

Meldorf to Neuer Meldorfer Hafen

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Start	Meldorf, Südermarkt
Finish	Neuer Meldorfer Hafen
Distance	9.30km
Duration	1 hour 56 minutes
Access	Buses and trains at Meldorf.
Facilities	All facilities in Meldorf.

26.1	Meldorf, Südermarkt	0m
26.2	Cross Südermarkt to exit to L of Mama Leone restaurant on Burgstraße; L, then R on Hohe Straße; cross Westerstraße into Hemmtwiete; cross Jungfernstieg; ahead on Hemmweg path to end of houses; ahead, then bend R to Hafenchaussee; L; cross Hafenstraße then take next left (Unnern Diek) to junction at inn.	3070m
28.3	L on Helgoländer Straße to keep inn on L; straight ahead to Alter Meldorfer Hafen; cross bridge and R towards dike; swing L to reach Hafenstraße; R for 4.7km; R on Deichstraße to harbour at sea-gate.	6230m

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*A wet Friday market on
Meldorf's Südermarkt*

*The bend on Burgstraße,
and the Hohe Straße turn*



26.1 This section of the walk starts on Südermarkt in the centre of Meldorf, outside the Hotel zur Linde.

Meldorf is the third and westernmost major centre which is visited by the (extended) Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg route, after Kiel and Rendsburg. It has had a town charter since 1265, though municipal rights were suspended between 1598 and 1870. The church is one of the most important neo-Gothic buildings on the west side of the Jutland peninsula.

Meldorf gets its name from the River Miele, which flows through the town on its way to the North Sea. The consumer goods firm

Miele has no direct connection with the area, except to say that the founder's surname, Miele, may (or may not) indicate local ancestry.

The town has all facilities from banks to pharmacies, with good transport connections and a range of restaurants and cafés. It is likely to be an important staging-post for walkers on the Nord-Ostsee-Wanderweg. The Meldorfer Bücherstube in the south-east corner of Südermarkt keeps a good selection of local maps.

26.2 With the hotel at your back, set off to the left across the middle of Südermarkt to Mama Leone restaurant. Pass to the left of the restaurant into Burgstraße. Take the bend to the left, then immediately, turn right into Hohe Straße.

Go down Hohe Straße, and cross Westerstraße into Hemmtwiete. Continue ahead to Jungfernstieg, and cross this road to pick up a path opposite: this is Hemmweg. Follow the path all the way to the end of the houses on the western side of Meldorf.

Do not take any notice of a right-hand arrow waymark at the end of the houses, but carry on ahead between fields. The path soon curves round to the right following the river bank (upstream), eventually reaching a road (Hafenchaussee).

Turn left onto Hafenchaussee, following its left-hand pavement. After about 1.1km, you will reach a junction, where Hafenstraße

goes off to the left. Cross over Hafenstraße and continue to the next junction, where turn left. You will see the Dithmarscher Bucht inn ahead: go forward to the junction at the inn.

The inn provides accommodation, but it is a *hotel garni*, so does not provide full meal services.

26.3 Bear left to keep the frontage of the inn on your right-hand side: you are now on Helgoländer Straße. carry on straight ahead (do not fork right at the gusset — a useful Scots word for a slim triangle of land, whether built upon or not) until you reach the former harbour for Meldorf, known as *Alter Meldorfer Hafen*.

Cross the bridge over the old harbour, now held captive by a huge dike-gate, and turn right along the quay.

Dikes here have been used for three purposes — to keep the sea out, to manage water flow (holding back water for later discharge at a time which will not threaten flooding) and for land reclamation and management.

When you reach the towering dike at its gate, swing round to the left, and follow the road up to a crossroads.

Turn to your right (westwards) at the crossroads onto Hafenstraße, and take its right-hand pavement. The road stretches out to infinity in this flat landscape, and you will follow it for all of 4.7km. On the way, the Miele is your companion on the right, until it is swallowed up by Speicherbecken, its holding lake. On the left for the second half of this stretch is another holding lake, the Speicherkoog.

Eventually, Hafenstraße swings round to the left, here turn off onto Deichstraße, with Neuer Meldorfer Hafen on the left, and make your



From top:
Meldorf from the west
Alter Meldorfer Hafen
Miele Speicherbecken



*Neuer Meldorfer Hafen
and the sea-gate*

way to the sea-gate, with its watchtower brooding over the view both inland and out to sea.

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

The area of Speicherkoog and Speicherbecken is at the heart of the Kronenloch nature reserve, which forms part of the Wattenmeer national park. There is a park visitor centre ahead on Hafenstraße beyond the turn-off onto Deichstraße.

Parking is available beside Deichstraße, and in a car park at its junction with Hafenstraße: it is a viable place for a pick-up or drop-off by a supporting car and driver.

There may be refreshments available at a small cafe just to the north of the harbour, behind the dike.