

# Die rheinische APFELROUTE

## Discovering the largest horticulture area in North Rhine-Westphalia by bike

Since May 2019, cyclists are able to discover the beauty and uniqueness of the largest horticulture area in North Rhine-Westphalia on the newly established cycling circuit “Die rheinische APFELROUTE” (The Rhenish Apple route).

On 124 kilometers of marked cycle paths, you can experience the cultivation of various fruits and vegetables, taste different apple varieties or sip a cup of freshly brewed coffee in one of the many farm cafes.

Despite the historic relevance of Germany’s former capital Bonn, the region around the famous city is almost unknown to guests and tourists. However, the largest horticulture area in North Rhine-Westphalia is characterized by blooming orchards, luscious vegetable fields, apple farms, historic old towns and beautiful views on the cultural landscape along the river Rhine.

The cycling route is especially intended for active boomers and young families. It takes riders on a guided tour to the cultural and agricultural highlights of all six participating municipalities: Alfter, Bornheim, Meckenheim, Rheinbach, Swisttal, Wachtberg. Additionally, it offers 12 attractive rest stops along the circuit, where guests can get involved with the various interesting aspects of horticulture. On these points, especially kids are guided to learn about the rich history, the complex ecology or the different techniques used by farmers in an agricultural environment.

After being on the bike all day long, cyclists are invited to come in and stay in one of the many comfortable restaurants and accommodations along the way. There are certified partners of the Rheinische Apfelroute which offer special treatments for cyclists like tool boxes for repairs, maps and guidance regarding the tour or special deals on food and accommodation. Guests can easily rest their tired legs and refuel by tasting the regional cuisine with many fresh vegetables and fruits from local farmers.

The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Its goal is to particularly promote small and medium-sized enterprises by developing and improving touristic infrastructure and services in the region Rhine-Voreifel.

More information and maps of the Rheinische Apfelroute are found on our website: [www.apfelroute.nrw](http://www.apfelroute.nrw)

## Factsheet “Die rheinische APFELROUTE”

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- Project:** Themed cycling route “Die rheinische APFELROUTE”  
(The Rhenish Apple route)
- Touristic theme:** Experiencing the beautiful landscape and interesting culture of the largest horticulture area in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
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- Funding objective:** Promoting value creation of small and medium-sized enterprises by developing and improving touristic infrastructure and services
- Time frame:** 1.07.2017 – 31.12.2020
- Project area:** Region Rhine-Voreifel, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany  
Municipalities:  
Alfter, Bornheim, Meckenheim, Rheinbach, Swisttal, Wachtberg