

The Tandem Club – International Rally 2017				
Oberhausen/Nahe Germany			GPS file: ITR17_THU_Long99k.gps	
Soonwald long route 99 km / 61,5 m				
This is the most demanding long route, but not in miles or km, but in elevation! You will cross lonely forests and villages on the trails of Schinderhannes, the German Robin Hood. It's not Sherwood forest but the „Hunsrück“ - once so poor that people fled as far as South America. Discover cold war leftovers and a Kaiser Wilhelm monument in the middle of the forest. In Simmern there are Cafes and shops. This region is the setting of the famous film trilogy „Heimat“.				
On your way you will come across the „Kleinbahntrasse“ CP which marks the course of an old local railway. You can return via Bad Kreuznach and the Nahe CP (longer, but level) or tackle the last hill climb!				
First coffee stop Café Malepartus in Kreershäuschen (34 k)				
Map: Kompass „Hunsrück/Obere Nahe“ No 3061				
Point	Total km	km	Instruction	Description
0	0.0	0.0	Start	Start at Camping Nahetal Gate
1	0.5	0.5	TL	TL onto Naheweinstraße and cross bridge
2	0.7	0.2	BL	take CP on LHS of rd
3	1.6	0.9	TL	TL, pass under railway and follow rd that turns left again – you are now on Nahe CP (beginning of climb) up to point 10
4	2.4	0.8	BR	follow green arrow
5	2.5	0.1	BL	stay on main road
6	2.8	0.3	BL	end of climb, TL and continue downhill – after enjoying the view...
7	3.8	1.0	SO	cross railroad track follow green arrow
8	4.4	0.7	SO	pass restaurant Niederthäler Hof
9	4.6	0.2	TL	TL after bridge follow green arrow
10	4.9	0.2	TR!	TJ greenSP Weinsheim 5,1 Schlossböckelheim 0,6 (Nahe CP continues SO)
11	5.2	0.4	SO	Schlossböckelheim consists of three tiny villages, this one is „Tal“ (Valley)
12	5.4	0.2	TL	stay on main street as it turns left - greenSP Rüdesheim 8,3 Weinsheim 4,5
13	5.6	0.2	SO	End of Tal
14	6.0	0.4	SO	„Kolonie“ is the second village of Schlossböckelheim that you pass („Schloss“ (castle) lies RHS up the hill, „böckel“ is nowhere)
15	6.4	0.4	SO	End of Schlossböckelheim
16	6.8	0.4	TR	TR at TJ greenSP Rüdesheim 6,9 Weinsheim 3,2
17	6.8	0.0	TL	follow green arrow SP Paco Hydraulik Hahner Hof
18	9.2	2.3	SO	Weinsheim
19	9.4	0.2	TL	TJ follow green arrow – TL into Schulstraße
20	9.6	0.2	TL	TJ TL into Kreuznacher Straße, follow green arrow – yellowSP Bad Sobernheim Mandel – bakery on RHS
21	9.7	0.1	TR	at junction into Sponheimer Straße yellowSP Wallhausen Mandel
22	9.8	0.1	TL	XR TL into street Weidengarten greenSP Bockenau 8,5 Burgsponheim 3,8 – follow Kleinbahn CP up to point 34
23	12.4	2.5	TR	TJ TR onto rd follow green arrow
24	13.1	0.8	TL	greenSp Argenschwang 13 Bockenau 5,2
25	14.1	0.9	TR	TJ TR greenSP Argenschwang 12 Bockenau 4,2
26	14.2	0.1	TL	follow green arrow
27	14.8	0.6	SO	greenSp Argenschwang 11 Bockenau 3,5
28	15.6	0.8	SO	greenSP Bockenau (but no village in sight)
29	16.5	0.9	TR	TJ TR onto rd follow green arrow

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30	17.3	0.8	SO	Bockenau – immediatly on LHS historic locomotives: good place for a stop OR stop 1 km ahead at water bassins (hydro therapy) with small playground
31	17.5	0.1	TL	TJ TL into Johann-Hay-Straße
32	18.0	0.5	SO	XR greenSP Argenschwang 7,7 Allenfeld 4,6 – bakery Gräff to your right – uphill but nice village centre
33	18.5	0.5	SO	waterbassins and playground stop
34	20.4	1.8	TL	TJ TL onto rd don't follow green arrow – leave Kleinbahn CP
35	22.1	1.8	SO	Daubach
36	22.3	0.2	TL	yellowSP Rehbach 1 km
37	22.4	0.1	BR	main street bends to RHS
38	22.5	0.0	SO	end of Daubach yellowSp Rehbach 1 km
39	23.0	0.6	SO	yellowSP Gemünden 16 km
40	26.1	3.0	SO	(brown SP Kirche Eckweiler) cemetary of demolished village Eckweiler on LHS, going down the street you would find the church as the only remain of the village, its people resettled and houses torn down because it was to close to the military air strip of Pferds-feld to your right – the airport was closed down only ten years later... It's now a test center for Opel/ Vauxhall!
41	26.7	0.6	TR then TL	TJ yellowSP Gemünden 13 km Kallweiler 3 km – immediately after TL (white sign Paul Schneider Gedenkstein)
42	27.7	1.0	SO	green sign Pferdfeld, only remaining house of resettlement refusers
43	27.8	0.1	SO	Pferdsfeld and Paul Schneider memorial you are now in the village centre... Paul Schneider, a protestant priest who defied Nazi regime and later was killed at Buchenwald concentration camp, was born here
44	28.3	0.5	TR	onto rd at junction, no more village, no SP
45	28.7	0.4	SO	at junction remains of air strip lighting on RHS
46	30.0	1.3	TR	at TJ yellowSP Kreershäuschen 4 km
47	30.8	0.8	SO	Entenpfuhl (means „duck puddle“)
48	31.2	0.4	SO	end of Entenpfuhl
49	31.3	0.1	SO	monument „Jäger aus Kurpfalz“ - from the cold war destruction we go backwards to pre WW I Kaiser Reich
50	34.1	2.8	SO	Kreers Häuschen Café „Malepartus“ on RHS
51	34.5	0.4	TL	XR TL into street Jäger-aus-Kurpfalz-Straße yellowSP Tiefenbach – medium route continues SO
52	34.7	0.2	SO	End of Kreershäuschen yellowSP Tiefenbach 10 km
53	37.9	3.2	SO	SP „Col de Ellerspring“ 623 m above sea level (so high that they even know French up here) – HIGHEST POINT OF RALLY
54	47.4	9.5	SO	Tiefenbach
55	47.7	0.3	TR!	XR TR greenSP Rheinböllen 16 Simmern 8,5 join Schinderhannes Soonwald CP (easy to miss!)
56	48.7	1.0	SO	follow green arrow
57	50.9	2.2	TL	TJ green SP Kirchberg 17 Rheinböllen 13 Simmern 5,3 Riesweiler 0,7
58	51.0	0.1	SO	Riesweiler
59	51.6	0.6	TL	XR TL into street Gemündener Straße greenSP Kirchberg 17 Simmern 4,6 shortcut without Simmern: TR green SP Rheinböllen 12 Argental 3,6
60	51.9	0.3	TR	TR after church follow green arrow
61	52.1	0.2	SO	cross busy rd greenSP Simmern 3,9 Kirchberg 16
62	52.7	0.6	TL	TJ follow green arrow
63	54.7	2.0	TR	TJ follow green arrow cross under dual carriage way
64	55.0	0.4	SO	Simmern – continue on footpath

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65	55.4	0.3	TR	TJ TR onto rd follow green arrow
66	55.4	0.1	TL	TL onto footpath – follow green arrow and cross railroad tracks
67	55.5	0.1	3 rd exit	at rdbt take 3rd exit greenSP Stadtmittle 0,5 into street Gemündener Straße then
68	55.6	0.1	TR	TJ TR into street Kanowskystraße
69	55.7	0.1	BR	BR into pedestrian zone
70	55.7	0.1	TL	TJ TL into Street Oberstraße greenSP Kastellaun 17 Kirchberg 13
71	55.9	0.2	TL	at Stefanskirche street turns left, now Marktstraße
72	56.1	0.1	SO	TJ green SP Zell 39 Kastellaun 16
73	56.2	0.1	TR	Market place greenSP Pleitzenhausen 5,0 Simmersee 2,0
74	56.3	0.1	TR	TJ TR „Fahrradladen Kipp“ Bicycle shop
75	56.4	0.2	SO	as main street turns left over bridge (into street Mühlenstraße)
76	56.9	0.5	BL	small SP Simmersee
77	57.2	0.2	SO	SO at XR greenSP Pleitzenhausen 4,0 Simmersee 1
78	57.6	0.4	SO	XR cross busy street white SP Simmersee If you are not prepared to take a gravel rd TR go uphill to rdbt - at rdbt take 3 rd exit – yellowSP Altweidelbach 2 km
79	58.1	0.5	SO	Simmersee – beginning of dirt rd
80	58.2	0.1	SO	SO – don't take direction „Ausfahrt“
81	58.5	0.3	TR	TR after bridge
82	58.7	0.2	BL	BL at TJ
83	59.7	1.0	TR	XR – bench on RHS – cross bridge
84	60.3	0.6	SO	end of dirt rd
85	60.9	0.6	SO	XR uphill
86	61.0	0.1	SO	Altweidelbach – no SP
87	61.2	0.2	TL	XR – TL into main street
88	61.4	0.1	TR	yellowSP Argenthal 3 km
89	61.4	0.1	TL	yellowSP Argenthal 3 km
90	61.5	0.1	SO	end of Altweidelbach
91	64.1	2.6	SO	Argenthal – yellowSP Münchwald 12 km Dörrebach 10 km Thiergarten 5 km
92	64.3	0.2	SO	shortcut joins here
93	64.7	0.4	SO	ignore green arrow
94	65.4	0.6	SO	end of Argenthal – yellowSP Thiergarten 3,5 km Dörrebach 10 km
95	68.7	3.3	TR	TR at XR – yellowSP Argenschwang Sparbrücken Gräfenbacher Hütte
96	74.3	5.6	SO	Gräfenbacher Hütte
97	74.6	0.4	SO	end of Gräfenbacher Hütte – yellowSP Argenschwang 5 km
98	76.2	1.6	SO	Y-Junction – give way yellowSP Bad Kreuznach
99	78.4	2.2	SO	Argenschwang
100	78.8	0.4	TL	greenSP Bad Kreuznach 16 Dalberg 3,0 – you are back on Kleinbahn CP up to point 124
101	79.1	0.3	TR	TR on CP greenSP Bad Kreuznach 15 Dalberg 2,7
102	80.8	1.7	TR	TR ignore green arrow (leads to narrow bridge)
103	80.9	0.1	TL	TJ TL on rd
104	81.1	0.3	SO	Dalberg
105	81.7	0.6	TR !	TR at green SP Bad Kreuznach 13 Wallhausen 3 (easy to miss)
106	81.9	0.2	BL	BL follow green arrow
107	83.4	1.4	BL	BL follow green arrow
108	83.6	0.2	SO	Wallhausen
109	84.0	0.4	SO	give way
110	84.3	0.3	TR	TR SP Bad Kreuznach 9,8 Gutenberg 2,6
111	84.5	0.1	TL	XR follow green arrow
112	84.9	0.5	SO	XR follow CP through the fields and vineyards
113	86.2	1.3	SO	Gutenberg: SO through village

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114	86.8	0.6	SO	SO greenSP Bad Kreuznach 7,3 Hargesheim 2,6
115	88.8	2.0	TL and TR	staggered junction: TL, cross rd and TR into street Am Gräfenbach Hargesheim – greenSP Bad Kreuznach 5,3 Hargesheim 0,6
116	88.9	0.1	TR	XR follow green arrow
117	89.0	0.1	TR	cross wooden foot bridge -greenSP Bad Kreuznach 4,9 Rüdesheim 3,9 - follow CP on dam besides creek (Ellerbach)
118	89.4	0.5	TR	TR onto foot bridge and cross street
119	89.4	0.0	SO	SO on CP alongside rd (Caution: car exits!)
120	90.7	1.2	TL	TL after crossing the rd at the traffic light (pelican crossing)
121	91.1	0.5	SO	pass by rdbt on CP, TR and TL - follow green arrow – to go to supermarket TR before crossing (300 m)
122	91.4	0.3	TR	TJ greenSP Bad Sobernheim 19 Rüdesheim 1,4 to enter Bad Kreuznach TL and follow green arrows into town. In Bad Kreuznach follow Nahe CP back to Oberhausen camp site (flat but longer way back)
123	91.5	0.1	So	greenSP Rüdesheim (this is still Bad Kreuznach!)
124	91.8	0.3	TL	XR TL onto sidewalk (CP) over bridge and go uphill (Kleinbahn CP goes SO)
125	93.4	1.6	SO	cross busy rd brown SP BSC Bad Kreuznach
126	93.7	0.2	TR	TJ TR continue on CP on LHS of rd
127	94.5	0.8	SO	XR stay on CP – top of last hill!!
128	94.9	0.4	TL	TJ TL into Rotenfelser Straße -Traisen
129	95.2	0.3	TR!	into Kirchstraße – before church! (easy to miss!)
130	95.4	0.2	BL	into Schulstraße at Brunnenplatz
131	95.5	0.1	BR	BR / SO into street Im Mühlental (traffic calm zone) as main street turns left
132	95.7	0.2	SO	barrier: straight on downwards
133	96.5	0.9	TR	TR after barrier on main street into Norheim
134	96.8	0.3	SO	SO into street St. Martinstraße as main street turns right
135	97.3	0.4	TL	as St.Martinstraße becomes Felderstraße TL into Nahestraße and cross 2 bridges
136	98.2	1.0	TL	TL and stay on tarmac
137	98.9	0.7	TR	XR TR onto Nahe CP (red gravel)
138	99.4	0.5	TR	end of gravel, TR after power plant and follow green arrow cross bridge and TL
139	100.0	0.6	TR	TJ TR onto dam bridge and TL after dam (follow green arrow) - Niederhausen
140	100.3	0.3	SO	jon CP on RHS of rd – continue on CP alongside rd until bridge to Oberhausen
141	101.9	1.6	SO	SO at TJ (Caution: cars cross from the right!) - Nahe CP turns right here
142	102.8	0.9	BL	leave CP and continue on rd across the bridge
143	103.0	0.2	SO	SO enter village Oberhausen
144	103.1	0.1	TR	TR into Bahnhofstraße
145	103.5	0.5	SO	SO enter campsite
			List of Abbreviations	
			CP	Cycle path
			rd	Road
			TL	Turn left – with exclamation mark TL! = easy to miss!
			TR	Turn right – with exclamation mark TR! = easy to miss!
			SO	Straight on
			BL	Bear left
			BR	Bear right
			greenSP	white Signpost for cyclists, green writing, only number: Bingen 15
			yellowSP	yellow signpost for motorists, number + km: Oberhausen 1 km

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			RHS	Right hand side
			LHS	Left hand side
			TJ	T-junction
			XR	Crossing
			rdbt	Roundabout
			SP	Signpost, sign