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# DISCOVER WILLISAU



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# WELCOME TO WILLISAU

The historic Old Town, affectionately known as “Städtli” (little town) by the locals, is definitively worth a visit. The wide main road with its three heptagonal fountains, two town gates, town hall and Landvogtei-schloss (bailiff’s castle) are waiting to be discovered.

Cosy cafés and charming shops invite you to stop and linger a while. Public guided tours are an excellent way to get to know this medieval town better. Original museums like the Schweizerisches Flaschen-museum (Swiss Bottle Museum) and the Musikinstrumentensammlung (Musical Instrument Collection) can also be found in Willisau. The town is also home to renowned specialities like the Willisauer Ringli (a traditional pastry) and Kafi Luz (a Swiss coffee with fruit brandy).

We look forward to seeing you and hope you have a wonderful stay.

The team at Willisau Tourismus

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## Maps and brochures

Looking for inspiration for your next trip to the Willisau region? Have a look at our maps and brochures for some excursion ideas.

### Order maps and brochures now!

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/broschueren](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/broschueren)



# ATTRACTIONS

## Lower Gate

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The Lower Gate, first mentioned in 1347, had been rebuilt for the second time following the town fire in 1704, and was torn down in 1854 after falling into a state of disrepair. It wasn't until 1980 that it was rebuilt in accordance with old designs – but with a larger passageway.

## Town fountains

2 3 6

The sources of the water in the town's fountains are – somewhat unusually – inside the town wall on the Schlossberg castle hill. The three fountains of the town were built in 1600 in the highly unusual shape of a heptagon. In the 1950s, the fountains, which had become dilapidated, were torn down and rebuilt in accordance with old plans. The figures on the fountains – church patrons Petrus and Paulus and the Madonna with child – were created by artists Rolf Brem (Paulus), Franco Annoni (Madonna) and Eugen Häfelfinger (Petrus) in the 1960s.

## Town hall

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(Can only be visited as part of a guided tour)

The town hall in the middle of the Old Town was built after the last town fire in 1720. The ground floor was used as a “Schaal” (shop for selling meat), and the upper floors served as a “Tuchlaube”, where cloth merchants traded their wares. The “Willisauer Ellenmass”, a standard unit of measurement, displayed to the left of the entrance, still recalls this time. The top floor is now home to a theatre and is used as a small stage for all types of performances. The theatre curtain – painted by Willisau artist Xaver Hecht – is considered a particular gem. The first and second floors house the education services offices. The large room on the ground floor – known as “Bürgersaal” (citizens hall) – is used for concerts, exhibitions and other events.

## Theatre hall/slide show

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(Can only be visited as part of a guided tour)

The informative slide show in the historic theatre hall inside the Willisau town hall provides an exciting look at the town's past and present.

## Home of the Willisauer Ringli

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The famous Willisauer Ringli have been produced at their original home in the Willisau Old Town since 1850. Further information about the history of this local treat can be found on page 9.

## Upper Gate

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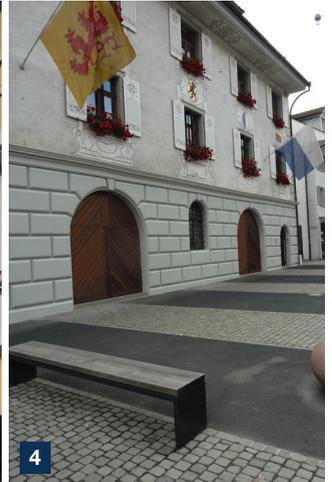
The Upper Gate served as a watchtower in a fortification complex. Like the Lower Gate, it was used as a prison and a torture chamber. It was destroyed during each of the first three town fires, but survived the fourth fire in 1704, along with the buildings above the former town hall, where the fire was kept at bay thanks to the fire protection wall. The Upper Gate hasn't changed much since it was rebuilt in 1546.

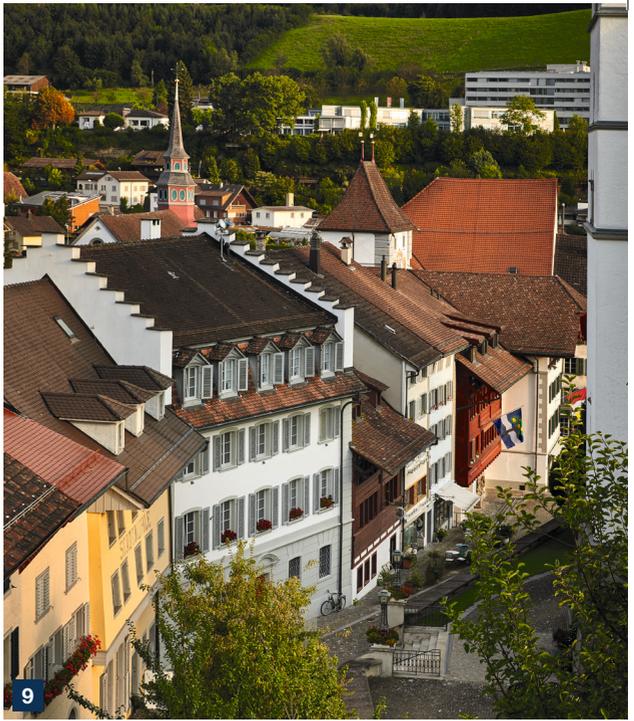
## Heilig-Blut-Kapelle (Chapel of the Holy Blood)

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The current chapel was built in 1674. Inside the chapel, the walls are decorated with eight oil paintings (from 1392) depicting the legend of the holy blood. The painted wooden ceiling shows 70 biblical scenes of the apostles and the chapel's patron saints.

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# ATTRACTIONS

## Müligass

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Willisau has survived four major town fires. Some of the town's buildings, especially those in Müligass, were left untouched by the third (1471) and fourth (1704) fire. For this reason, some of Willisau's oldest buildings can be found in Müligass.

## Parish church of Saints Peter and Paul

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The parish church was built between 1804 and 1810 in accordance with the designs of renowned church builder Josef Purtschert of Pfaffnau. The interior decorations are remarkable, and the church possesses a wealth of highly valuable cultural artefacts.

## Church tower

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(Interior can only be visited as part of a guided tour)

The bell tower, which was erected in the early 13th century, is among the most beautiful and best-preserved Romantic structures in the canton of Lucerne, and it is the oldest piece of architecture in Willisau. As the swinging of the bells caused increasing wear and tear on the walls, renowned architect Adolf Gaudy was commissioned to design a new tower. In 1928/1929, he built a copper-clad bell tower over the church's nave. This "elephant" led to intense discussions. In 1963, pastor Eisele wanted to have the new tower torn down, but the canton of Lucerne quickly granted it protective status.

## Town mill

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(Interior can only be visited as part of a guided tour)

The town mill located on the fort wall – which was in use for a total of around 700 years – was fully renovated and expanded in 2001/2002 by the Albert Köchlin foundation. Parts of the wall preserve nearly every epoch. The oldest are

from the 12th century. The roof truss from the year 1605 has been completely preserved. The large water wheel inside and the transmission were likewise renovated.

## Archaeological cellar

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The archaeology of the town of Willisau can be experienced up close in the excavated basement of the medieval pastor's house below the castle barn. Interesting information about the cultural history can be accessed on a touchscreen. The archaeological cellar is accessible to all and is open daily (during summer from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and during winter from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

## Willisau bailiff's castle

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(Can only be visited as part of a guided tour)

The baroque castle, built from 1690 to 1695, was the home of the provincial bailiff. It is among the most significant secular baroque structures in central Switzerland. The castle is now home to various government offices and the wedding room for the registry office. Its interior design, with stucco work, panelling and magnificent paintings, is impressive.

## St Nicholas Chapel on the hill

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The chapel was part of the castle that stood on the hill in the Middle Ages. It remained standing after the castle complex was destroyed in 1386. The oldest bell in the canton of Lucerne (dating to the end of the 12th century) hangs in its tower.

### TIP!

Learn more about the exciting history of Willisau on a guided tour in english!

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/stadtfuehrung](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/stadtfuehrung)

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# HISTORY OF WILLISAU

## Early traces

The Helvetians first occupied the land that is now Switzerland around 400 BC. They appear to have settled in the area of Willisau in large numbers as well. This may have been because of the gold that the mountain streams carried down from the Napf mountain. Gold washing continued to be carried out as a trade in Willisau until the 19th century. The Helvetians were followed by the Romans. Findings from the Roman era indicate that Romans stopped in Willisau, at least on their way through the region. Towards the end of the 4th century, the Alemanni brought an end to Roman rule in Switzerland. The Alemanni left traces here, too.

## Founding of the town

Willisau was a part of the county of Aar-Gau from the 11th century onwards. The last count of Aar-Gau gave it as a gift to his friend Emperor Frederick I. Frederick bequeathed the territory to the counts of Habsburg (Austria). At the beginning of the 14th century, the indebted Habsburgs pledged all of their Willisau possessions to the Hasenburg barons. In 1302/1303, the Hasenburg barons built a fortified centre – the town of Willisau – on the site of the previous farming village as a symbol of their status. Around 150 people lived here.

In 1330, Willisau received the right to hold annual and weekly markets and the right to enforce criminal law. Willisau gradually grew into a commercial town and a trading centre for various essential goods.

## Willisau and Lucerne

After the last male Hasenburg heir died, Willisau passed to the counts of Aarberg. In 1407, Maha, Duchess of Neuchâtel and the widow of one of these counts, sold Willisau for 8000 guilders to what was then the city-state of Lucerne. Willisau was governed by a provincial bailiff until 1789. While control by Lucerne meant Willisau would continue to lack political autonomy for several more centuries, it did see economic benefits and, increasingly, more development as well.

## Caption

- A Merian copper engraving of Willisau, 17th century.
- B Votive image of the 1704 town fire.
- C Willisau Old Town around 1912.
- D Willisau Old Town with open space near the Lower Gate.
- E Müliggass.
- F Old Willisau bailiff's castle.





(B)



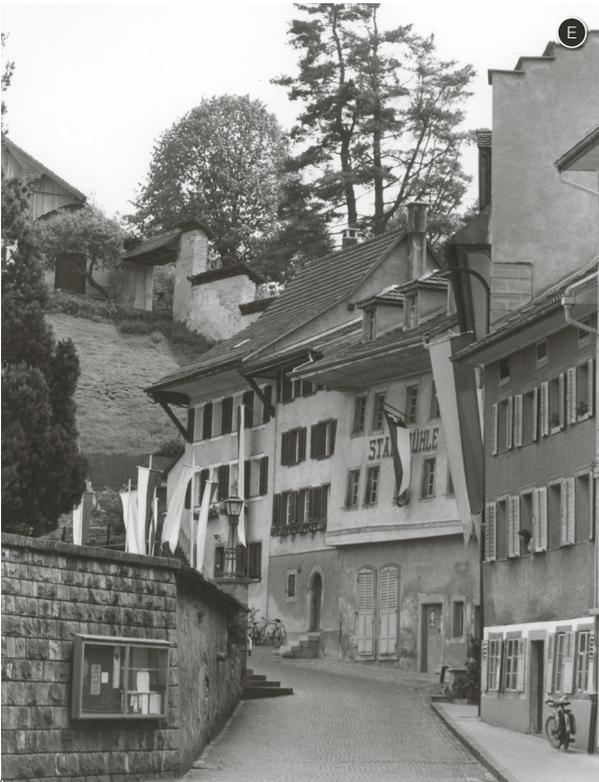
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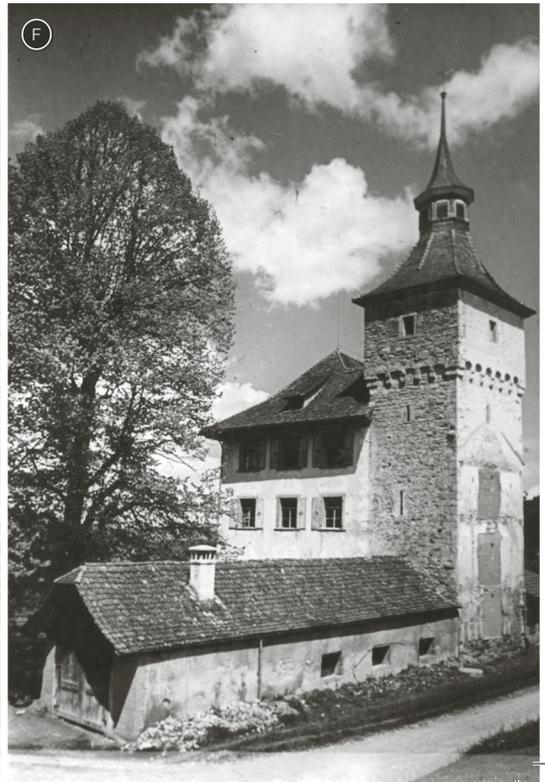
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lassen, welche Sonntag den 17 Winter 1704, Abends zwischen 7 und 8 Uhr.  
Der Hr. J. Bart des Bauberr hat dieses Ererbere lassen  
das 1704.

1722 Willisau



(E)



(F)

### Town fires

Willisau has been ravaged by four major fires. In 1375, Austrian sovereign Duke Leopold III had the town burned down to stall his enemies, the Guglers (French and English mercenaries), and to prevent them from finding shelter there.

In 1386, Duke Leopold III spent an entire week in Willisau before the Battle of Sempach. Despite an agreement to the contrary, when he departed, he allowed his troops to plunder, destroy and burn the town down.

The two other fires occurred in 1471 and 1704. On 21 August 1471, a fire broke out in the house of Jakob Schmid, which was located in the centre of Willisau. It spread so quickly that every building and the two gate towers lay in ashes within two hours. Only the parish church, the parsonage and three other buildings remained standing. Because the fire was the result of negligence, not only was Jakob Schmid put in prison and his assets confiscated, but he was also expelled from the country. On 17 November 1704, there was a fire between the Krone inn (now called Haus Leopold Kreiliger) and the bakery. The fire quickly destroyed 117 buildings. The buildings on the sunny side above the town hall (now Städtli pharmacy) through to the Upper Gate, Müligass and the parish church were saved. As in the year 1471, support in the form of money, food and construction materials poured in from around the confederation.

### Willisau town and Willisau country

The Helvetic Republic first granted its citizens civil rights and liberties at the end of the 18th century. Tax districts were transformed into municipalities, which became autonomous in 1803. In 1807, the cantonal council drew the border between town and country, resulting in two municipalities: Willisau town and Willisau country. The two have been merged again since 2006, and the reasons for the division are now irrelevant.

### Willisau today

Willisau now performs a central function in several respects. These include, for example, the regional tax, debt enforcement and registry office. Willisau is also the home to a baccalaureate school, vocational schools, a sport centre, a remedial school, the regional library and other regional institutions. The town also carries out its central function with its many retail shops and wholesalers.



# HISTORY OF THE WILLISAUER RINGLI

The history of the Willisauer Ringli has a romantic background. At the end of the 1850s, baker Heinrich Maurer married Martha Peyer, who had worked as a housekeeper for the Pfyffer family at the Heidegg castle. From there, she brought the house recipe for the Ringli, which her husband improved and named the "Willisauer Ringli". He tried to keep the recipe a secret, but was unable to.

Soon, other bakers and private households in Willisau were making their own Ringli. Following disputes and court cases, a ruling was issued in 1920 stating that the production of Willisauer Ringli is a common good and therefore everyone is able to make them. However, after people in other parts of Switzerland began making Ringli, Willisau fought back.

A court ruling in 1977 stated that the Ringli may only be produced in Willisau. In addition to local bakeries and pastry shops, the company Hug AG makes Willisauer Ringli in its "Ringli factory".



## What is a Willisauer Ringli?

The Willisauer Ringli is a round baked good. Because of its high sugar content, it has a very hard consistency. Its shape and hardness are also the hallmarks of this biscuit.

It has always been made of sugar, water, flour, lemon and orange zest, honey, salt and spices. The precise combination is a secret.

## Four steps to enjoyment

We will show you how to enjoy a Willisauer Ringli properly.

You can find shops on pages 12/13.





## ADDITIONAL TIPS

### **Bowi play park**

Discover the large play and movement park that the entire family will enjoy. You can find prices and additional information at:

[www.bowi.ch](http://www.bowi.ch)

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### **Bowling**

Enjoy a fun and exciting bowling game with your friends or family. Eight modern bowling lanes await you! The bowling area is right next to the bar, and comfortable seating areas are an inviting place to chat, have a drink and pass the time.

[www.sportrock.ch](http://www.sportrock.ch)

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### **Breiten barbecue area**

The Breiten barbecue area is located along the idyllic Wigger stream near Willisau (about a 45-minute walk or accessible via postbus) and is a popular destination for families.

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/feuerstellen](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/feuerstellen)

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### **Outdoor swimming pool**

The Willisau outdoor swimming pool is located less than 300 metres from the train station. The pool, which is well maintained, stands out for its retro charm and very family-friendly atmosphere.

[www.sportwillisau.ch](http://www.sportwillisau.ch)

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### **Indoor swimming pool**

Its central location and pleasant ambience make the Willisau indoor swimming pool a perfect meeting point for everyone who loves the water. With its beautiful sunbathing area, it's also ideal in the summer!

[www.sportwillisau.ch](http://www.sportwillisau.ch)

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### **Deer park | playground**

Just a few minutes by foot from the Willisau Old Town is the deer park with its animal residents and a playground to pass the time.

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/hirschpark](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/hirschpark)

## Tennis | squash | badminton | minigolf

The indoor tennis centre with three tennis courts, two badminton courts and two squash boxes in the lower level meets every athletic need.

Or spend an hour playing an exciting round of minigolf. Nothing is left to chance at the tournament-friendly 18-hole course, so you will be able to show off your skills!

[www.schlossfeld.ch](http://www.schlossfeld.ch)



## MUSEUMS

### Willisau archaeological cellar

The archaeology of the town of Willisau can be experienced up close in the excavated basement of the medieval pastor's house below the castle barn. The archaeological cellar is accessible to all and is open daily (during summer from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and during winter from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/archaeologiekeller](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/archaeologiekeller)



### Bottle Museum

Discover Seppi Stadelmann's collection of bottles from around the world. His collection of more than 40,000 bottles is the only one of its kind in the world.

[www.flaschenmuseum.ch](http://www.flaschenmuseum.ch)



### Musical Instrument Collection

A visit will be a true audio experience. In the museum, you will get an overview of European musical instruments with a focus on Switzerland. Concerts, special exhibitions and courses round out the offering.

[www.musikinstrumentensammlung.ch](http://www.musikinstrumentensammlung.ch)



## CINEMA

The small rural cinema has been open since 1947 and is a valuable cultural asset in Lucerne. A diverse programme is offered to young and old alike.

[www.cinebar.ch](http://www.cinebar.ch)





## LOCAL RECREATIONAL AREAS

### Ostergau pond landscape

About 2.5 km from Willisau you will find the Ostergau with its ponds well-stocked with fish. This area, with its abundant fauna and flora, is a protected natural area.

**Hiking tip:**

Circular hike to the Ostergau ponds from Willisau.



### Buchwald Ettiswil nature experience

In Ettiswil, 5 km from Willisau, is a small natural oasis in a former gravel pit. Information and experience stations invite young and old to pass the time.

**Hiking tip:**

Circular walk around Ettiswil.



### Alberswil Kastelen castle ruins

Less than 5 km away, enthroned on a hill, are the accessible castle ruins from the 13th century, which offer beautiful views from the observation platform. A side trip to the nearby Agrovision Burgrain organic farm and the agricultural museum is always well worth it.

**Hiking tip:**

From Gettnau via Kastelen castle to Willisau.



## REGIONAL PRODUCTS

### Willisauer Ringli shops

**Café Amrein Chocolatier**

Hauptgasse 24  
6130 Willisau  
www.willisauerringli.ch

**Opening hours**

Mon. closed  
Tue.–Fri. 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Sat.–Sun. 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

**My Weibel Willisau**

**Bäckerei und Gastronomie**  
Bahnhofstrasse 19  
6130 Willisau  
www.myweibel.ch

**Opening hours**

Mon.–Fri. 6 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 6:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Sundays and public holidays  
8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Before public holidays  
6 a.m.–5 p.m.

## Hug Ringli shop in Willisau

Sample and enjoy Hug, Wernli and Dar-Vida products in the Ringli shop in Willisau. A lot of baked goods, with little packaging and fresh from the oven – that's what you will find at the factory store.

### Opening hours

Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. | Sat. 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.  
[www.hug-familie.ch](http://www.hug-familie.ch)



## DIWISA Distillerie Willisau SA

Today, DIWISA is the leading producer of spirits. Go on a guided tour to see how spirits are produced. The following options are available:

Kafi Luz tour/gin tour/vodka tour and Marito tour

### Destithek opening hours

Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–12 p.m. | 1:30 p.m.–6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.  
[www.diwisa.ch](http://www.diwisa.ch)



## Buuremärt (farmers market)

From mid-May to the end of October, you will find fresh and regional products straight from the farm offered every Saturday morning on Rathausplatz. In addition to fresh vegetables, fruits and berries, you can also buy flowers, a wide variety of baked goods, meat and smoked sausages, eggs and cheese.



## BICYCLES/E-BIKES

### Heart route | Napf heart loop

The Napf heart loop is a spectacular e-bike route of discovery around the Napf mountain. Three stages of a day each will take you through this wild part of Switzerland. You can find all information about the heart loop and the 13 heart route stages at:

[www.herzroute.ch](http://www.herzroute.ch)



### Rent a Bike

Rent e-bikes, bicycles or tandem bicycles for your two-wheeled adventure. Whether you're planning a day trip or a longer tour, at Rent a Bike you will find the bike you're looking for!

Mon.–Sun. 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | 1:30 p.m.–6 p.m.  
[www.rentabike.ch](http://www.rentabike.ch)



# RESTAURANTS | CAFÉS

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**1** **Gasthaus Post**  
Leuenplatz 3 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.gasthauspostwillisau.ch](http://www.gasthauspostwillisau.ch)

Swiss cuisine, BBQ/meat, French, gluten-free



**2** **Gasthof zum Mohren**  
Mohrenplatz 1 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.gasthof-mohren.ch](http://www.gasthof-mohren.ch)

Swiss cuisine, Italian and Mediterranean, BBQ/meat, French, lactose-free, gluten-free, wine, fondue, game



**3** **Café Amrein Chocolatier**  
Hauptgasse 24 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.willisauerringli.ch](http://www.willisauerringli.ch)

Home of the Willisauer Ringli, seasonal cuisine, Swiss, vegetarian, bakery and pastry shop



**4** **City Café & Lounge**  
Hauptgasse 25 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.citywillisau.ch](http://www.citywillisau.ch)

Italian and Mediterranean, wide selection of beers and drinks, exclusive wines and select spirits



**5** **Da Fusco Ristorante Italiana**  
Hauptgasse 46 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.dafusco.ch](http://www.dafusco.ch)

Swiss cuisine, Italian and Mediterranean, BBQ/meat, French, lactose-free, gluten-free, wine, fondue, game



**6** **Schlossfeld recreation centre | restaurant**  
Schlossfeldstrasse 5 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.schlossfeld.ch](http://www.schlossfeld.ch)

Brunch, Swiss cuisine, fish, seasonal specialities, fondue chinoise



**My Weibel Bäckerei und Gastronomie**  
**Bahnhofstrasse 19 | 6130 Willisau**  
[www.myweibel.ch](http://www.myweibel.ch)

**7**

Swiss cuisine, fish, vegan dishes, day's menus available as take-away from Monday to Friday, sandwiches, fresh salads, fruity desserts, coffee specialities, bakery and pastry shop, Sunday brunch



**Restaurant Sonne**  
**Hauptgasse 4 | 6130 Willisau**

**8**

Swiss cuisine



**Restaurant Sternen**  
**Obertor 2 | 6130 Willisau**  
[www.sternen-restaurant-catering.ch](http://www.sternen-restaurant-catering.ch)

**9**

Swiss cuisine, catering



**Ristorante Pizzeria Da Luca**  
**Hauptgasse 10 | 6130 Willisau**  
[www.daluca-willisau.ch](http://www.daluca-willisau.ch)

**10**

Italian and Mediterranean, Swiss cuisine



**Ristorante Pizzeria Il Castello 3**  
**Hauptgasse 5 | 6130 Willisau**  
[www.ristorante-castello3.ch](http://www.ristorante-castello3.ch)

**11**

Italian and Mediterranean, BBQ/meat, fish



**Sport Rock Café**  
**Wydematt 8 | 6130 Willisau**  
[www.sportrock.ch](http://www.sportrock.ch)

**12**

Sandwiches, fresh salads, various finger foods, pizzas, cocktails, coffees, Sport Rock Brewery with in-house "Rocks" beer, brewery tours

# HOTELS | BED & BREAKFASTS

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## 1 Gasthaus Post

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[www.gasthauspostwillisau.ch](http://www.gasthauspostwillisau.ch)



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## 2 Gasthof zum Mohren

Hotel Restaurant Pizzeria | Mohrenplatz 1 | 6130 Willisau  
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[www.gasthof-mohren.ch](http://www.gasthof-mohren.ch)



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## 13 Bed & Breakfast Hotel Peter und Paul

Wydematt 8 | 6130 Willisau  
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[www.peterpaulhotel.ch](http://www.peterpaulhotel.ch)

Pets allowed (with advance notice)



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## 14 Bed & Sport

Large sport facility with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, beach volleyball facilities, fitness equipment, a climbing wall, minigolf, etc.

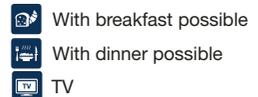
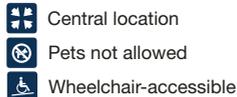
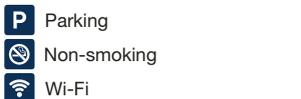
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### Legend for facilities and services



## 16 B&B Alois Buob

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## 17 B&B Das Art Atelier

Mühletalstrasse 1 | 6130 Willisau  
+41 (0)41 970 27 37 | info@dasartatelier.ch  
www.dasartatelier.ch



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## 18 B&B Hermann Morf-Frei

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+41 (0)41 970 08 46 | ferel@lula.ch



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## 19 B&B Grüter Ober-Gulp

Früchtehof Grüter | Ober-Gulp | 6130 Willisau  
+41 (0)41 970 13 77 | hpgrueter@zapp.ch  
www.früchtehof-grüter.ch



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Lounge



Kitchen



WC



Bathtub



Shower



Washing machine



Pick-up service from train station possible



Garden seating area



Playground



Shared use

# OTHER OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

## Willisau caravan parking area

This simple parking area is located on a gravel parking space next to the fire brigade depot. It has 12 parking spaces, CEE connections, a waste disposal station and a water supply. The parking area is only 800 metres from the historic Old Town.

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/stellplatz](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/stellplatz)



## Nomady – camping for nature lovers

Discover beautiful natural spaces for your camping bus, a romantic camping site or a hut away from the crowded camping areas in the Napf area on the Nomady platform. A typical Nomady offering is close to nature and quiet.

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/nomady](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/nomady)



## Online accommodation options

You can find other overnight accommodation options in the Willisau region on our website:  
[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/unterkuenfte](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/unterkuenfte)



## Guest card

With the Willisau region guest card, you will benefit as an overnight guest in the Willisau and Lake Lucerne regions from numerous discounts on mountain railways, restaurants and day trips. You can find further information on our website:

[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/gaestekarte](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/gaestekarte)

We hope you have an eventful stay!



# SHOPPING

Enjoy a shopping tour in the Willisau Old Town and visit the charming shops in one of the popular markets. We have compiled a selection for you here.



**Affolter Bijouterie**  
Hauptgasse 34 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.affolter-willisau.ch](http://www.affolter-willisau.ch)

Whether you're looking for contemporary jewellery, trendy watches or engagement rings or rings for a loved one, the friendly and expert staff at Affolter Bijouterie will be happy to help you!



**Bouquet Willisau**  
Hauptgasse 20 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.blumengarten.ch](http://www.blumengarten.ch)

In addition to beautiful bouquets and plants, during the summer months you can also enjoy a coffee or other delicacies on the cosy terrace in the middle of the Old Town.



**Buuremärt Willisau (farmers market)**  
Hauptgasse 46 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.buuremaert-willisau.ch](http://www.buuremaert-willisau.ch)

Every Saturday morning, you can buy fresh products straight from the farm right in the centre of Willisau at the farmers market.



**Monthly market in the Willisau Old Town**  
[www.willisau-tourismus.ch/monatsmarkt](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch/monatsmarkt)

The monthly market has a long tradition in Willisau and generally takes place on the last Thursday of each month. The Old Town is car-free on these days.



**Meyer Schuhe und Sport**  
Hauptgasse 8 | 6130 Willisau  
[www.meyer-schuhesport.ch](http://www.meyer-schuhesport.ch)

Here, you will find the right shoe for your hike or restaurant visit.



# EVENTS

## Carnival

The fifth season starts on the Friday after 6 January with a large march by the Karnöffelzunft (carnival guild) and the Willisau Guggenmusig (local groups that play brass music). The high points of the carnival are the Städtlifasnacht (the carnival festival in the Old Town) on the Sunday after Maundy Thursday, and Sprüchlimontag (“rhyme Monday”) celebrated in various inns and restaurants.

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## Monthly market

A market generally takes place **on the last Thursday of every month, starting in March**. The largest market in the region, the Katharinenmarkt, takes place at the end of November every year.

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## Buuremärt (farmers market)

From **mid-May to the end of October**, you will find fresh and regional products straight from the farm offered **every Saturday morning** on Rathausplatz. In addition to fresh vegetables, fruits and berries, you can also buy flowers, a wide variety of baked goods, meat and smoked sausages, eggs and cheese.

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## Jazz festival

At the **end of August and the beginning of September** every year, Willisau becomes a mecca for jazz lovers for five days. What began in the 1960s with Niklaus Troxler is now continued by his nephew Arno Troxler. During these days, the festival site becomes a meeting point for all jazz fans and everyone interested.

## Willisauer Lauf (run)

At the **end of each September**, the challenging 12 km course beckons runners from throughout Switzerland to compete. A short obstacle course through the Old Town is offered to the youngest runners.

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## Kilbi (autumn fair)

Each **October** on the weekend of the third Sunday, several stalls, show booths and “coffee shacks” attract young and old from throughout the surrounding area. A fair market also takes place on the following Monday.

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## Christkindli Märt (Christmas market)

At the beginning of **December** every year, Willisau transforms into a hub of Christmas activity. The numerous visitors are greeted by market stalls with Christmas decorations and festive music in the town’s various squares and the parish church.

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## Rathausbühne (town hall stage)

A meeting place for lovers of small-scale theatre. Around a dozen events take place each year on the oldest baroque stage in central Switzerland.

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## Event calendar

You can also find current events in our event calendar.





Gütsch  
x 618

Hirschpark

Location see p. 25

Anziwiger

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Burgruine  
Hausberg

Willisau

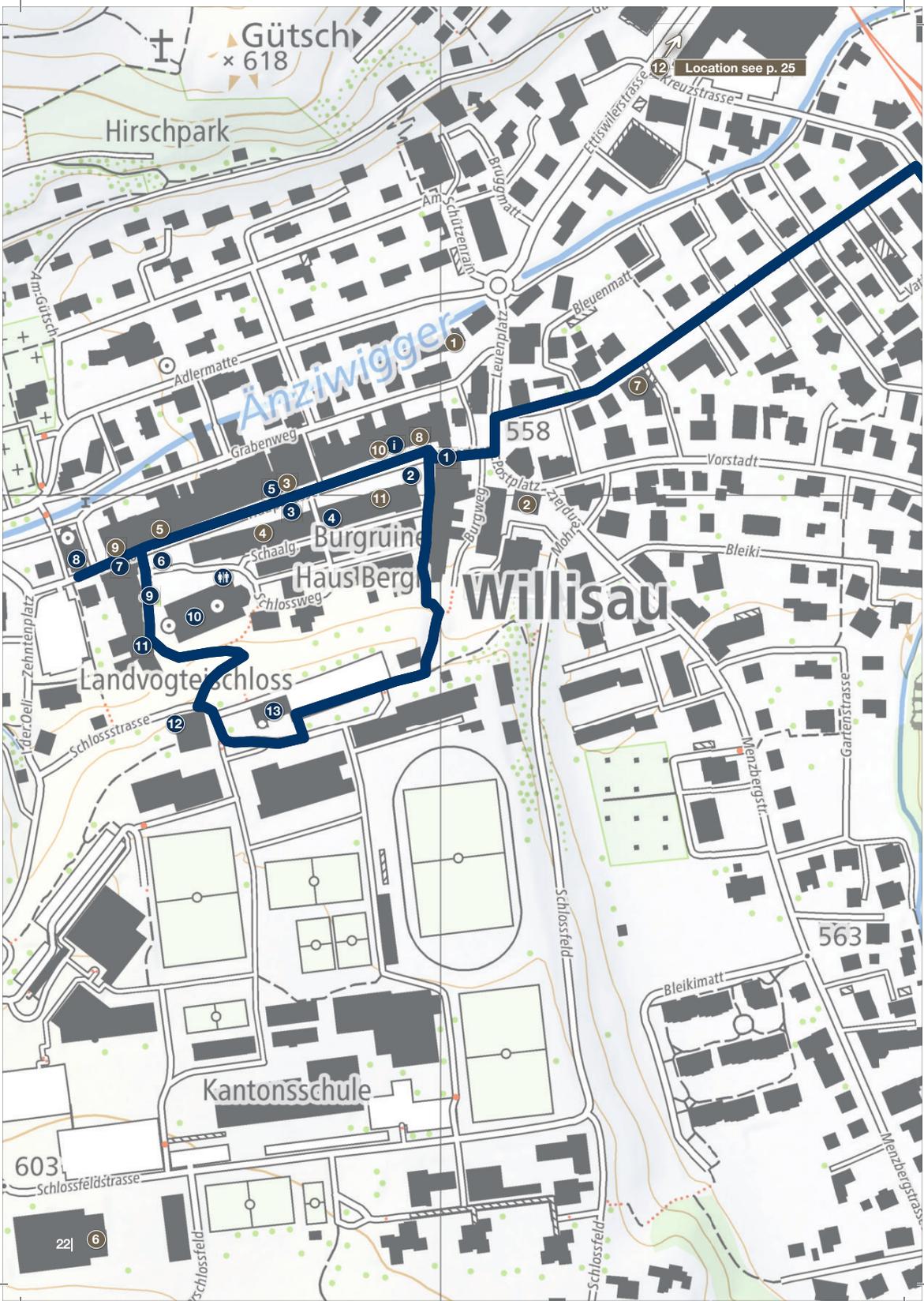
Landvogteschloss

Kantonsschule

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## Sightseeing tour

**Duration:** about 1–2 hours

**Distance:** approx. 2 km

-  Train station
- ① Lower Gate
- ② Lower town fountain
- ③ Middle town fountain
- ④ Town hall/theatre hall/slide show
- ⑤ Home of the Willisauer Ringli
- ⑥ Upper town fountain
- ⑦ Upper Gate
- ⑧ Chapel of the Holy Blood
- ⑨ Müligass
- ⑩ Parish church of Saints Peter and Paul
- ⑪ Town mill
- ⑫ Archaeological cellar
- ⑬ Bailiff's castle
-  WC
-  Willisau Tourismus

The following attractions are only accessible as part of a city or special guided tour:

- Town hall
- Town mill
- Bailiff's castle
- Church tower of the parish church of Saints Peter and Paul

Learn about the exciting history of Willisau on a guided tour!

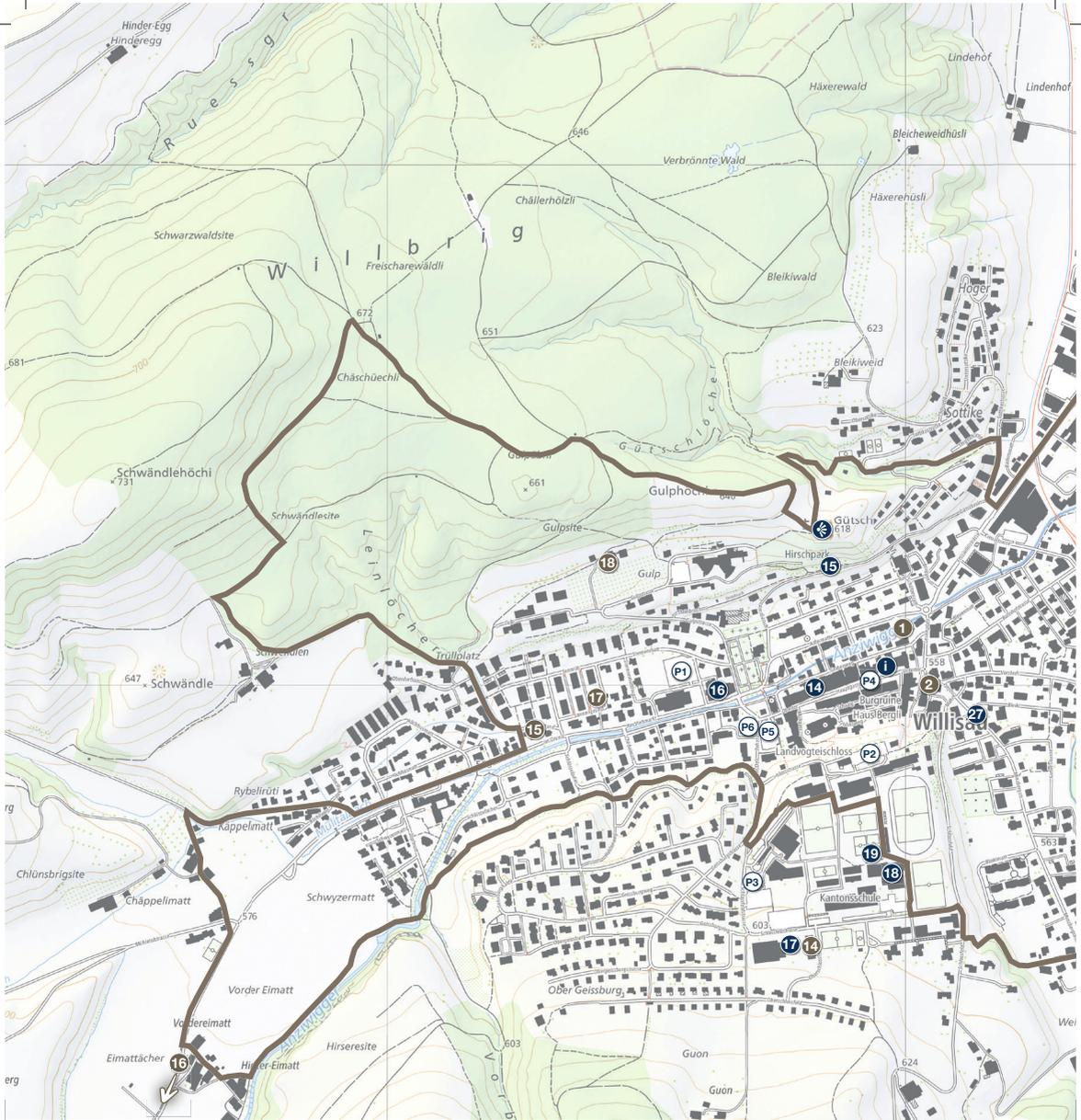


## Restaurants | cafés

- ① Gasthaus Post
- ② Gasthof zum Mohren
- ③ Café Amrein Chocolatier
- ④ City Café & Lounge
- ⑤ Da Fusco Ristorante Italiana
- ⑥ Schlossfeld recreation centre | restaurant
- ⑦ My Weibel Bäckerei und Gastronomie
- ⑧ Restaurant Sonne
- ⑨ Restaurant Sternen
- ⑩ Ristorante Pizzeria Da Luca
- ⑪ Ristorante Pizzeria il Castello 3
- ⑫ Sport Rock Café

## Willisau parking areas

- P1** Festival hall | bus parking  
Parking meter 7 days | 24 hours  
Maximum parking time: 2 days
- P2** Castle
- P3** Schlossfeld  
Parking meter 7 days | 24 hours  
Maximum parking time: 6 days
- P4** Willisau Old Town  
Max. 1 hour parking with blue parking disc
- P5** Zehntenplatz  
Parking meter 7 days | 24 hours  
Maximum parking time: 24 hours
- P6** "Im Grund" underground car park  
Parking meter 7 days | 24 hours  
Maximum parking time: 24 hours
- P7** BLS train station car park  
Parking meter  
Day ticket from the parking meter;  
multi-day tickets available from the BLS counter.



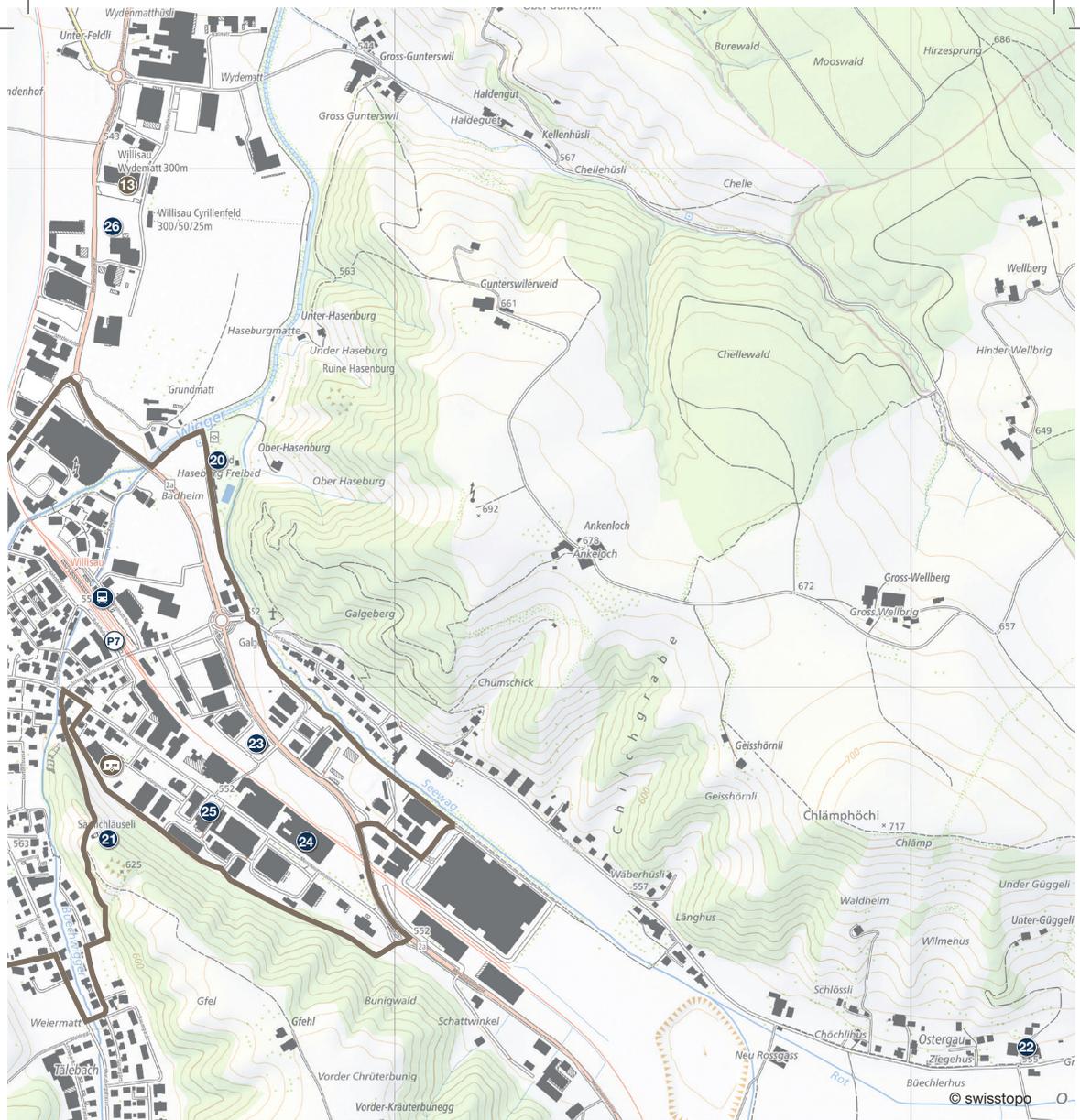
## Legend

-  Attraction | excursion tip
-  Hotel | B&B
-  Parking
-  Viewpoint
-  Train station
-  WC
-  Willisau Tourismus
-  Willisau anniversary trail

approx. 11 km | 3 hours (signposted)

## Hotels | B&Bs

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|---|--|
|  1 Gasthaus Post                         |  16 B&B Das Art Atelier   |
|  2 Gasthof zum Mohren                    |  17 B&B Hermann Morf-Frei |
|  13 Bed & Breakfast Hotel Peter und Paul |  18 B&B Grüter Ober-Gulp  |
|  14 Bed & Sport                          |  Caravan parking area     |
|  15 B&B Alois Buob                       |  |



## Excursion tips

- 14 Willisau Old Town
- 15 Deer park with playground
- 16 Musical Instrument Collection
- 17 Minigolf
- 18 Indoor swimming pool
- 19 Schlossfeld sport centre
- 20 Outdoor swimming pool

- 21 St Nicholas Chapel
- 22 Ostergau pond landscape
- 23 Rent a Bike e-bike and bicycle rentals
- 24 DIWISA Distillerie Willisau SA
- 25 Hug Ringli shop
- 26 Bowi play park
- 27 Cinema

## Old Town attractions

You can find an overview of the attractions in the Willisau Old Town in the detailed plan on pages 22/23.

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Image on front and reverse: Willisau Old Town (Beat Blechbühl)



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