recipes with for example plums, apples and pears at «arbovitis» in Frick. A guided tour of the farm accompanied by an aperitif will give you insight into the farm's daily business and allow you to taste the different fruit juices. If you don't have time for the tour, we would still highly recommend buying regional specialities at the Erlenhof in Wittnau or in the Brändler family's small shop in Wittnau – they're all on the Route Verte itinerary.

High-stem trees shape the landscape. At any given season, they are jewels of nature that visitors can enjoy: in the spring, the flowers blossom and in summer, the trees offer shade and sweet and ripe fruit ready for plucking. Because high-stem orchards are such an important habitat for many species, the Argovia Jurapark is committed to ensuring the conservation of the trees in the most natural way possible. For example, the Park organises the sale of local products, and coordinates tree sponsorships. The sponsors receive culinary gifts or invitations for an exciting farm experience.

Before visiting, don't hesitate to take a look at the exchange platform «Hochstammbörse». You will find useful information about tree sponsorship as well as delicious recipes, contacts to participate in the harvest or a list with locations to pick fruit for free!

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The Art of Nature
Thal Nature Park

The Thal Nature Park, set in the mountain range of the Solothurn Jura, is reached through an imposing “cluse” (narrow valley). Plucky visitors can discover the stunning views from Jura summits with fantastic, vertical falling valleys, deep gorges and mysterious woods. During the Middle Ages, the entrances to the valleys were fortified with castles and the natural resources (iron ore, wood, water) were used for construction in the craft and industry network. The close connection between nature and economic activity is still visible today. You can see this by visiting the comb museum HAARUNDKAMM or simply by walking along the Wood Path.

Further information…

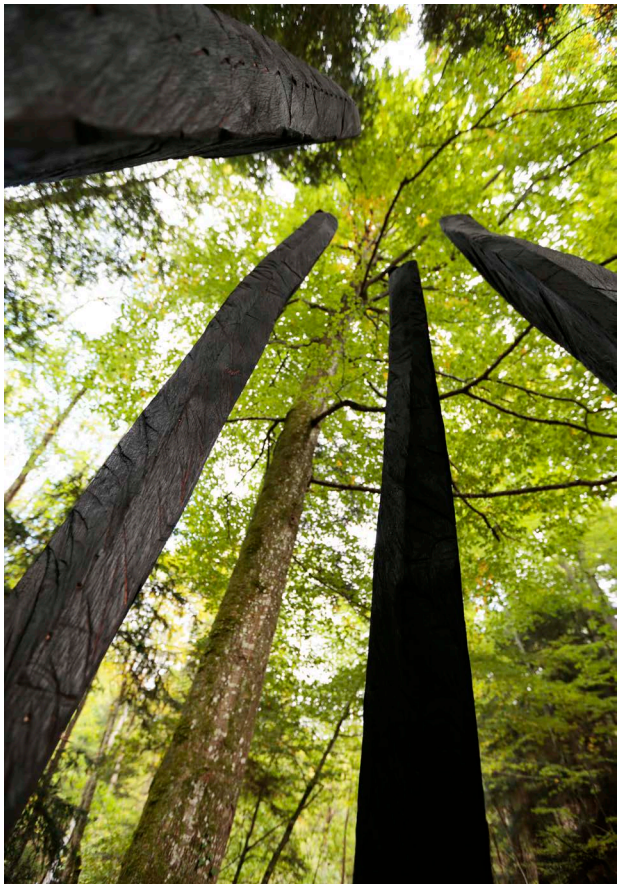
The Thal Nature Park, set in the Jura mountain range between Weissenstein and Wasserfallen, is reached through an imposing "cluse" (narrow valley) that separates it from the Mittelland (central plateau). Although the cities of Basel, Bern and Zurich are not far away, this doesn't disturb the tranquillity of the region, where the link between nature and economic activity has existed for hundreds of years.

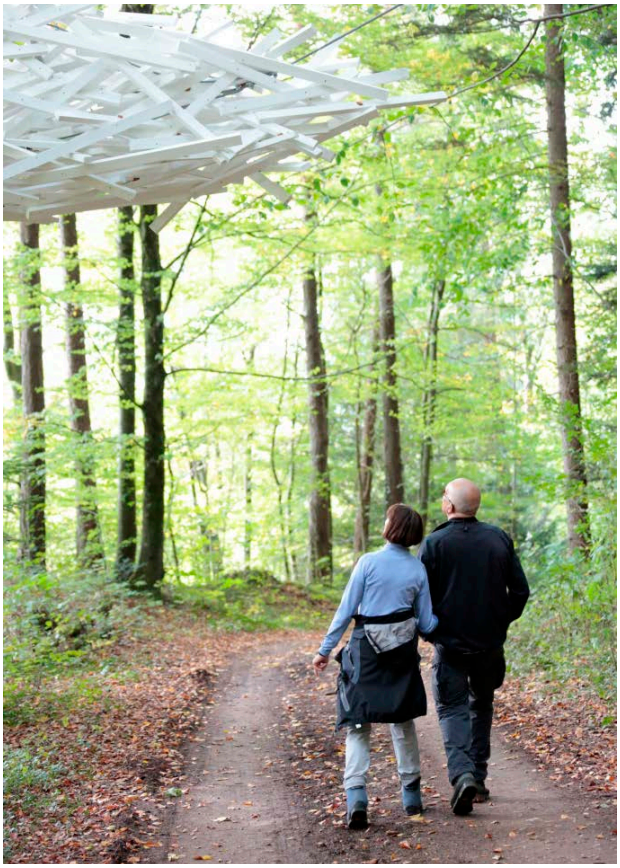
In the Middle Ages, the entrances to the cluses of Balsthal-Oensingen and Mümliswil-Balsthal were fortified by castles whose ruins can still be seen today and gives the area a romantic touch. It almost seems as if the castles still protect the entrance to the Park. At the time, the local counts watched over their lands, rich in natural resources. Iron, wood and water were used for building, and these resources played a key role in developing the local industry.

The comb industry is a prime example of a regional craft that spread worldwide, dating back to the 18th century. Urs Joseph Walter was the man who transformed Mümliswil into the world capital of the comb. Convinced that lice would always thrive – guaranteeing a constant demand for combs - he started training as a comb maker even though his parents disapproved. After finishing his apprenticeship, he returned to Mümliswil to manufacture combs in the traditional way. Little by little, he added fashionable combs to his assortment. His sons developed the small business to a true industry, their factory employing 240 workers in 1900. The combs were sold worldwide, with retailers in London, Rome, Madrid, New York and Buenos Aires. The Spanish royals as well as Queen Victoria were some of the famous customers of the comb factory.rik.

After the First World War, habits changed and the company had to deal with a lot of competition from mass-production comb factories. Despite economic decline, the company survived until 1990. The fascinating history of the comb as well as many different objects can be discovered in the Mümliswil comb museum.

At present, the people of the Thal Nature Park still use and protect nature's riches. The wood produced by the forests is an important resource for the region, for building houses and furniture as well as for recreational spaces. In order to add value to this natural heritage, Thal Nature Park joined forces with the villages of Balsthal and Holderbank, along with various members of the forestry community, to create the Wood Path (Holzweg Thal). Along this trail, you will get a new perspective of the forest and approach wood in an artistic and playful way with your head, hand and heart. The twenty art installations by the artist Sammy Deichmann mediate new and unexpected insights into Nature, changing with the rhythm of the forest. This makes every visit unique!





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