

# Albersdorf to Grünentaler Hochbrücke

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Start	Albersdorf, Brutkampsweg at Eichstraße
Finish	Grünentaler Hochbrücke, rest area
Distance	3.93km
Duration	54 minutes
Access	Buses and trains at Albersdorf.
Facilities	All facilities at Albersdorf.

21.1	Albersdorf, Brutkampsweg at Eichstraße	0m
21.2	S on Brutkampsweg, which bends L; R on Brutkamp for 350m then swing L on Bredenhoop; R (SSE) to join track past Steinzeitpark to major path junction.	1630m
21.3	Take left-hand path ahead and climb onto ridge; follow ridge round to L until path rejoins valley floor; bear L, ignoring path going off sharp right; climb to road junction where R, then R again beside railway; parallel railway for 1.2km, then R to main road with rest area to L.	2300m



Albersdorf: Brutkampsweg  
at the start of the section

**21.1** This section of the walk starts at the junction of Brutkampsweg and Eichstraße in Albersdorf.

The bus station is located at the other end of Eichstraße. There are refreshment facilities near the bus station.

There is a train every two hours at Albersdorf on the line between Heide and Neumünster.

Albersdorf is a good place for a pick-up or drop-off by a supporting car and driver, and

there are parking facilities for a support vehicle within the town.

The population of Albersdorf has been shrinking for some time: it is now less than half of the 8000 or so a century ago. Recently, depopulation has been continued following departures of local government (after boundary consolidation in 2008) and of an army base.

**21.2** From the road junction, at Hotel Bess, start off travelling south on Brutkampsweg, passing on your left a thatched red-brick cottage. The street swings round to the left and reaches a T-junction as Brutkamp crosses.

Brutkamp is a left turn off Bahnhofstraße if you are coming from the railway station.

Turn right into Brutkamp. After about 280m, the street swings left: a house ahead blocks the straight route, and there are minor entries to the right of the house. The left bend takes you into Bredenhoop, which soon bends to the right (south-south-east) and declines to a track.

After about 300m from the right-hand bend, you will reach the corner of the Steinzeitdorf (Stone Age Village) which forms the centrepiece of Steinzeitpark Dithmarschen.

The Steinzeitpark is a charitable undertaking which seeks to display and interpret life in the area from about 3000BC: it covers an area of 40ha of sandy heathland (*geest*). Much of the area covered by the park is open to all, but there is a village of reconstructed buildings which is open from April to October only, between 1100 and 1700 (except on Mondays, the weekly rest-day).

The park activities combine research with interpretive education: visitors may take part in interactive demonstrations of neolithic crafts.

To the west of the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg route, and within the boundaries of the Steinzeitpark, there are several burial mounds of the Neolithic era, of the kind encountered *en route* at Dreebargen, in the north-east of Albersdorf.

The Steinzeitpark is a possible rendezvous point for a pick-up or, at a

pinch, a drop-off by a supporting car and driver, giving something for the driver to do to while away the time before the walking party turns up. The car park for the complex lies on its west side, off Süderstraße at the southern edge of Albersdorf.

Continue ahead with Steinzeitdorf on your right for another 700m, down into a valley. You will pass paths going off to the right, then reach a path junction with one path going off to the left and two paths leading ahead.

**21.3** Take the left-hand of the two paths ahead: it climbs out of the valley onto a small ridge (in fact, the end of a moraine). The correct path should be easy to choose, since the right-hand option keeps to the valley floor.

Follow the path through the trees for the length of the ridge: it then returns to the valley floor on a generally easterly bearing. The track bends slightly to the left, with a field to the right. At a more prominent left-hand bend, a path goes off sharp right (south east): do not take this path, but rise to a road at a junction.

Turn right here, and follow Alter Landweg eastwards to reach the railway. Bend right here to parallel the railway. The track dips below track level, then climbs again: by the time track level has been regained, the railway is swinging away to the left.

Alter Landweg comes out into a right-hand bend, and advances towards a main road, where there is an underpass.

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

Just off to the left, there is a rest area: beyond the rest area, the road is carried over the Nord-Ostsee-Kanal on the Grünentaler Hochbrücke.

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



*Steinzeitdorf, Albersdorf*

*The bifurcation of the path, with the left-hand option leading up onto the moraine*

