

Kiel Hauptbahnhof to Schulensee

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Start	Kiel Hauptbahnhof, Platz der Kieler Matrosen
Finish	Schulensee, Eiderbrücke
Distance	5.81km
Duration	1 hour 16 minutes
Access	Buses 501/502 at start and end of section.
Facilities	All facilities at start of section; restaurant and snack-bar at end of section.

6.1	Kiel Hauptbahnhof, Platz der Kieler Matrosen	0m
6.2	Facing station, R to Sophienblatt, then L along L pavement; across Rondeel onto Hamburger Chaussee; continue to reach and cross Theodor Heuss Ring; beyond ring road, L into Von der Goltz Allee; R into Krusenrotter Weg beyond end of houses, to second path L.	2150m
6.3	L on path, climbing to shelter; pass to L of shelter to Hornheimer Weg, where R then L; keep ahead through wood; fork R (SW) to approach shelter; L (S) before shelter; half-R at second major crossing; short of rise to buildings, L to edge of wood then R along edge; bear R to come out onto Postillionweg; L then immediately R on Meimersdorfer Weg; L on L pavement of Hamburger Chaussee to Eiderbrücke.	3660m

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6.1

This section of the walk starts from Platz der Kieler Matrosen (Kiel Sailors' Square) in front of Kiel Hauptbahnhof in the centre of the city.

Kiel Hauptbahnhof is the nerve-centre for all public transport: as well as the station, most city buses stop here (on Sophienblatt). The full panoply of shops, restaurants and other facilities may be found nearby: the station itself has a range of refreshment facilities and WCs. Parking facilities for a support vehicle may be found in one of the many city centre car parks: there are no similar facilities on this section.

6.2

Facing the station steps in the square, set off to the right to rise to Sophienblatt, with its many bus stops. Turn left to take the left-hand pavement of Sophienblatt, along the west side of the station, parallel to the railway tracks.

Continue up the hill, crossing Gablenzstraße, to reach the Rondeel junction. Cross over the Alte Lübecker Chaussee which dips down to the left, and pass to the right of the building which comes to a narrow point on the junction: the Hotel Kiel is on your right, across Hamburger Chaussee.

Continue along the left-hand pavement of Hamburger Chaussee, crossing Krusenrotter Weg, to reach the major roundabout junction with Theodor Heuss Ring, which runs at a lower level. Cross the ring road by the lights, and continue along Hamburger Chaussee. Turn left along Von der Goltz Allee immediately, now running parallel to the ring road. Pass a lake on your right, and advance to Krusenrotter Weg, where turn right.

A look at a map might suggest that it would be more direct to turn off Hamburger Chaussee onto Krusenrotter Weg. However, this road is cloven in two by the ring road. There is a footbridge between the two halves, but this involves a zigzag climb on approaching the bridge, and an equal and opposite descent at the other end. It is, of course, the individual walker's choice, but it is probably easier to cross by the lights at the roundabout.

Entry into Vieburger Gehölz



Continue along Krusenrotter Weg until you reach the end of the houses. Immediately beyond the houses, a path goes off to the left, keeping close to the boundaries of the properties on its left. Do not take this path, but continue to the next path on the left to enter Vieburger Gehölz.

6.3

This path climbs towards the tall TV transmission tower, which is passed on your right. The clear path continues to rise to a small wooden shelter, again on the right. It then makes

its way through the woodland, almost on a contour.

The quiet woodland paths make a delightful contrast with the rather gritty urban walk from the station to the ring road. The transition is quite sudden.

The path leads on ahead, merging into another path which comes in from the left: this is Hornheimer Weg. Just after a side-track goes off to the right to the neighbouring buildings, where Hornheimer Weg keeps close to the property boundaries, bear off onto a path on the left (heading south-east).

This path soon curves round to the right, and advances to a T-junction. Go left (that is, away from the building enclosure to your right), and keep to the path as it bends to the right, ending in a west-south-westerly direction, to reach a major path junction.

Ahead, you will see a second shelter (a bit less pristine, perhaps, than the one passed earlier). Do not go ahead as far as the shelter, but turn left (southwards, that is — do not take the path which goes sharp left from this junction to the east-south-east). Keep on this path for about 500m as it bends to the right: about half-way along this stretch, a path crosses at an oblique angle, but continue to the second such cross-path. By this point, you should be able to hear the traffic on the road to your left quite clearly.

At this second cross-path, turn half-right (west-north-west) onto it. Approximately 160m onwards from the turn, the path ahead rises towards some buildings. Do not rise with the path, but turn half left (west-south-west) on the clear track which leads to the western edge of the wood. Here, turn right onto the path which runs just inside the wood. After it has bent to the left, take the path leading to the right, to exit the woodland onto Postillionweg.

Vieburger Gehölz is the final piece of within-city woodland traversed by the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg: hereafter, the woodland passed through will be almost exclusively commercial in nature, with managed felling — you will be entering workplaces.

Turn left here onto Postillionweg, then immediately right onto Meimersdorfer Weg (if you find that you have the edge of Vieburger Gehölz on your left, turn round and walk in the other direction), to come out once again onto the Hamburger Chaussee.

From here, take the left-hand pavement all the way to the Eiderbrücke, a distance of about 750m. The bridge is



The crucial left turn before the second shelter in the middle of Vieburger Gehölz



The left turn at the western end of Vieburger Gehölz

situated just beyond a restaurant on the left, and a park-and-ride station on the right.

This marks the end of this section of the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg, and in fact ends the unofficial extension from Bülker Leuchtturm.

Here, we make our final meeting with the 501/502 bus services, which connect with Kiel, Schilksee and Strande. There is a restaurant here, and a simple snack-bar at the small park-and-ride station. There are no suitable parking facilities for a support vehicle here (commuters will no doubt have filled the park-and-ride station), although a drop-off or, at a pinch, a pick-up is possible.

The river flowing beneath the bridge is the Eider. It rises about 11km to the south of here, filling and emptying Schulensee, before crossing the entire peninsula to reach the North Sea west of Tönning.

The River Eider flows out of Schulensee towards the bridge on Hamburger Chaussee

