

# Welcome to Herdecke

Enjoy our sightseeing tour.

When approaching a stop, read the information or listen to the audio-guide.

Follow the schedule on the following page.

### Schedule

11.50	<p><b>Start at the school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk towards the market (approx. 10 min)</li> <li>• <b>Stop 1: Detour to Bachplatz → Mini Hotel</b> (along Gerberstraße, Bachlauf) (approx. 5 min)</li> </ul>
12.05	<p><b>Market in Herdecke</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 2: Frederuna-Brunnen and Viehmarktbrunnen</b></li> <li>• Visit of the market (approx. 30 min)</li> </ul>
12.45	<p><b>Town Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 3: City Hall/Rathaus</b> (way past the church “Stiftskirche”)</li> </ul>
12.55	<p><b>Town Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 4: Jacob's column/Jakobssäule</b></li> <li>• (lower end of the pedestrian zone)</li> </ul>
13.00	<p><b>Town Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 5: Half-timbered house/Fachwerkhaus – Kornspeicher</b></li> </ul>
13.05	<p><b>Visit of the unpackaged store/Unverpacktladen</b> (approx. 45 min) (Kampstraße)</p>
13.50	<p><b>Walk to the war memorial (Kriegerdenkmal)</b> via Wetterstraße , Poststraße, Goethestraße (approx. 15 min)</p>
14.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 6: War memorial/Kriegerdenkmal</b></li> </ul> <p>Walk to the viaduct (approx. 15 min) (via Goethestraße , Poststraße , Ruhrstraße , Mühlenweg)</p>
14.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 7: Viaduct</b></li> <li>• Footpath along the river Ruhr in the direction of Hengsteysee (approx. 30 min)</li> </ul>
15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop 8: Lake Hengsteysee</b></li> </ul> <p>Walk back in the direction of the town center (approx. 20 min)</p>
15.30	<p>Visit to an ice cream parlor</p>

**Approx. 5 min are planned at each station.**

**Stop 9: Harkortturm will be visited on Saturday.**

**Stop 1:**

Bachplatz and Mini Hotel

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**Stop 2:**

Frederuna-Brunnen  
Viehmarktbrunnen

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## Frederuna Brunnen

yea, so the story behind this well is also the story how our city Herdecke got its name, over 1000 years ago, there was an Italian princess named Frederuna. Frederuna was in love with one of her knights, the name of the knight was „Leo“. Leo travelled around often because of fights and stuff like that and after he returned home to Frederuna, and told her everything about the countrys he saw. He talked mostly about one land. Germany. He always said how beautiful the German woods were and that oak trees were so pretty, and good to lay under if it's really hot. And the day came that Leo would go fight in another war... but Leo never returned... after Frederuna heard about the news, she got depressed and decided to leave everything behind. She only took a little luggage and two donkeys with her. she said she wanted to go to Germany and to the pretty oak trees and so she did. she walked for months and only stopped when one of the donkeys stopped under an oak tree, then she said „hier de che“ which mean „under the oak tree“

**Stop 3:**

Town Hall/Rathaus

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**Stop 4:**

Jakobssäule

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**Stop 5:**

Kornspeicher

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**Stop 6:**

Kriegerdenkmal

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## Special sight in Herdecke - WAR MEMORIAL

The war memorial sculpture is a mourning soldier at the Goethestreet in Herdecke.

The Sculpture commemorates above all soldiers from Herdecke who died in the world war (1939 -1945).

In addition, there is an important sentence on the stone tablet "Preserve peace and freedom."



The soldier on the picture seems exhausted and thoughtful.

To the left and right side are two stone pillars, which are crowned with a cross. On each pillar is a bronze sword, which is aligned downwards

On the left and right pillars are the names of the fallen soldiers. The names of the person who died in the war are engraved on the bronze plaque.

Quelle Bild: [Gefallenendenkmal in Herdecke-Ruhr \(Kriegerdenkmal\) - 1 Bewertung - Herdecke - Goethestraße | glocal](#)

**Stop 7:**

Viadukt

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## *The Viaduct in Herdecke*

Here you can see the so called „Herdecker viaduct“. It was built in 1875 and the ending of this journey was in 1878. The first opening was on 15th May, 1879 so the viaduct is 140 years old.

Now it is used by the Wuppertal Nordbahn, a train that passes the viaduct frequently.

This bridge made of stone is 313 metres long, 8 metres high and 29.33 metres tall

The bridge is completely made of stone with some rails on top. It is a stone arch construction with 12 arches in total, you have 11 columns.

The viaduct is one of the most famous sights in Herdecke.

Except its beauty the Ruhr is a really good and loved spot to hang out with friends. The location is used by the youth, families, grandparents and children but you aren't allowed to swim in the Ruhr because of the current.

**Stop 8:**

Hengsteysee

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## **Hensteysee**

Lake Hengstey is a 4.2 km long and 296 m wide reservoir operated by the Ruhrverband. The lake has a water storage capacity of 3.3 million cbm and a water surface of 1.36 sq. km. The construction period was two years from 1927-1929.

On the northern side the lake borders on the Ardey Mountains and on the southern side on Hagen. The lake is named after the adjacent Hagen district Hengstey. It begins approximately at the level of the Syburg Bridge, about 1km after the mouth of the Lenne River, and ends at the dam of the Hengstey run-of-river power plant.

On the north bank of the Hengsteysee is the Köpchenwerk, this is a pumped storage power plant with an artificially created upper basin and the Hengsteysee as lower basin. In addition, the lake is also used for water purification.

The lake is a popular recreational area, around which a foot and bicycle path with a length of about 6 km leads. In the summer, the Hengsteysee is sailed by a pleasure boat named Freiherr von Stein.

The lake is also used as a water sports area by rowers, sailors and canoeists, but it is not a bathing lake.

In the middle of the Hengsteysee is the ruin of the Niedernhofen Castle, about 150 meters south of the power plant. The Mäuseturm, which can still be seen today, is the bridgehead of the old pedestrian bridge, that led over the Ruhr.

**Stop 9:**

Harkortturm

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