

## HÜFINGEN ROMAN BATH RUINS



### OPENING TIMES

MAY TO OCTOBER  
SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
2 PM – 5 PM

DURING BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG  
SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
DAILY 2 PM – 5 PM

### GUIDED TOURS

Tours for groups and school parties  
by arrangement,  
Museum activities for children:  
• Roman mosaic making  
• Roman board games  
To find out about events at the bath  
ruins, visit [www.huefingen.de](http://www.huefingen.de)

### ADMISSION

• ADULTS € 2.00  
• CONCESSIONS € 1.00  
GROUPS OF 18 OR MORE  
• ADULTS € 1.80  
• CHILDREN € 0.80

### GUIDED TOURS FOR UP TO 20 PEOPLE

• ADULTS € 35.00  
• CHILDREN AND STUDENTS € 30.00

### GUIDED TOURS FOR OVER 20 PEOPLE

• ADULTS € 40.00  
• CHILDREN AND STUDENTS € 35.00

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

• CHILDREN  
(GROUPS OF UP TO 20) € 35.00  
• CHILDREN  
(GROUPS OF OVER 20) € 40.00

### COSTS OF MATERIAL

• PER CHILD € 3.00

### DISABILITY ACCESS

Information is available at  
[www.schloesser-und-gaerten.de/  
disabilityaccess](http://www.schloesser-und-gaerten.de/disabilityaccess)

### CONTACT US

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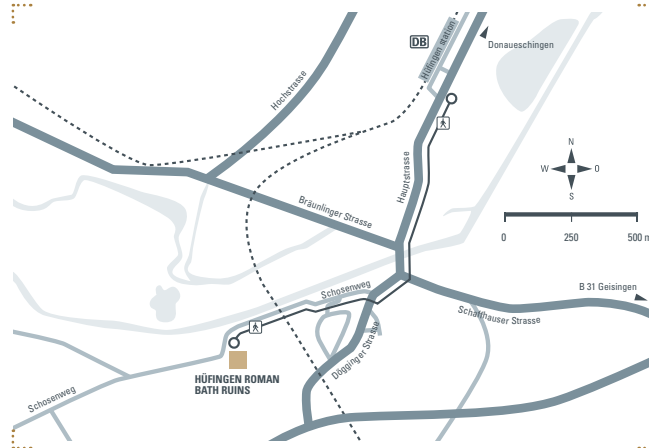
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### HOW TO FIND US



### GETTING THERE

The baths are a 15-minute walk from Hüfingen station:  
cross Donaueschinger Str./Hauptstr., go through the town gates to  
Dögginger Str. From here, follow the signs for the baths (Römerbad).

### MORE INFORMATION

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ONE OF THE OLDEST BATH REMAINS NORTH OF THE ALPS

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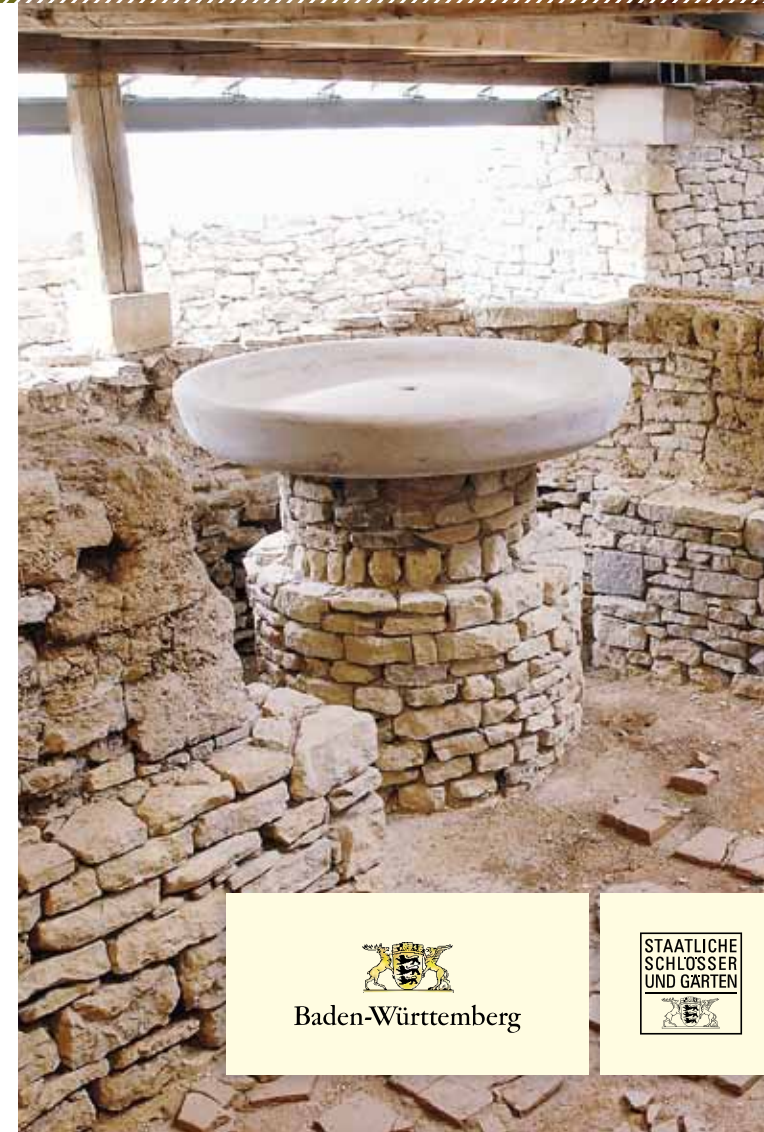


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# Hüfingen Roman Bath Ruins (Römische Badruine Hüfingen)

are an extraordinary testimony to the Roman culture of bathing and one of the oldest examples of baths in a fortress north of the Alps.

Around 70 AD, Roman legions crossed the Alps to construct and secure the Danube Limes, or Roman frontier. At the western end, in today's Hüfingen, *the Brigobannis* fortress was built. This boasted a sophisticated road network, an adjoining settlement for civilians and a *balineum* – a bathhouse for the soldiers.

## FACILITIES FOR CIVILIANS AND THE MILITARY

The Roman baths in Hüfingen are slightly west of the fortress, situated in a valley beneath Galgenberg hill. Not long after their construction, members of the public from the nearby settlement began paying a small fee to come and enjoy the hot waters and steam baths alongside Roman soldiers. A *hypocaust*, an ingenious Roman underground heating system, ensured the water was warm and kept the floors and walls at an agreeable temperature.



❖ Easily recognisable from its characteristic walls: the various rooms of the Roman baths

The baths in Hüfingen are an example of a balineum with a block-like structure, where all rooms were built as compactly as possible. The entire complex – excluding annexes – has an area of around 570 m<sup>2</sup>. Around half of this space was taken up by a generously sized room for undressing and relaxation: the apodyterium, which had a cool-water pool at its centre.

❖ Left: The bath ruins provide an insightful glimpse of life in a Roman military settlement

❖ Right: Mosaic floor tiles are a key feature of a Roman bath

## BARN-SHAPED SHELTER

Around 30 years after the baths were constructed, the 11th legion was forced to move on as the Danube frontier was shifted. But the settlement at the foot of the fortress remained intact – as did the 600 m<sup>2</sup> bathing complex. In 1820, Prince Karl Egon II ordered the excavation of the site and the construction of a protective outer building. Its shape is *similar to the barns* characteristic of this Black Forest region (Schwarzwald-Baar). Today, visitors to the ruins can gain fascinating insight into the history of the Romans and their bathing customs.



We would like to thank the town of Hüfingen for extensively managing and maintaining the bath ruins.