



# Kleinschmalkalden Volcano Trail

Guide for GeoRoute 14



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**Note: The overview map of the GeoRoute is not suitable for hiking. Trail maps can be purchased in the tourist information offices.**

### At the Foot of the Inselsberg Volcano

On this GeoRoute you will discover the picturesque valley of the Ebersbach. Pele, the goddess of volcanoes will accompany you from the famous cow bell – the largest of its type in the world and made by the local bellfounders Venter Glocken GmbH – on to the Goldborn and up to the Kuhplatz and down again towards Kleinschmalkalden.

Without doubt, the best view can be had from the "Grauer Stuhl", which, at 763 m above sea-level, marks the highest point along the Kleinschmalkalden Volcano Trail. You may also discover some native orchids and herbs growing on the mountain meadows.

### The Kleinschmalkalden Volcano Trail

Distance: approx. 8 km (main route only)  
 Duration: approx. 3-4 hrs.  
 Difficulty : moderate (see elevation profile)  
 12 explanatory panels - especially suited for upper school pupils!

Start/end: GeoInfopoint Kleinschmalkalden (Interactive rock park at the world's largest cow bell opposite the bridge Hirschbrücke)

This circular route can be walked in both directions. However, it is recommended that you begin your walk in the Ebersbach Valley, since the contents of the information panels build on one another.

There is one place to eat along the GeoRoute (see map and reverse side).

#### Arriving by bus:

There is a bus stop at the start of the GeoRoute. Line 445 stops in Seligenthal, Kleinschmalkalden, Hohleborn (Info: www.mbb-mgn.de)

#### Arriving by train:

via Schmalkalden (Timetable: www.bahn.de)

**Note: Our expert Geopark Guides are available to enhance your experience on this trail.**

Information and booking:  
 Tourist Information Floh-Seligenthal.  
 download the gpx-data for this GeoRoute at  
[www.thueringer-geopark.de](http://www.thueringer-geopark.de)

We look forward to seeing you!

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