

## **Weekend of Jan. 21-22**

**Flétrange, France (F-57690)** -- This French walk is southwest of St. Avold. From the KMC, use Autobahn 6 past Saarbrücken and into France where it becomes A32 once the border has been crossed. Continue toward Metz as the autobahn turns into A4, and exit at Carling (39) to pick up D633 through St. Avold. Connect with D603 and D910 toward Falquemont. Take the Flétrange exit onto Route de Strasbourg and follow IVV signs to the start. **Start:** Complexe Sportif on rue du Chêne **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to noon (10 km) **Trail:** Unknown, expect wooded areas **Award:** None.

**Garnich, Luxembourg (L-8356)** -- This Sunday event, west of Luxembourg City, is about an hour's drive from the Bitburg area and two hours from Kaiserslautern. A great (and my personal) reason to attend is the foot-long éclairs! From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B257 south to Echternacherbrück and the border. Cross into Luxembourg and connect with N11/E29 to Waldhof, then pick up A7 toward Metz, and connect with A1 and A6 to skirt Luxembourg City to the south. Use Exit 1 and N13 south to Garnich and the start. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 toward Saarbrücken, Saarlouis, and Perl. Cross into Luxembourg and continue on A13 to the Croix de Bettembourg interchange. Connect with A3 and drive north toward Luxembourg City. At the Croix de Gasperich interchange, pick up A6 in the direction of Brussels and Liège, then use Exit 1 and N13 to Garnich.

**Start:** Veräinshaus at 6, rue des Sacrifiés **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 12 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Menchhoffen, France (F-67340)** -- This event is south of Bitche and west of Haguenau. It'll require a fair amount of driving but there are a number of scenic roads and it should make for a pleasant time. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 toward Saarbrücken and Zweibrücken. Exit at Zweibrücken-Ixheim (33) to take B424 south where it becomes D35A in France. Connect with N62 toward Haguenau. At Niederbronn-les-Bains, take D28 to Ingwiller via Zinswiller and Rothbach. Pick up D919 leading to Menchhoffen and the start.

**Start:** Salle polyvalente on Route d'Uttwiller **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

## **Weekend of Jan. 28-29**

**Contz-les-Bains, France (F-57480)** -- This event is adjacent to the French border, roughly midway between Merzig, Germany, and Luxembourg City. KMC's wanderers will find the drive is almost entirely on the autobahn making it relatively easy to reach. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 past Saarbrücken and toward Luxembourg City. After Perl, the autobahn becomes A13 once the border is crossed. Immediately after entering Luxembourg, use exit 13 to the end of the ramp and turn right onto the road designated 152. Follow this road south to France and the town of Contz-les-Bains using IVV signs.

**Start:** Mille-Club on rue du Stade **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) **Trail:** Unknown, expect wooded areas **Award:** None.

**Gasperech (Gasperich), Luxembourg (L-2451)** -- This event is located in a southern suburb of Luxembourg City and may be reached in about 90 minutes from the KMC and under 50 minutes from Bitburg. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 south to Neuhaus. Take Autobahn 64 west to cross the Luxembourg border, then continue west toward Luxembourg City on Autoroute A1/E44. Take A3 briefly toward Luxembourg City and exit at Hesperange/Luxembourg-Gasperich. Use CR231 to reach the start at Gasperech. From the KMC, take Autobahns 6 toward Saarbrücken and 8 to Perl and the border. Cross the Mosel River into Luxembourg and continue on A13 to Bettembourg. Connect with Autoroute A3/E25 north toward Luxembourg City, then exit at Hesperange/Luxembourg-Gasperich. Use CR231 to reach the start at Gasperech (Gasperich).

**Start:** Hall omnisports zu Gasperech at 4, rue G. Rossini **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 12 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Grosbliederstroff, France (F-57520)** -- This French event is found due south of Saarbrücken and almost literally on the border. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 to connect briefly with Autobahn 620 at Saarbrücken. Exit at Saarbrücken-St. Arnual (19), take the third exit from the roundabout at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Saargemünder Straße (likely at a traffic light) to head south under the A6 and parallel to the river. The road becomes Rue de Sarrebruck (N61) upon crossing the border into France. Continue a short ways to Grosbliederstroff.

**Start:** Salle de Jeux et Loisirs on rue des Fermes **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (15 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Hinsbourg, France (F-67290)** -- Here's a volksmarch that requires more than a bit of driving but provides an opportunity to explore the sort-of-nearby town of Haguenau or Strasbourg. The event is southwest of both Pirmasens and Bitche, France. From the KMC, use Autobahn 6 past Saarbrücken and into France where it becomes A32. Connect with the A4 (a toll road with automated collection booths) toward Strasbourg and use the Phalsbourg exit (44). Use secondary roads through Phalsbourg, Eschbourg, and La Petite-Pierre to reach Hinsbourg and the start.

**Start:** Salle polyvalente on rue Principale **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Hürth (50354)** -- This event is on the southwest edge of Cologne and roughly a 90-minute drive from Bitburg, and 2 hours from Wiesbaden. A variety of trail lengths are offered; challenge-seekers will find 2017's first 42-km marathon. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 66 toward Frankfurt and 3 toward Cologne. Just outside of Cologne, at Rath/Heumar, exit onto A4. Take the Köln-Eifeltor exit (11b) to connect with B265 to Hürth. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, take B51 north to pick up Autobahn 60 toward Aachen. Exit at Prüm (4) to connect with B51 toward Blankenheim and Tondorf, then pick up A1 toward Cologne. Take the Erftstadt exit (108) to use B265 to the start at Hürth.

**Start:** Europakolleg Goldenberg Alt-Hürth at Duffesbachstraße 7 **Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 and 12 km), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (22 km), 8-11 a.m. (30 km), and 7:30-9:30 a.m. (42 km) **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (6 and 12 km), 8-11:30 a.m. (22 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** Patch and Certificate (42km)

trail) **Note:** Participants of the marathon trail should bring a flashlight. In addition to earning the usual DVV/IVV credit, the walk also offers EVG-D credit.

**St. Johann-Upfingen (72813)** -- Southeast of Reutlingen, this walk is about an hour's drive from Stuttgart. From Stuttgart, use B14 to pick up B27 past the airport, B312 to Metzingen, B313 and B28 to Bad Urach, and B465 (very briefly) and minor roads to the start at Upfingen.

**Start:** Sporthaus "auf der Wacht" on Hardtgasse **Saturday and Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 11 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** From previous events; children under 10 years will receive a small surprise.

**Vaihingen/Enz-Horrheim (71665)** -- This Sunday walk is northwest of Stuttgart, whose wanderers can reach the start in about an hour. From Stuttgart, use B14 and B27 past the area by the Porsche Museum to Vaihingen/Enz. Reverse direction using a minor road through Oberriexingen to Sersheim, then connect with additional minor roads leading to Horrheim and the start.

**Start:** Mettertalhalle on Neue Schulstraße in Horrheim **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 11 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

#### **Weekend of Feb. 4-5**

**Kleinich-Oberkleinich (54483)** -- This event is north-northwest of Idar-Oberstein and fairly accessible to volksmarchers in other locations. From Baumholder, head toward Neubrücke via minor roads to reach B41/B269. Head north through Birkenfeld to connect with B327 toward Hahn Airport. Take the minor road at Hochscheid to the start at Kleinich. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Saarbrücken and 62 toward Trier, and exit at Birkenfeld (4). Take B41/B269 north to Morbach and B327 toward Hahn Airport. Use the minor road at Hochscheid to reach Oberkleinich.

**Start:** Kulturscheune at Oberkleinich 13 **Saturday and Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6, 10 and 15 km) **Trails:** Hilly, wooded areas **Award:** From previous events.

**Lintgen, Luxembourg (L-7505)** -- This event brings volksmarchers north of Luxembourg City. While it's about an hour's drive from the Bitburg area, and two hours from the KMC, it does offer drivers something different as far as scenery. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Saarbrücken, 62 and 1 to Trier, and 602 and 64 to the Luxembourg border. Continue on Autoroute A1 to Luxembourg City and connect with A7 north to briefly use N11 toward Gonderange. Pick up secondary roads CR126 and CR125 west to Walferdange, then take N7 north to Lintgen and the start. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B257 south to Echternach and the border. Pick up N11 (E29) in Luxembourg through Lauterbuer and Michelshaff to Junglinster. From here, use secondary routes CR129 to Godbrange, CR130 to Koedange, CR119 to Weyer, and CR101 to Lintgen and the start. Watch for IVV signs to assist.

**Start:** Salle A Mouschelt **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6, 12 and 16 km)  
**Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Mackwiller, France (F-67430)** -- This event is south-southwest of Zweibrücken and about a 90-minute scenic drive. From the KMC, use

Autobahns 6 and 620 toward Saarbrücken, then take the B51 exit toward Sarreguemines. Cross into France and continue on N61 and E29 from Grosbliederstroff to connect with the A4/E25 toll road toward Strasbourg. Take exit 43 toward Sarre-Union and use minor roads, D96, and D92 to the start at Mackwiller.

**Start:** Salle polyvalente at 26, chemin de la gare **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Riedseltz, France (F-67160)** -- This event is southeast of Pirmasens and likely a long but scenic drive. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 62 toward Saarbrücken and Pirmasens (or, alternately, B270 south). Exit at Pirmasens (15) to take B10 and B427 to Bad Bergzabern. Pick up B38 and head south to the border where it becomes D263 in France and, after a short drive, you'll reach the start at Riedseltz.

**Start:** Salle des Fêtes on rue Neuve (near the stadium) **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Yutz, France (F-57970)** -- This event is roughly midway between Metz and Luxembourg City. It's another long drive from the KMC but, after exiting the autobahn at Perl, you will wind alongside the Moselle River south toward Thionville. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 past Saarbrücken, Saarlouis and Merzig to the border at Perl. Use the Perl exit (2) to connect with B419 south; this road changes to D654 after crossing the French border. Continue south along the Moselle to Yutz and the start. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use Autobahns 60, 1, and 602 to Trier. Use the Trier-Ehrang exit to connect with A64 to Luxembourg City; after crossing the border, the autobahn becomes A1. Bypass Luxembourg City to the east using B1 to connect with A3 and A31 toward Thionville. Exit at Yutz Centre (38) to follow IVV directional signs to the start.

**Start:** Salle Petit Prince on rue du Gymnase **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (11 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

## **Weekend of Feb. 11-12**

**Battice, Belgium (B-4651)** -- This Belgian walk, located 111 km north-northwest of Bitburg and due east of Liège, is a little more than an hour's drive. Battice is home to a fort built prior to World War II and is worth a return trip for a tour

([www.bargaintraveleurope.com/10/Belgium\\_Fort\\_Battice\\_Herve.htm](http://www.bargaintraveleurope.com/10/Belgium_Fort_Battice_Herve.htm)). From the Bitburg area, head north on B51 to Autobahn 60, taking that northwest to the border. Cross into Belgium and continue on A27/E42 to Battice, then head east on N3 and connect with N627/Rue du Centre and the start.

**Start:** Cercle Saint-Vincent on rue du Centre **Saturday:** 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (4, 6 and 10 km), 6:30 a.m. to noon (20 km), and 6:30-10 a.m. (30 km)

**Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (4, 6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km)

**Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Clermont-sur-Berwinne, Belgium (B-4890)** -- This Belgian walk, located about 111 km north-northwest of Bitburg and due east of Liège, is about a 70-minute drive from there. A 45-km trail on Saturday requires advance registration (via [ben.demez@gmail.com](mailto:ben.demez@gmail.com)) for bus transportation to the start at Liège. Bus departs from the start hall at 6 a.m., 6:15 a.m., 6:30 a.m.

and 7 a.m. From the Bitburg area, head north on B51 to Autobahn 60, taking that northwest to the border. Cross into Belgium and continue on A27/E42 to Battice (itself worth exploring), then head east on N3 and connect with a minor road to Thimister-Clermont and the start.

**Start:** Salle St-Jean at 1, place de la Halle **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (4, 6 and 12 km), 7 a.m. to noon (21 km), and 6-8 a.m. (45 km, start at Piscine d'Outremeuse at rue de l'Ourthe 1, 4020 Liège) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (4, 6 and 12 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (21 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Dudelange, Luxembourg (L-3474)** -- This event is an hour's drive from the Bitburg area and an hour and three-quarters from the KMC to the start south of Luxembourg City. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 toward Saarbrücken, Saarlouis, Merzig and Perl. Continue across the border on Autoroute A13 to connect with A3. Head south toward Metz to exit at Dudelange (3). Pick up secondary roads CR161 and CR160 to Dudelange. This event is about to the start south of Luxembourg City. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 south to Neuhaus. Take Autobahn 64 west to cross the Luxembourg border, then continue west on Autoroute A1 and south on A3. Exit at Dudelange (3) to pick up secondary roads CR161 and CR160 to the start.

**Start:** Centre Sportif Lycée Nic Biever Annexe Alliance on rue Reiteschkopp **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 12 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Maulbronn-Zaisersweiher (75433)** -- Northwest of Stuttgart and southeast of Bruchsal, this event is about a 45-minute drive from Stuttgart. Trails will offer a variety of sights, to include the Reutsee pond, the Kloster Maulbrann (a UNESCO World Heritage site), an art exhibition that includes 290 neoexpressionists works, and a local museum. From Stuttgart, use B14 to pick up B27 toward the Porsche Museum. At Zufenhausen, connect with B10 passing Vaihingen an der Enz to pick up B35 at Illingen. Continue on B35 to Maulbronn and use minor roads the final two kilometers or so to Zaisersweiher.

**Start:** Turn- und Gemeindehalle on Schützingen Straße **Saturday and Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 12 km) and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Opglabbeek, Belgium (B-3660)** -- This Sunday event is north of Maastricht, Netherlands, and a two-hour drive from Bitburg. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 north to pick up Autobahn 60 to the border. After crossing into Belgium, continue on A27/E42 to Herve, then connect with A3/E42/E40 toward Bruxelles. At the Vottem interchange, take the exit onto A13/E313 toward Anvers/Hasselt. Exit at Diepenbeek (30) to use N76 to Genk and the start.

**Start:** Bivakplaats Kimpenhof at Laerstraat 3 **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5, 10, 15 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** Sticker.

#### **Weekend of Feb. 18-19**

**Leyviller, France (F-57660)** -- This *Marche Populaire* event is south-southwest of Saarbrücken in France. Wanderers from the KMC area will have a bit of a drive to reach this walk. From the KMC, use Autobahn 6 past

Saarbrücken and into France where it becomes A32. Connect with the A4 toll road toward Strasbourg and use the Farébersviller exit (41). Use D29 south through Henriville and Valette to reach the start at Leyviller.

**Start:** Salle du Foyer Communal on Rue des Mésanges **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (12 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

#### **Weekend of Feb. 25-26**

**Grevenmacher, Luxembourg (L-6718)** -- This event is southwest of Trier and just across the border making it a reasonably easy drive from the Bitburg/Spangdahlem area (30 minutes) as well as the KMC (90 minutes). From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Saarbrücken, 62 and 1 to Trier, and 64 to the Luxembourg border. Continue onto Autoroute A1/E44 to the Mertert exit (14). Use N1 to reach the town of Grevenmacher and the start. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 south to Neuhaus. Take Autobahn 64 west to cross the Luxembourg border, then continue west on Autoroute A1/E44. Exit at Mertert (14), pick up N1 and follow signs to Grevenmacher.

**Start:** Domaines Vinsmoselle Caves de Grevenmacher at 12, rue des Caves

**Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Schwalbach-Griesborn (66773)** -- Wanderers will find this Saarland event northwest of Saarbrücken and easily reached by autobahn from the Landstuhl/Ramstein area. Expect some fun and surprises as the club celebrates Fasching. From Baumholder, use Autobahns 62 and 1 south toward Saarbrücken. Connect with Autobahn 8 toward Saarlouis and exit at Schwalbach/Schwarzenholz (15). Use secondary roads through Sprengen and Schwalbach to the start at Griesborn. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 toward Saarlouis to reach the Schwalbach/Schwarzenholz exit (15), then follow secondary roads through Sprengen and Schwalbach to reach Griesborn.

**Start:** Gemeindesaalbau at Hauptstraße 90 **Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 10 km) **Trail:** Expected to be somewhat hilly, woods **Award:** None.

#### **Weekend of March 4-5**

**Rothenburg ob der Tauber (91541)** -- This walk explores the medieval walled-city of Rothenburg. The Saturday-only old-town walk offers a mini-tour of its many shops and sights. The outside trails, including a half-marathon distance, are a great choice if you've already experienced the old-city trail. It's crowded but not overwhelming; parking is plentiful. In conjunction with this special walk discounts on admission are offered by a number of museums and attractions by showing your IVV start card. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 5, 6 and 7 past Heidelberg, Heilbronn and Crailsheim in order to reach Rothenburg. Alternately, Autobahns 3 and 7 via Würzburg and Kitzingen may be used. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 7 past Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn and Crailsheim in order to reach Rothenburg.

**Start:** Sporthalle at Erlbacher Straße 5 **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to noon (6, 11 and 21 km outside of city) and noon to 4 p.m. (11 km old-city trail)

**Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (21 km) **Trails:** Old-City routes are paved and have steps; trails in the surrounding area are hilly and wooded **Award:** From previous events.

## Weekend of March 11-12

**Hemmersdorf (66780)** -- This Saarland event is west of Dillingen and only a few kilometers from the French border, yet it's easily reached by autobahn from the KMC area. A few years back, reader Janice Lukacsko described one of the club's recent events as having a "picturesque trail -- the first half runs pretty much along the river." From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 toward Saarlouis and Merzig to exit at Rehlingen (7). Use secondary roads through Büren to reach Hemmersdorf.

**Start:** Grenzlandhalle on Niedaltdorfer Straße **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (15 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (15 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Reichstett, France (F-67116)** -- This event is between Strasbourg and Haguenau, making a visit to either of these places relatively easy. Somewhat unusual for a French event is the walk takes place on *both* weekend days making shopping a possibility. It's about an hour-and-three-quarters drive from the KMC but most of it is on the autobahn. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Mannheim, 61 toward Karlsruhe and 65 toward Landau. Exit at Kandel-Süd (22) to use B9 south to the border, and continue on French Autoroute A35. Exit at Hoerdt (49) to use the secondary road D37 to the start at Reichstett.

**Start:** Complexe Sportif on rue de Picardie **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Sien (55758)** -- This event is not far from Baumholder but easily reached by the KMC's wanderers, too. From Baumholder, use the minor road bordering the training area to connect with B420. Head toward Bad Kreuznach to pick up B270 toward Idar-Oberstein and Sien. From the KMC, head north about 45 km on B270 to Sien and the start.

**Start:** Turnhalle at Kirner Straße 6 **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, mostly woods **Award:** None.

## Wednesday, March 15

**Opglabbeek, Belgium (B-3660)** -- This midweek event is north of Maastricht, Netherlands, and a two-hour drive from Bitburg. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 north to pick up Autobahn 60 to the border. After crossing into Belgium, continue on A27/E42 to Herve, then connect with A3/E42/E40 toward Bruxelles. At the Vottem interchange, take the exit onto A13/E313 toward Anvers/Hasselt. Exit at Diepenbeek (30) to use N76 to Genk and the start.

**Start:** Sentower Park at Leemkuilstraat 21 **Wednesday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (4, 6, 12 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** Sticker.

## Weekend of March 18-19

**Grolsheim (55459)** -- This walk is just south of Bingen and offers a variety of trail lengths, to include a 42-km marathon. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 643 and 60 toward Bingen, take the St. Goar exit to connect with

B9, and then the Gensingen exit to pick up B50. From there, head south toward Bad Kreuznach and follow IVV signs to the start. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Mannheim, 63 toward Mainz, and 61 toward Koblenz. Exit at Bad Kreuznach (51) and follow B41 to Gensingen, and B50 to Grolsheim and the start.

**Start:** Nahelandhalle at Aspischeimer Weg 32 **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km), 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (21 km), 7 a.m. to noon (31 km) and 7-9 a.m. (42 km) **Trails:** Shorter trails are mostly flat, longer trails are hilly; fields, local neighborhoods and some woods **Award:** Certificate and patch (marathon).

**Völklingen-Lauterbach (66333)** -- This walk is southwest of Saarbrücken and literally on the French border. The event should be within volksmarching range of wanderers in the KMC and easily reached in slightly more than an hour. Use Autobahns 6 and 620 past Saarbrücken and toward Saarlouis. Exit at Geislautern (8) and take the secondary road through Geislautern and Ludweiler to the start at Lauterbach.

**Start:** Lauterbachhalle at Fröbelstraße 3 **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (16 km) **Trail:** Expected to be somewhat hilly, wooded areas **Award:** None.

#### **Weekend of March 25-26**

*Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!*

**Differten (66787)** -- This walk is west of Saarbrücken. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 620 past Saarbrücken and toward Saarlouis. Exit at Wadgassen (4b) and use minor roads through Wadgassen to the start at Differten.

**Start:** Bisttalhalle on Pater-Lorson-Straße **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (15 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (15 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Ettelbrück, Luxembourg (L-9080)** -- This event is north of Luxembourg City. Expect an hour's drive from Bitburg, and 1 hour 45 minutes from the KMC. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B50 west to Roth an der Our and the Luxembourg border. Pick up N17 and N10 to cross the border and the Our River. Head south to Bettel and connect with a minor road to Fouhren, then use N17 south to Diekirch. Continue on N7 to the start at Ettelbruck. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Saarbrücken, 62 and 1 toward Trier, and 64 toward Luxembourg. Cross the border and continue on Autoroute A1/E44, then connect with A7/E29/E421 toward Ettelbrück. At Schieren, take the exit onto N7 toward Ettelbrück to use N15 and local roads to the start.

**Start:** 71, avenue Salentiny **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (15 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Hahnstätten (65623)** -- This event is directly south of Limburg and offers a Saturday-only marathon trail for challenge-seeking participants. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 66 toward Frankfurt and 3 toward Koblenz. Exit at Bad Camberg (44) and follow a secondary road through Beuerbach, Ohren, Kirberg and Kaltenholzhausen and Hahnstätten. IVV signs will take you through the nearby town of Lohrheim to the start.

**Start:** Bürgerhaus at Austraße 5 **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) and 7-9 a.m. (42 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** None (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon).

**Spabrücken (55595)** -- This event, in the Naturpark Soonwald-Nahe, is northwest of Bad Kreuznach and southwest of Bingen, and should be easily reached. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 60 and 61 past Bingen, then exit at Waldlaubersheim (47). Follow a minor road through Schweppenhausen and Schöneberg to reach the start at Spabrücken. From the KMC, expect a 70-minute drive using Autobahns 6 toward Mannheim, 63 toward Mainz, and 61 toward Koblenz. Exit at Bad Kreuznach (51) to pick up B41 toward Idar-Oberstein. At Rüdesheim an der Nahe, take the exit off of B41 heading toward Stromberg and use secondary roads leading to Spabrücken and the start.

**Start:** Soonwaldhalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, fields and woods **Award:** None.

### **Weekend of April 1-2**

**Aschbach bei Lebach (66822)** -- This event, due north of Saarbrücken, is about 45 minutes from Baumholder and slightly less than an hour from the KMC. From Baumholder, use Autobahns 62 and 1 toward Nonnweiler and Saarbrücken, then exit at Tholey (140). Take B269 to Aschbach and the start. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6, 8 and 1 toward Saarbrücken and Trier. Exit at Tholey (140) and follow B269 to Aschbach.

**Start:** Mehrzweckhalle on Koblenzer Straße **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5 and 10 km) **Trail:** Hilly trails, woods and some fields **Award:** None

**Note:** Children under 14 years will receive a small surprise.

**Hermesdorf (54636)** -- This is one of the few events actually near Bitburg, more accurately northwest of the base housing area and near Stausee Bitburg (Bitburg Reservoir). Volksmarchers will find six trails of various distances winding through the picturesque area. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 3, 48, 1 and 60 toward Koblenz and Wittlich, exit at Landscheid and take B50 to Bitburg. Follow IVV signs and roads toward Wißmannsdorf and Hermesdorf. From Baumholder, use Autobahns 62, 1 and 60 north to exit at Landscheid, take B50 to Bitburg and connect with a minor road toward Wißmannsdorf and Hermesdorf. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6, 62, 1 and 60 toward Trier and Wittlich. Exit at Landscheid, use B50 through Bitburg and connect with a road toward Wißmannsdorf and Hermesdorf. And from Bitburg, well, most of the trails are longer than this drive. Use B51 and B50 to make your way west of the city, then pick up a secondary road to the start at Hermesdorf.

**Start:** Westeifelwerke at Unter den Birken 2 **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km), 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (15 and 20 km), and 7-10 a.m. (25 and 30 km) **Trail:** Expect hilly, wooded areas; 6-km trail is stroller-friendly **Award:** None.

### **Weekend of April 8-9**

**Linger, Luxembourg (L-4797)** -- This event is west-southwest of Luxembourg City with the drive slightly less than two hours from the KMC and one hour from Bitburg. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 and 8 toward Saarbrücken, Saarlouis, Merzig and Perl. Continue across the border onto Autoroute A13 west toward Luxembourg City, Esch-sur-Alzette and Pétange. Connect onto N31 and follow IVV signs a short distance to the start. From Bitburg, use B51 south to Neuhaus and connect with A64 to the border. After crossing into Luxembourg, continue on A1/E44 to Luxembourg City. Skirt the city to the south using A1 and A6, then at the interchange Croix de Cessange, pick up A4 to Esch-sur-Alzette. Connect with A13 to reach Linger.

**Start:** Centre Sociétaire at 20, rue de la Libération **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 11 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

**Rhaunen (55624)** -- This walk is in the Hunsrück region west of Bingen, an area well known for its scenic beauty and year-round series of walking trails. Trail lengths of 42- and 50-kilometers are offered to challenge-seeking wanderers as are three Mountain Bike trails (which *do not* offer IVV credit). From Baumholder, use the minor roads skirting the training area to reach B420. Head in the direction of Bad Kreuznach to B270 and B41 to Kirn. Connect with a secondary road through Hahnenbach and Bundenbach to Rhaunen. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 643 south toward Mainz, 60 toward Bingen, and 61 toward Ludwigshafen. Exit at Rheinböllen (45) to use B50 toward Simmern. At Sohren, take the exit toward Kirn and use the secondary road south to Rhaunen. From the KMC, take B270 north from Kaiserslautern through Lauterecken to Fischbach, then use secondary roads through Niederwörresbach and Sulzbach to reach the start at Rhaunen.

**Start:** Idarwaldhalle at Am Sonnenschlicher 5 **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km), 7-11 a.m. (21 km), 6:30-9 a.m. (42 km), 6:30-8 a.m. (50 km) and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (25, 35 and 50 km mountain bike without IVV credit) **Trail:** Hilly, mostly woods **Award:** From previous events (shorter routes) or patch and certificate (marathon trails).

### **Weekend of April 22-23**

**Bockenau (55595)** -- This event is due west of Bad Kreuznach on the year-round, permanent Hunsrück trail system. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 60 toward Bingen and 61 toward Alzey. Exit at Bad Kreuznach (51) and follow B41 toward Kirn. Pick up a secondary road at Waldböckelheim to head northwest to Bockenau. From Baumholder, use the minor road adjacent to the training area to reach B420 toward Bad Kreuznach. Connect with B270 toward Idar-Oberstein and B41 toward Bad Kreuznach. Pick up the secondary road at Waldböckelheim that leads to the start at Bockenau.

**Start:** Bockenauer-Schweiz-Halle on Waldböckelheimer Straße **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5 and 10 km), 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) and 7-10 a.m. (30 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** None.

**Wiesbaden-Frauenstein (65201)** -- This Sunday-only event is billed as the Cherry Blossom Walk. With its location near the Wiesbaden Garrison's Rheinblick Golf Course, consider tossing your clubs in the trunk and get some practice in at the driving range or putting green after walking the trails. Use Autobahn 66 to reach Wiesbaden; continue westbound on A66 to the Frauenstein exit (2). Follow IVV signs on the minor road leading to

Frauenstein and Alfred-Delp-Straße. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Mannheim, 63 toward Mainz, 60 toward Bingen, 643 toward Wiesbaden, and 66 toward Rüdesheim. Exit at Wiesbaden-Frauenstein (2) and follow IVV signs to the start.

**Start:** Alfred-Delp-Schule at Alfred-Delp-Str. 53 **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5 and 11 km) and 8 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Expect somewhat hilly, wooded areas and neighborhoods **Award:** None.

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