

Boundary stones

Under the sign of the „Hippe“



The boundary stones at the northern wall of the castle chapel (15) date from 1556. Stones remaining from this period are very rare. These stones had to separate the district Seeheim from Frankenstein's territory. Seeheim was under the rule of the Counts of Erbach. At the left stone (a) the sign of the „Hippe“ (a former vine knife) can be seen. It is also shown at the northern wall of the old town hall of Seeheim, and it is still today part of Seeheim's emblem. The missing upper part of the right stone (b) was also marked with this sign. 2008 both historic stones were brought up to the castle for protection against vandalism. Originally, they were placed on the border between the municipalities Seeheim-Jugenheim and Muehlal (territories Malchen and Nieder Beerbach). Boundary stones showing Frankenstein's coat of arms were found in Ockstadt, Frankfurt and Buerstadt, but not near the castle. It is quite possible that they had been taken away by the Landgraf of Hessen-Darmstadt 1662.



Top of the stone (b)



Seeheim's Hippe

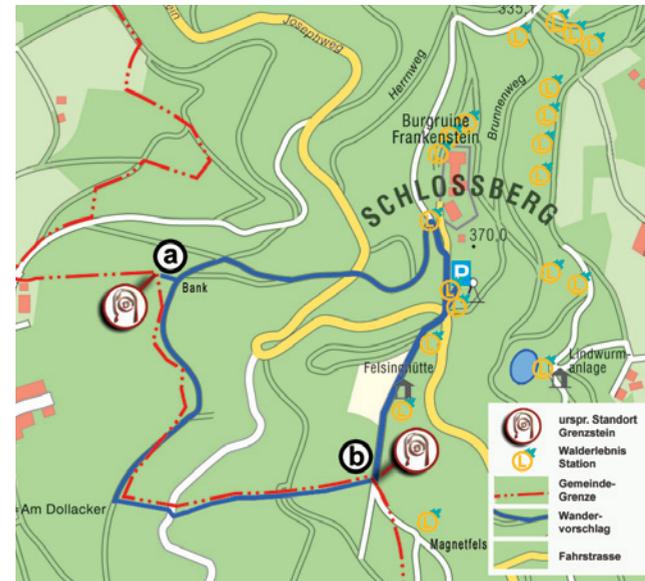


Place of the stone (a)



Place of the stone (b)

On the trail



On the trail to the original places of the boundary stones How to find the boundary stones

Starting point: Castle's parking ground. Cross the road (yellow) and follow the gently rising way (blue). Pass by a sports ground at the right. At the end of a small hollow way there is the historic place of the stone (b). This place is now marked by a present boundary stone. Turn right and follow a steep footpath down the slope along the border (red). Cross the following three paths and turn right at the fourth path. Follow this way until reaching a bench. Approximately 35 yards down the slope there is the historic place of stone (a). Its place is also marked by a present boundary stone; (you can read the letters FM). This new boundary stone marks a striking point: the border bends sharply, recognizable by a 15 centimetres deep boundary ditch; also, there is a change in the vegetation. Back at the bench the route (blue) leaves the border line (red). Continue the way until crossing an old hollow way. On its left side a narrow footpath leads up the slope. Cross the road (yellow) and further the way (blue) to the castle.

This trail isn't easy to walk, but it is extremely interesting and takes approximately 1 hour.

GROSSER STEIN (a):
UTM (WGS84): 32 U E 0 475 548 N 5 515 569;
Geogr. Koor.: N 49°47'32" E 8° 39'37"

KLEINER STEIN (b):
UTM (WGS84): 32 U E 0 475 969 N 5 515 187;
Geogr. Koor.: N 49°47'19" E 8°39'58"

Visitors' Informations

The way to Castle Frankenstein

Public transportation:

Tramway: Line 6,7 or 8 to Eberstadt, stop „Kirche“. Get out, turn left and follow Schlosstrasse, then „Frankensteiner Strasse“ until the end and then follow the mark: blue B (1 hour).

Bus: From Eberstadt „Wartehalle“ bus- line NB to Nieder Beerbach, stop „Untergasse“. Get out, cross Kreuzgasse, turn right to Frankensteiner Weg (near the inn „Darmstaedter Hof“). Look to the mark: white double line. (45 min.)

Cars and coaches:

Leave motorway A 5 at exit Pfungstadt/Eberstadt and follow the street signs.

Opening Times

Castle restaurant: „Burg Frankenstein“, Event & Restaurant, 64367 Muehlal, phone 0049-6151-501501, e-mail: info@burg-frankenstein.de

Opening times March-December:
Tuesday-Sunday 11.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.

Opening times January-February:
weekend 11.00 a.m.-6 p.m.

In autumn annual „Halloween Festival“ during three weekends.

Other objects of interest:

1. Magnetic rock south of the castle
2. „Walderlebnispfad“, 3 kilometres, 2-3 hours invites you to enjoy nature on a special nature trail. Mark: yellow L middle of a yellow circle and a blue flame at the edge.

Other internet information:

Burgrestaurant: www.burg-frankenstein.de;
Geschichtsverein Eberstadt/ Frankenstein e.V.:
www.eberstadt-frankenstein.de;
Walderlebnis Frankenstein e.V.:
www.walderlebnis-frankenstein.de;
Datenbank der Dt. Burgenvereinigung e.V.:
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