

Rendsburg to Nübbel

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Start	Rendsburg, Fußgängertunnel portal
Finish	Nübbel, at the bakery
Distance	4.22km
Duration	52 minutes
Access	Buses and trains in central Rendsburg.
Facilities	All facilities in central Rendsburg; bakery (with café) in Nübbel.

14.1	Rendsburg, Fußgängertunnel portal	0m
14.2	To canal, and R; follow street-level path until road joins from R, then use ramp path to drop to canal level; follow path past park bench and on for another 130m.	1970m
14.3	R to road; cross road and L to Alte Lotsenstation; R over bridge; ahead to crossroads in Nübbel; L on Dorfstraße to bakery.	2250m

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14.1

This section of the walk starts at the northern portal of the pedestrian tunnel under the Nord-Ostsee-Kanal (the splendidly-named *Fußgängertunnel unter dem Nord-Ostsee-Kanal*) in Rendsburg.

To reach the start-point from Rendsburg station, turn right coming out of the underpass beneath the platforms, and drop down below street level to pass underneath Herrenstraße, rising at the other side into Bahnhofstraße (where the bus stops are). At the far end, turn left onto Jungfernstieg to reach Paradeplatz. From the statue, cross over the middle of Paradeplatz, and walk down the left-hand pavement of Königstraße: this becomes Berliner Straße at the first set of traffic lights. Continue, and cross Alte Kieler Landstraße at the lights. You may now cut the corner of Berliner Straße and Hindenburgstraße, continuing ahead on the latter. Take Wilhelmstal ahead to reach the tunnel portal.

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

14.2

Walk to the canal from the portal, and turn right. Pick up the path at street level past the Convent Garden hotel, descending to canalside level when you get the chance. It is an easy walk alongside the canal, with no navigational difficulties as you take your leave of Rendsburg.

The route is not without interest: it is a busy waterway, and you will soon meet ships plying their way between the two seas.

The canal is 98km long, and was completed in 1895, saving shipping about 460km of rough water around Jutland, though there had been a water route linking the North Sea and the Baltic since the latter part of the eighteenth century, linking the Baltic by a canal to the navigable River Eider.

The Rendsburg end of the world's longest park bench



Since the old canal was less than 30m wide, and had a depth of only 3m, the need for a new canal was pressing. The canal now allows ships up to 235m long, with a draught of 7m, or up to 160m long with a draught of 9.5m. It is the busiest sea-access inland waterway in the world.

Soon, you will come to a backless park bench. This is not any old park bench, though: it is in fact the longest park bench in the world, measuring 501m in length.

Make your way along its full length, taking the curve of the canal (matched by the alignment of the bench), to the far end.

Continue ahead for about 130m, where an exit path leads off the

canalside route. Take this path to the right and go out to meet the road.

14.3

Cross the road and turn left.

You will see the

River Eider close at hand on your right. The path follows the road on its right-hand side: houses soon appear on the right. Farther ahead, the road veers away from the canal, and there are buildings on the left-hand side of the road.

Finally, you will reach a cluster of buildings at a bus stop. This used to be a pilot station for the canal, but it is now a holiday let centre.

Take the path off to the right, to cross a footbridge over the River Eider, and enter the village of Nübbel at the far side. Carry on ahead, with the Huus an de Eider (a nursing home) on the right. At the crossroads, turn south onto Dorfstraße. About 350m ahead, you will reach a bakery on the right.

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

The village of Nübbel is not tightly centred, so it was not a simple matter to choose the sectional endpoint. The crossroads was one clear option, and there are a couple of other possibilities, but here, about an hour out from Rendsburg, the enticement of coffee and pastry makes for a fine excuse for an endpoint. There are WCs inside for customers too. This is the last refreshment point before the small supermarket in Hamdorf.

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Shipping on the canal, seen from the roadside path. The ship in the foreground is the Nordic Nelly, registered at København, here pictured en route to the North Sea:



Old Rendsburg

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