

# The Peace Trail

## (Friedensweg)



**Including Panoramic Trail  
Rebels on Tour**



Located above Alfter and Roisdorf, the steeply ascending *Peace Trail (Friedensweg)* links the Jewish Cemetery of Alfter to the site of the so-called Holy Grave near the former excursion restaurant *Heimatblick*. This installation, reminiscent of the Stations of the Cross, was created by gardener and blackberry wine producer Wilhelm Maucher (1903–1993) as a powerful expression of his tireless commitment to peace and his opposition to all forms of violence and injustice.

In 1978, Maucher laid natural stone slabs with inscriptions in the green area next to the trail. These are:

*10 Commandments that all politicians  
and rulers of this world should follow!*

proclaims the first stone. A second one adds:

*These stones speak for all who are too cowardly or lazy.*

Each of the subsequent slabs is engraved with a litany-like plea:

1. *Free us from atomic and neutron bombs*
2. *Protect us from chemical poisons, radiation, and napalm*
3. *Deliver us from armament and arms races*
4. *Free us from militarists and Nazis*
5. *Save us from unemployment and lockouts*
6. *Protect us from the dumbing down of the people  
through mass media*
7. *Redeem us from unjust laws and unjust judiciary*
8. *Grant us re-education, improvement, and reparation  
instead of punishment*
9. *Protect us from the squandering of billions in tax money*
10. *Shield us from dictatorships and harassment*

Additional stones bear the following dedications:

*In honor of the first | female Nobel Peace Prize laureate  
Bertha von Suttner (1843–1914) | Nobel Prize 1905.  
She envisioned a world of peace | without weapons and  
without war | just like Christ and all people | of good will*

and this appeal:

*Help secure peace through disarmament and conscientious objection, otherwise annihilation will follow  
Wilhelm Maucher, 1978.*

The path is completed by another stone bearing this inscription:

*Only absolute pacifists, conscientious objectors, and deserters are true and genuine heroes for peace, and martyrs against all wars on Earth.*

The Peace Trail is a moving memorial by a committed Christian and humanist—a vital cultural monument of our homeland.

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## The Book



The richly illustrated 120-page book\* contains Maucher's own written recollections and documents, as well as eyewitness reports. It highlights Maucher's unwavering commitment to peace and justice, his deep-rooted character, and the remarkable success story of his blackberry wine *Rebellenblut (Rebel's Blood)*, closely associated with the excursion site *Heimatblick*.

The second part focuses on the mostly younger generation who, after Maucher's death, dedicated themselves to preserving the Peace Trail and continue to care for the site to this day. Conclusion: A fascinating chapter of local history that reflects the ideological conflicts of the 20th century—and remains highly relevant today.

*Roland Reischl*

Förderverein Haus der Alfterer Geschichte (Hg.):  
**Der Vorgebirgsrebell. Wilhelm Maucher (1903–1993)  
und der Friedensweg in Alfter bei Bonn\***

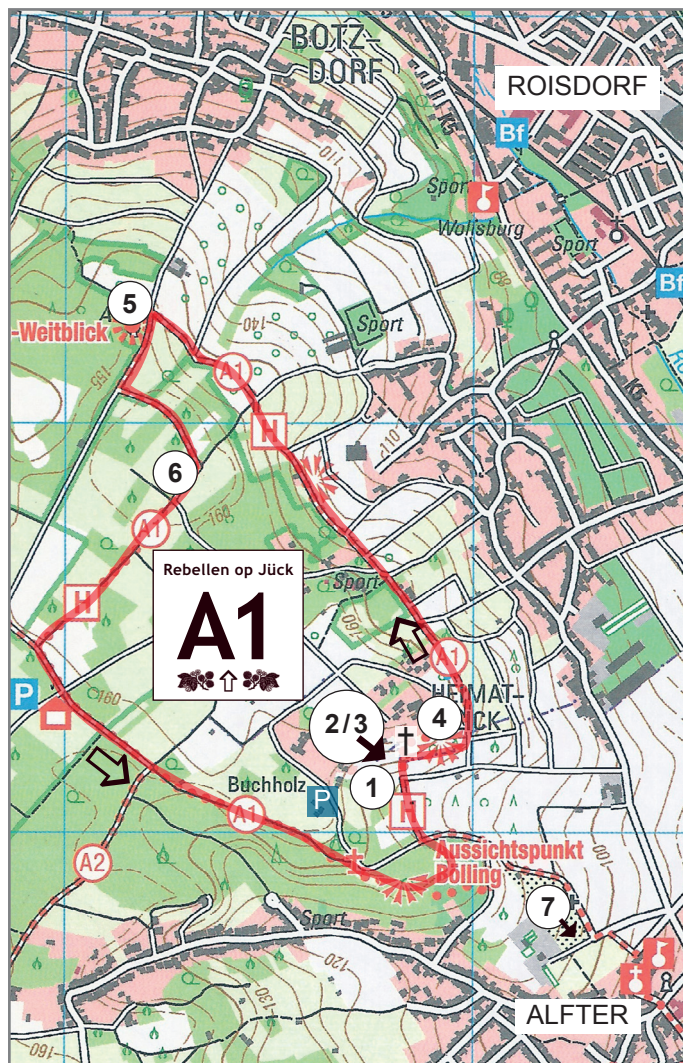
120 p., approx. 120 black-and-white photos. ISBN 978-3-9812648-9-0

Publisher: Roland Reischl Verlag. Price: € 12.80 (RRP)

Available in the bookstore *Buchhandlung Seitenblick* in Bornheim for the special price of € 10.00 – or directly from [www.rr-verlag.de](http://www.rr-verlag.de).

\* The book is only available in German.





## Panoramic Trail (A1) *Rebellen op Jück / Rebels on Tour* (4,6 km)

Buchholzweg – Hühnerbuschweg – Jewish Cemetery – Peace Trail – Christ Statue – Heimatblick – Blutpfad (information on viticulture in the foothills) – Neuweg – Observation Tower (Fietzeks Weitblick) – Hiking Parking Area – Alte Burg – Böhling Observation Tower – Kemmertsgasse – Buchholzweg – Parking Lot

Map excerpt: *Rheinbach, Südliche Ville*. Wanderkarte Nr. 6 des Eifelvereins e.V. ISBN 978-3-944620-07-7. Reprinted with the kind permission of the publisher: [www.eifelverein.de](http://www.eifelverein.de)

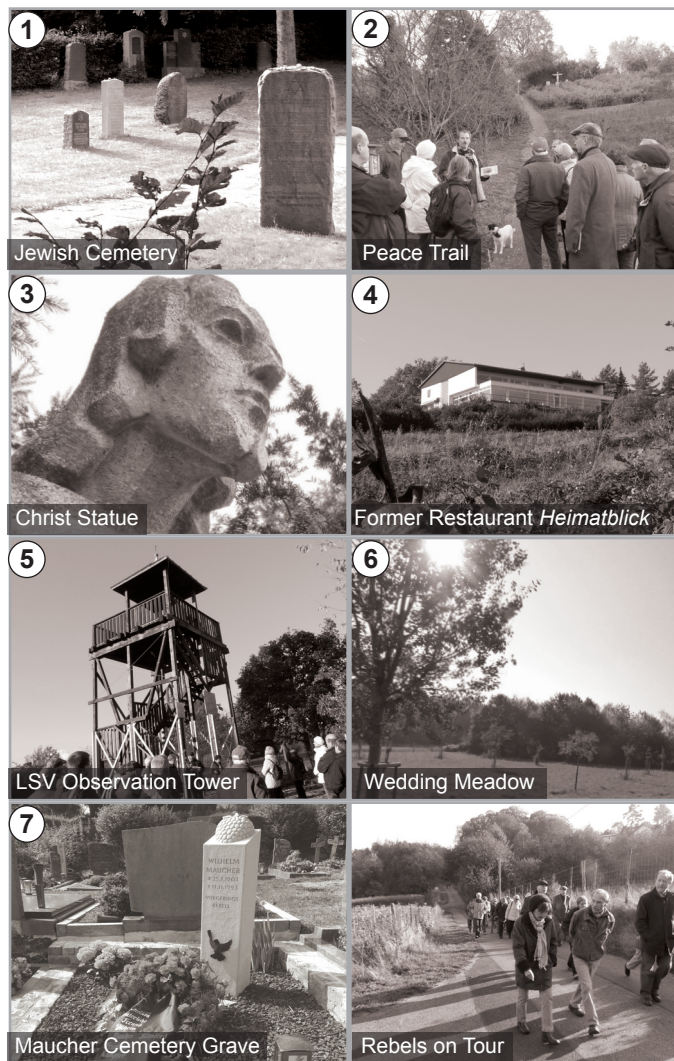
The Panoramic Trail *Rebellen op Tour (Rebellen op Jück)* commemorates both Wilhelm Maucher, known as the *Rebel of the Vorgebirge (Vorgebirgsrebell)*, and the resistance efforts of the *Landchaftsschutzverein Vorgebirge (LSV)*, who successfully halted quartz sand mining in the mid-1990s. The trail is not signposted. Please refer to the map sketch on the left or use [www.outdoor-active.com](http://www.outdoor-active.com) (search for *Rebellen op Jück*) to view the route online.

### Rebellen op Jück



### Panoramarundweg

Draft of the logo for the Panoramic Trail



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