

Nordmoor viewing platform to Rendsburg

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Start	Nordmoor viewing platform
Finish	Rendsburg, Fußgängertunnel portal
Distance	6.45km
Duration	1 hour 21 minutes
Access	Buses and trains in central Rendsburg.
Facilities	Restaurant in Osterrönhof; all facilities in central Rendsburg.

13.1	Nordmoor viewing platform	0m
13.2	W along road; at 2.4km, continue ahead (do not fork L) to reach houses on L; ahead on Aspelweg to junction beneath railway embankment.	3700m
13.3	L on Aspelweg, on R pavement; bend to L; before roundabout, R on old road to reach Dorfstraße, where R; cross major road on bridge and descend to junction; L (An Kamp); after final house before roundabout, R on street then path to harbour property; L, then R on Albert Betz Straße; R to canal bank at Kanal Café; L along canal, then L to pass to R of Senvion block and reach T-junction; R to Fußgängertunnel portal; tunnel to N side of canal at portal.	2750m

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The Rendsburg bridge starts at the embankment on the southern side of the canal

The bridge seen from the former route at the canalside



13.1 This section of the walk starts at the nature viewing platform on Nordmoor.

There is neither public transport nor any refreshment facilities on this section, apart from local buses in Osterrönfeld.

This is a viable, if remote, point for pick-up or drop-off by a supporting car and driver.

13.2 This section of the walk starts off westwards from the Nordmoor viewing platform. Keep straight ahead at junctions for 2.4km to Stadtmoor.

Here, take the road which is the right-hand of the two (it is the main road, Aspelweg), and continue along it to reach the first houses in Osterrönfeld on the left-hand side of the road. Pass these houses to reach a road junction under the massive bulk of the railway embankment.

The huge embankment is necessary to raise the railway line high enough to cross the Nord-Ostsee-Kanal: any bridge over the canal must allow a clearance of at least 42m above the water level to allow ships to pass underneath. Because the land is much flatter on the north side, the railway must perform a 360° loop to change from bridge level to town level at Rendsburg station. The bridge was built between 1911 and 1913, replacing swing bridges which disrupted canal traffic (tellingly, the German navy pressed for the replacement). The main viaduct is about 2.5km long, but extras (such as the loop) take the structure to 7.5km.

13.3 At the junction, turn left. Cross over to take the right-hand footpath on Aspelweg, next to the embankment.

Aspelweg continues round to the left, heading for a roundabout. Just short of the roundabout, though, you may take the former course of a road, cutting the corner to reach Dorfstraße on the south side of the major road bridge.

Follow Dorfstraße across the bridge and down to a road junction at the bottom of the hill, where the crossing street is An Kamp.

Achtung! Warning!

The route described below is different from the route as delineated on commercial maps. The construction of a new harbour to serve Osterrönfeld has severed (permanently) public access to the canalside west of the railway bridge. If you decide to view the bridge from beneath, turn right and, after passing beneath the bridge, turn left to the canal, but be sure that you will need to retrace your steps to this point, adding 1km to the length of the section.



Rendsburg Bridge from the canalside at Kanal Café

Cross An Kamp and turn left along its right-hand pavement. Beyond the last house before the upcoming roundabout, turn right along an access lane to further houses before becoming an unmade track.

There is a fine view of the bridge from the beginning of the track.

The track pushes up against an embankment on the left, and eventually squeezes out onto a road at the new Osterrönfeld harbour. Turn left onto the road, passing between high security fences enclosing parts of the harbour property. Once through the fence-canyon, turn right onto Albert Betz Straße. Soon, a path leads off to the right to give access to the canalside.

The Kanal Café is situated here: it is the first on-route refreshment met since leaving Westensee (and possibly since Schulensee).

Continue along the canalside for 130m: it is a very short stretch, but gives one of the best views of the bridge. Turn left to rise to the main road, passing to the right of the Senvion block.

Senvion GmbH is a company which builds wind turbines: these elegant structures are dotted all over the local landscape, bringing clean energy to the German grid.

Turn right on the main road (Am Alten Schützenhof) and follow it to the Osterrönfeld portal of the splendidly-named *Fußgängertunnel unter dem Nord-Ostsee-Kanal*. Inside the simple box of a portal, there are escalators for pedestrians, and lifts for cycles, perambulators, and other wheeled aids. Unfortunately, there is zero observation of the directions that cyclists should respect other users and use the lifts, and that they should walk their machines through the tunnel.



The pedestrian tunnel under the canal



Old Rendsburg

This is a viable point for pick-up or drop-off by a supporting car and driver, and there are local possibilities to park a support vehicle, but Rendsburg makes much more sense as a location for these purposes.

Descend, and walk through the tunnel to the other side, and rise to street level at the Rendsburg portal.

This point is the end of this section of the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg.

This is a viable point of pick-up or drop-off by a supporting car and driver; parking facilities for

a support vehicle may be found in the town centre, about 1.6km to the north of the portal.

Rendsburg is the first town of any size encountered since leaving Kiel, having a population of around 28000. The town has a major military presence, both now and in history. The old part of the town is split between the Altstadt and the Parade Ground: following a 180° arc (actually, half of a dodecagon), houses surround the parade ground from east to south to west. Streets radiate from every corner, and there are two parallel arcs behind, forming a two-block phalanx of old houses.

All facilities are available in Rendsburg, including a major railway station and some hotels. Rendsburg is a practical base for the central section of the route, and you may even move your main luggage by train: the journey to or from Kiel takes less than an hour. It is worth spending a little time here: a day of rest might be an acceptable excuse.

Additions to the landscape of Rendsburg's Jungfernstieg, outside the town's old school

To reach the centre of Rendsburg, walk up Wilhelmstal (away from the canal), then continue ahead on Hindenburgstraße, cutting its corner with Berliner Straße to reach the lights on Alte Kieler Landstraße. Keep ahead at the next set of lights, then on into Königstraße, to reach Paradeplatz. For the station, cross to the other side of Paradeplatz and go ahead, to the right of the statue, along Jungfernstieg. Turn right onto Bahnhofstraße (where the bus stops are): at the end, dip under Herrenstraße to rise to the station on the other side.

