

Westensee to Emkendorf forest

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Start	Westensee village, Dorfstraße
Finish	Emkendorf, at a forest junction north of the village
Distance	4.58km
Duration	1 hour 8 minutes
Access	Approximately hourly buses at start of section; less frequent buses 600m distant from end of section.
Facilities	Summertime café at start of section.

10.1	Westensee village, Dorfstraße	0m
10.2	L along Dorfstraße; R on Emkendorfer Weg; L fork to stay on Emkendorfer Weg past houses on R; R down L side of field; L then half-R, half-L and R across moor; L on path which swings R then L through forest and out to road; L through Brux to main road; cross, and R to end of woodland.	2500m
10.3	L on path; fork L (S); follow main track until it is NNW; keep on main track round bend to run WSW as far as T-junction.	2080m

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10.1 This section of the walk starts at the café in the village of Westensee, at the southern end of the village loop of Dorfstraße.

There are bus stops both uphill and downhill: the uphill one (on the left as you climb the hill) is the local terminus. Buses serve Westensee from Felde station, with some starting in Kiel. The café may or may not be open, so do not rely on it: there is no other refreshment option on this section, so all provisions must therefore be carried on this section.

It is possible to arrange a drop-off or pick-up by a supporting car and driver at the start of the section, but parking a support vehicle here cannot be recommended.

10.2 Start off in a south-westerly direction, soon turning right onto Emkendorfer Weg. About 110m along the way, the road splits: you should take the left fork, continuing on Emkendorfer Weg. About 550m farther on, you will reach the end of a row of houses on the right, and 300m on from there, the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg turns off Emkendorfer Weg to the right, and follows the left-hand edge of a field down into a shallow valley.

This is really the first experience of inland moor on the route, though it is tamer than some which lie ahead.

At the bottom of the field (and after a brief swing to the right to reach it), go left through a gap, then strike out half-right on a path which crosses a flat moor. The path turns half-left, and immediately right to cross a sporadic line of trees; it then turns left at the next stand of trees. There is now a hedge on your right, at the end of which, the track swings right, then left, and enters a wood.

Continue ahead through the wood until the path comes out at a road junction. Turn left along the road, which runs through the small village of Brux. In about 270m, the village road runs out onto a main road.

Cross the road and turn right. Walk for about 70m along the road, until you find a path on the left, at the far end of the woodland which abuts the road.

*Moorland west of Westensee:
Emkendorfer Weg is on the
horizon at the left*



10.3 Turn left to enter the area of woodland. After approximately 120m, the path forks: take the left fork, heading approximately southwards. This track bends right (to the south-west) then right again (to the north-west). About 400m after the fork, you will pass a track coming in from the left; 70m farther on, you will pass a track coming in from the right. After another 750m, you will come to a complex junction of paths: just keep to the main path as it swings round to the left (west-south-west). From the complex junction, a further 750m will bring you to a T-junction of tracks.



The approach to the junction of tracks with the exit route for Emkendorf taking the option leading to the left

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

The reason why this unpretentious forest junction marks the end of the section is simple: if you take the arm leading left for 600m, you will reach the small village of Emkendorf. There is a bus stop at the road junction, with a few buses each day running between here and Kiel.

There are limited opportunities to park a support vehicle in the vicinity of the bus stop.

If you have been using Kiel as a base for the start of the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg (or the end, if you are walking eastwards), then this is the outer limit of Kiel's gravitational field.

Westwards from here, there is no transport or accommodation link before Rendsburg: with the extra walk to the centre of town from the route at the canal, this is 22km ahead.