Schilksee Olympiazentrum to Prieser Strand

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Start	Schilksee Olympiazentrum
Finish	Prieser Strand at Fritz Reuter Straße
Distance	6.18km
Duration	1 hour 18 minutes
Access	Buses 501/502 at Schilksee Olympiazentrum (250m distant from start of section) and at end of section.
Facilities	Café, shops and WCs at start of section; cafés and WCs on Falkensteiner Strand; café and shops in Pries/Christianpries.

2.1	Olympiazentrum, at foot of Starweg	0m
2.2	S up slope on Strandpromenade; ahead on Hohes Ufer; after curve to R, L (Seeschwalbenweg); half-R across open land; half-L to cross Funkstellenweg; continue, bearing L to retrieve coast; follow coast in and out of woodland, past surf school; continue with cafés to R past ferry pier; pass sign for Grillplatz to reach road at treetop trail.	3740m
2.3	R up road; L at junction (Palisadenweg); R at end with road; follow Brauner Berg to crossroads; L (An der Schanze); R (Julius Fürst Weg); L on path at end, then R, trending L to reach Prieser Strand; R on R pavement to Fritz Reuter Straße and bus stop.	2440m

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Olympiazentrum from the start of Strandpromenade

This section of the walk starts out from Strandpromenade at the bottom of Starweg in Schilksee, at the south end of the Olympiazentrum.

The Olympiazentrum was the base for the sailing events of the 1972 Olympic Games. The complex now has a mix of residential units (including hotel accommodation), shops and other commercial concerns, and businesses related to watersport and the adjacent marina.

The terminus for the truncated 501/502 bus services is about 250m away at the top of Starweg, and the buses to and from Strande stop here also. In summer, there is a ferry service from Kiel. Parking facilities for a support vehicle are available about 200m west of the route as it meets the north end of the Olympiazentrum.

With your back to the Olympiazentrum, climb the slight rise onto the clifftop path, still called Strandpromenade. Keep to the path, with houses to your right and the shore below you to the left. On the shore side of the path, you will pass a restaurant called *Panorama 26*.

It is good to gain a little bit of height here: the views become a bit more extensive, and the legs have an opportunity for a little more exercise.

Once you have crossed the end of Kurallee (on your right), the path becomes known as Hohes Ufer. This continues along the clifftop until it finally turns right to lead into a residential street.

The coastal path south of the radio station



Turn left along Seeschwalbenweg, and at the end, step out into open land which, as is heralded by the sign of the owl, is classified as a nature reserve. Bear half-right to cross the field, then half-left. The path passes, on the right, an access to Gaffelweg, then continues past more buildings on the right to reach Funkstellenweg.

Cross this road (which leads, unsurprisingly, to a radio station) and continue on the path ahead. This path bears round to the left, passing a park bench also on your left, before returning you to the different joys of coastal walking.

The path continues ahead along the coastline, sometimes either bordering woodland or going through it, sometimes just on open land, with the sea below to the left. At one dip in the path's altitude, a gate lies down to the left, with a slipway beneath. The path eventually drops to sea level at a gap in the forestry.

At this point, over to the right, is a large camping ground: in fact, from here to the southern end of Falkensteiner Strand, there is a succession of facilities for youth and sport, including (soon after this point) a residential unit right by the path, and an area of beach which may be used for exercising dogs (Hundestrand).

The path, now right on the beach, trends slightly right, and passes a surf school and then a snack-bar, before reaching the end of a road. Do not take the road, which rises behind a café, but instead pass in front of the café and its attendant crazy golf course.

Parking facilities for a support vehicle are available here.

Ahead, pass a further café, then the access to the Falkenstein ferry pier (summer services only).

Shortly after a sign to the left, indicating a Grillplatz, you will reach a fork in the path, with a treetop adventure area to your right. Down below, on the left of the left fork, is a WC block, and a path continuing along the shoreline.

Parking facilities for a support vehicle are available here.

The Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg route, however, bears right here to reach a road. Climb the road to a junction: cross this road and turn left to reach its right-hand pavement. This road is Palisadenweg. Pass the end of Grüffkamp, then take the right-hand bend (necessitated by the presence of a fenced-off factory straight ahead). The road is now called Brauner Berg, and this leads round to the left to reach a crossroads just after a sign for the car park of the local Aldi supermarket.

You are now in a suburban centre (Pries to your right, Christianpries to your left, such is the product of municipal boundaries) with all facilities, including a pharmacy and a bank. There are restaurants and supermarkets, and a bus stop for some of the 501/502 bus journeys connecting with Kiel (and, of course, other points north to Strande). Parking facilities for a support vehicle are available here.

Turn left at the crossroads, and cross to the right-hand pavement. Just past a bank, take the first street on the right: this is Julius Fürst Weg.

Walk to the far end of the street, passing blocks of flats, and continue ahead on a path which drops down to the level of a sports field. Turn left at field level (do not take a higher path on the left just before the final drop: it is a private route leading to houses).



Sea-level path on Falkensteiner Strand with wind-blown sea-ice

Bear right at a T-junction of paths, continuing along the edge of the field to your right. This path trends left and comes out onto the street called Prieser Strand (though there is no strand to be seen).

Turn right onto Prieser Strand, and follow the right-hand pavement across the end of Fritz Reuter Straße to reach a bus stop.

This marks the end of this section of the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg.

This bus stop is served by all of the 501/502 bus journeys towards Kiel, Schilksee and Strande. Albeit the end of a section, this is not a suitable location to park a support vehicle.