

Grünentaler Hochbrücke to Tensbüttel

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Start	Grünentaler Hochbrücke, rest area
Finish	Tensbüttel, at the fire station
Distance	7.05km
Duration	1 hour 26 minutes
Access	Occasional buses at Tensbüttel.
Facilities	None.

22.1	Grünentaler Hochbrücke, rest area	0m
22.2	W along R pavement of Bundesstraße; L on Vierthofweg, which turns immediately R; ahead for 3.5km to wind farm; L then R to bridge over A23 motorway.	5280m
22.3	Cross bridge and continue to children's playground on R, where L on Dorfstraße to fire station in Tensbüttel.	1770m

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22.1 This section of the walk starts on Bundesstraße, just to the west of the west-side rest area at the Grünentaler Hochbrücke.

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

22.2 From the northern portal of an underpass beneath Bundesstraße, go westwards (do not go through the underpass) on the right-hand pavement of Bundesstraße, round a slight bend. Cross the road to take Vierthofweg opposite. This road takes an immediate right-hand bend to take up a west-south-westerly bearing, then nudges very slightly left.

From here, the directions are simple — keep on ahead for 3.5km.

At first, you will pass on your left a muddy field which strives to be elevated in being called the Grüntalring: a motocross field in a former quarry. At a slight bend to the right, the road name changes, but only marginally — from Vierthofweg to Weg am Vierthof.

Beyond a road crossing, there is a house on the right, then one on the left. This is Vierthof. The route continues in a straight line towards some wind turbines: just before you reach them, take a path on the left, running south east, for 700m, then to the right, to reach a bridge over the A23 motorway.

22.3 Cross the bridge, and descend on the far side of the motorway to a crossing of tracks. The route does not deviate onto either of the side-tracks, but continues ahead, lined on each side by trees.

In time, you will come to the eastern outskirts of Tensbüttel, joining a street coming in from the left. The local memorial park, with a children's playground, is over on the right.

Wind turbine east of A23



The street runs out into Dorfstraße on a bend: turn left here and follow Dorfstraße towards the centre of the village.

This street would have been the major thoroughfare before the main road was realigned to the north of the village: today, there is not much traffic passing through Tensbüttel.

Shortly after joining Dorfstraße, you will see a whitewashed thatched house across on the right-hand side of the road. It is little different from many others in the area, but it seems to embody many of the key characteristics of the vernacular domestic architecture — a dormer gable above the doorway, the thatched roof beetling down to within a few centimetres of the tops of the window-panes, hipped gables on the ends of the building. This one is asymmetrical: perhaps the right-hand (eastern) half used to be the animals' quarters,

now given over to an extension of the humans' living area — the paucity of windows (apart from the large one which is probably newer than the others) suggests the possibility. Alternatively, there could conceivably have been a mill at the eastern end. Such are the joys of speculation as to what was there before we passed.

Continue along Dorfstraße for about 350m to reach the fire station on the left, by a bus stop.

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

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*House at the eastern end of
Tensbüttel*