

Hohenhude to Westensee

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Start	Hohenhude
Finish	Westensee village, Dorfstraße
Distance	9.40km
Duration	2 hours 9 minutes
Access	Occasional bus at start of section; approximately hourly buses at end of section.
Facilities	Summertime café at end of section.

9.1	Hohenhude, bus shelter	0m
9.2	Ahead on road through village; descend to Westensee; after L bend, take track ahead L to keep L of water; rise on path above and E of Kleiner Schierensee; keep to main path, passing between the two Schierenseen to come out at campsite; L (Seeweg) to junction with Dorfstraße in Wrohe.	4500m
9.3	R onto Dorfstraße, through Wrohe; at last house on R, R (W) following road to Westensee village; keep church on R and follow street out to Dorfstraße.	4900m

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Hohenhude school

9.1 This section of the walk starts at the bus shelter in the centre of Hohenhude.

The village of Hohenhude is only served by the bare minimum of buses (on the 520/521 routes): the start of this section will probably be a staging-post while passing through, unless you have a supporting car and driver for pick-up or drop-off.

There is no refreshment on this section, with only a café at the end of the section which may or may not be open. All provisions must

therefore be carried on this section.

9.2 Set off westwards from the bus shelter, and make your way through the village. The road drops down to the lake level, and soon you will get your first glimpse of Westensee (the lake), at a little picnic site. The first glimpse of Westensee village must wait for some time.

Soon after leaving the picnic site, the road crosses a little bridge, carrying the outflow from the two Schierenseen (Großer Schierensee is the higher of the two, then Kleiner Schierensee), and swings definitively away from the lake: there is now forestry on the right, and open land on the left. When the road reaches forestry on the left too, take a path going off ahead to the left.

This re-crosses the outflow, and starts to climb on the east side of its valley. It swings to the left at the first approach to Kleiner Schierensee, and then rises to take the eastern side of the lake. The path rises and falls, but your route is always the main path. Two tracks, one on either side of a stream, come in from the left, then another, larger one does the same.



At this larger track junction, the main path swings right, and then left, and right again, to reach the gap between Großer Schierensee (on the left) Kleiner Schierensee (on the right). Bear left as you cross the bridge, then swing right to take the last of this road to reach a road called Seeweg in the vicinity of a campsite.

Turn left and follow the road past the campsite entrance and on to reach the village of Wrohe. Continue to the junction of Seeweg with the road through the village, named Dorfstraße.

Turn right onto Dorfstraße and follow it through the village as it bends round to the left. When you reach the last house on the right, turn right onto a road (Steindamm) which is signposted to Westensee village.

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The road swings right to go towards the lake, delaying its arrival by swinging half-left (to the north-west). Pass through the tiny hamlet of Ekhöft, eventually coming close to the water. Your first intimation of Westensee village is a riding school on the left, then the local manor house on the right.

On your left, you will see a substantial youth hostel (only open in the summer season), then suburbia begins to take hold. Walk through the village, bearing left at the church. Follow this road (Dorfstraße) to its end, leading onto the main road at a café.

This café may or may not be open, so do not rely on it. There are bus stops both uphill and downhill: the uphill one (on the left as you climb the hill) is the local terminus. From here, buses will take you to Felde station, with some continuing to Kiel.

It is possible to arrange a pick-up or drop-off by a supporting car and driver at the section's endpoint, but it is not recommended to park a supporting vehicle here.



Westensee, from near Ekhöft

Westensee village

