

Route to Khankah Samark



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BY CAR

From East or West (via Cologne / Aachen / Olpe)

You need to get on the A4/E40 from Köln – Olpe or Olpe – Köln.

- Continue on the A4 till exit **26 (Bergneustadt/Reichshof)**
- At the exit follow **Morsbach/Waldbröl**
- Keep following **Morsbach**
- At the end of the provincial road, turn right (direction **Waldbröl/Bonn**). NB: ignore earlier exits to Waldbröl and wait till the very end of the provincial road.
- Pick up signs **Morsbach** again.
- Drive into **Morsbach** and follow the main road, which ends in a **roundabout**
- At the roundabout, turn **left**
- Right after the roundabout, you see a **gas station**. There you turn right, up the mountain.
- At the top of the hill is a **hidden exit to the right** (just after a big white house, partly hidden in summer). On the last moment, you can see a sign **Aussichtsturm**. Turn right there. Mind you: steep turn
- Turn left at the first opportunity (again following the sign **Aussichtsturm**)
- *If the road is descending, you missed the turn. No problem, you can take the next one (also signposted **Aussichtsturm**) and turn left at the next crossroad, entering **Alzen**.*
- Now you're driving on a badly asphalted road through the fields. Nice view! Follow this road, which ends in a little village called **Alzen**. Ignore further signs Aussichtsturm.
- At the bottom (T-crossing) turn right, again up hill. (Siegenbergerstrasse)
- Follow this road till just before the next village (**green sign: Strick**). Go to the left and ignore the sign forbidding you to do this.
- *If you don't want to do this, enter Strick and drive until the yellow sign **Strick**. Drive uphill and turn right at the next crossing.*
- You are already on the road we live at. The road first goes through forest
- Once out of the forest, you can see the roof of our house
- We live just around the corner in the house with the portal

From South East (via Frankfurt / Siegen (E 41))

You need to get on the Motorway **E 41**

- Take exit **20** in the direction of **Freudenberg** and follow **Freudenberg/Betzdorf**
- At the T-junction (traffic light) turn **left** direction **Freudenberg** und follow the main road.
- Many traffics light further, follow the sign **Morsbach**, turning right.
- Keep following the road to **Morsbach**. After **Friesenhagen** (over the bridge) you turn left at the T-junction. This is clearly signposted.
- You enter **Morsbach**. Right after the sign **Morsbach**, turn left direction **Birken / Alzen**. The road is going uphill.

- Right on the top is a somewhat **hidden road** to the right, right after the big white house (also quite hidden), signposted '**Aussichtsturm**'. Take this road.
- *(If you notice you are going downhill, you missed it. No problem, you can take the next one to the right, also signposted **zum Aussichtsturm**. At the next crossing, turn left to Alzen and at the end of the road (T-crossing) turn right, going uphill. (Siegenbergerstrasse). Continue the directions below after T-crossing.*
- Take the first one left.
- Ou're now on a badly asphalted road with a lovely view. Continue into **Alzen** (so ignore further signs to the Aussichtsturm).
- Below, go to the right at the T-crossing (Siegenbergerstrasse),
- Follow the road to the next village (**Strick**). Turn left at the signpost: **Unterbirkholz/Steckelbach**.
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From South West via Koblenz

You need to get on the E 44 direction Koblenz.

- At the **major junction Dernbach**, take **the A 3- E 35** direction Köln (Cologne)
- Leave the Motorway at exit **36 (Altenkirchen/Neuwied)** and follow the 256, direction **Altenkirchen**.
- Follow this provincial road direction **Wissen (Siegen)**, going through different villages, until you enter **Wissen**.
- At the traffic lights, follow direction **Morsbach**, going through a tunnel under the railways.
- After the town and some curves in the road, you see the sign sign **Steckelbach / Unterbirkholz**.
- Follow this narrow road (be aware, the road is in a pretty bad condition) and keep following the signs **Unterbirkholz**. It'll take you through **Steckelbach** right into Unterbirkholz.
- You'll recognize our house with the front porch.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The trains going into Germany from another country are very cheap if you book early through the German Railways (DB) at: <http://www.bahn.de/i/view/GBR/en/index.shtml>

Book your trip to Wissen (Sieg). At the time of writing, you can go from London (St. Pancras) to Wissen (one way) in 6 hours for € 69,= (less than £ 60).

There you can take a taxi to our place. For instance:

- Katja's Mietwagen 02742 – 966322 or 0160 8058358 (often brings guests and knows the way)
- Taxi Gossmann 02294 561

Be aware that the taxi does not bring you to **Birken-Honigsessen**, but to **Unterbirkholz**, which is a so-called *Ortsteil* of Birken-Honigsessen.

Many locals also don't know where to find this village with only ten houses!

Flying and car sharing

The nearby airport is Cologne / Bonn (a.o. German Wings, Air Berlin). You can also fly to Düsseldorf (some 60 km from Cologne), Dortmund (a.o. Wizz Air) or Frankfurt. NB: the Ryan Air airports Düsseldorf /Weese and Frankfurt/Hahn are quite a bit further, and it will be costly and time consuming to get to public transport.

These airports have train stations with trains bringing you through Cologne to Wissen/Sieg. From Wissen (Sieg) take a taxi to our place. See above at 'Trains'

When flying to other airports, you can try to catch a ride by car sharing.

Check it out at www.mitfahrgelegenheit.de

Safe journey, Wali & Ariënne