

Stuttgart's favourite quarters

# GO WEST

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from Feuersee  
to Kräherwald

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with Solitude &  
Wildpark





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oney,  
we shrank the West. But we had to. This magazine is small, the district is big, our list of insider tips is bigger still, and your curiosity knows no bounds. So what goes on in those nine neighbourhoods? Why is the West so close to everyone's heart, when it doesn't actually have a heart itself?

Channelling our inner Sherlock, we delve deep into the favourite quarters. We cast a close eye over the sweet spots between Hölderlinplatz and Bismarckplatz squares. After the initial sugar rush, we sample robbers' cocktails in local pubs. Then we amble our way around Lake Feuersee. Daydreaming, swan watching, taking church selfies and visiting the evening market are all things that cannot be rushed. Suddenly everyone's wide awake, thanks to freshly roasted coffee. Sleep is out of the question now, so we ponder existential matters instead. What is a Russian church doing among office buildings and apartment blocks? Did the Schwabtunnel make it into the Guinness Book of Records?

It's like strolling across a chessboard. Once we've traversed the generous grid of the late 19th century streets and inspected the courtyards we examine our clues. The evidence is overwhelming. We conclude that the West deserves top marks with a gold star.

But honey, this is where the fun begins. We're heading out. Out into the woods. Out to palaces and pavilions. Out to game parks and lakes. Wherever you end up, make yourself right at home. So let's go – Go West!



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# West is best

It doesn't have a centre, but any number of hotspots. Its pre-war neighbourhoods are among Germany's finest. And right on the edge it goes for green. Truly a district full of contrasts! Simply the West.

## Designed for living

It used to be all vineyards, fields and meadows around here. Industrialisation livened things up in the West. Companies such as chocolate makers Waldbaur and the Knosp chemical factory set up plants. Between 1850 and 1920, a grid pattern of streets began to cover the valley, and along them rose tall apartment blocks with square courtyards. Today, Stuttgart-West is one of the largest areas of pre-war architecture in Germany. From 1920 onwards, development moved up the hillside. Winding streets nestle into the shape of the terrain, lined by grand houses in leafy surroundings and villas with fabulous views.





## The woods of the West

70 percent of Stuttgart's woodland is located in the West district. The hillside quarters are lined with popular, verdant destinations. Birkenkopf hill with its stunning views. Solitude summer palace. Bärenschlössle pavilion with the park lakes. And the impressive wildlife of the boar and deer parks.

## Who needs a centre anyway!

The northern edge of the district is marked by Kräherwald forest, the south by Hasenberg and Karlshöhe hills. So where is the heart of the West? As the district was created due to the expansion of the inner city, it doesn't have a historical centre as such. Instead, there are many hotspots, including Hölderlinplatz and Bismarckplatz squares, Schwabstrasse and Rotebühlstrasse, and the popular Lake Feuersee.



# Around Lake Feuersee



## Love thy neighbour(hood)

The former fire pond is surrounded by benches and willows. On its southern side the water laps the steps that lead down to it. Couples cuddle and cold drinks fizz as swans glide gracefully by. Depending on whether the thermometer is moving up or down, people are enjoying ice cream or marvelling at ice crystals.

## Topless: St John's Church

Set on a small peninsula at one end of tree-lined Johannesstrasse, St John's Church strikes a dramatic neo-Gothic pose. Having lost its spire in the Second World War, it was not replaced during reconstruction, instead creating a memorial to the horrors of war.





## LOCAL FACTS



### A home for hobbits on Lake Feuersee

In 1969, the hobbits moved from the Shire to Swabia. Publisher Michael Klett had secured the rights to the translation of Tolkien's Lord Of The Rings. To most Germans, Klett is primarily known for publishing educational books. The firm's head office lies opposite the perfect spot for a quiet read – Lake Feuersee.

## STREETS & STORIES



### Success story: Knospstrasse

An elegant road in an estate built by the Knosp family on a site that, in the 19th century, had been home to the Knosp chemical works as well as Gustav Siegle's paint factory. Both went on to merge with the Badische Anilin- und Sodafabrik (aka BASF) in Ludwigshafen. Today, BASF is the largest chemical group in the world.

### On a grand scale: Johannesstrasse

King Wilhelm I envisioned Johannesstrasse as a Swabian boulevard in the Parisian style. This is reflected in the grand late-19th century buildings, the trees lining the street and in its spacious layout – a lane for coaches, three metres for horseriders (now parking spaces) and two metres for genteel strolling.

# The heights

**Uphill and down on Hasenberg and Birkenkopf, up Zeppelinstrasse, along the panoramic trail. We're traversing the West at various heights.**

**Road with a view: Zeppelinstrasse**

Just before Zeppelinstrasse reaches Kräherwald forest, it curves round to reveal stunning vistas. From a spacious viewing terrace, a vast panorama opens up, stretching from Bismarckturm tower to the stadium and Rotenberg hill. At sunrise and sunset everything takes on a rosy hue.

**Panoramic trail: Best of the West**

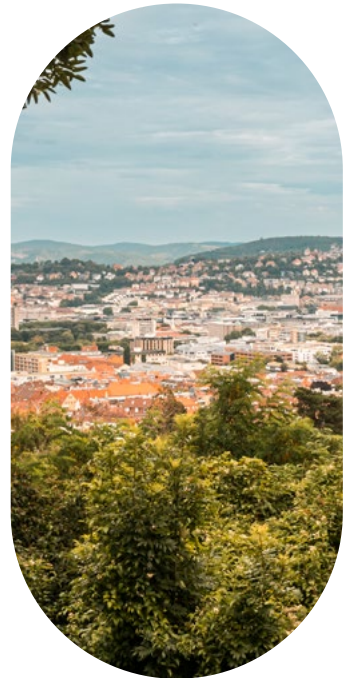
Premium views at varying heights, in between villas, gardens and railway tracks. The Panoramaweg West trail runs from Zeppelinstrasse via Gustav-Siegle-Strasse with its sweeping vistas to Hasenbergsteige. The 6.5 kilometre variant adds a detour to Birkenkopf hill.

**Peak perfection: Birkenkopf hill**

In the 1950s, Birkenkopf hill grew a full 40 metres, due to piles of rubble from the war-ravaged city being deposited here. The nickname 'Monte Scherbelino' (Mount Smithereens) stuck, but nature has reclaimed the hill, now 511 metres high. Some of the debris is still visible on the top, which offers views across the city to forests and the Swabian Alb.

**High society: Hasenberg hill**

Steep Hasenbergsteige lane was once the most direct route to Calw. When the great and good of the city began to settle here in the 19th century, Hasenberg hill reached new heights, so much so that it is now effectively a mansion museum. A viewing platform reveals vistas to the north, east and west, including Vogelsangtal valley.



Go West!



# West side stories

Once upon a time, everything was more exciting – from the record-breaking Schwabtunnel to the formidable prison on Senefelderstrasse and the Swabian-Orthodox Russian Church. So what was it all about?

## Setting records: The Schwabtunnel

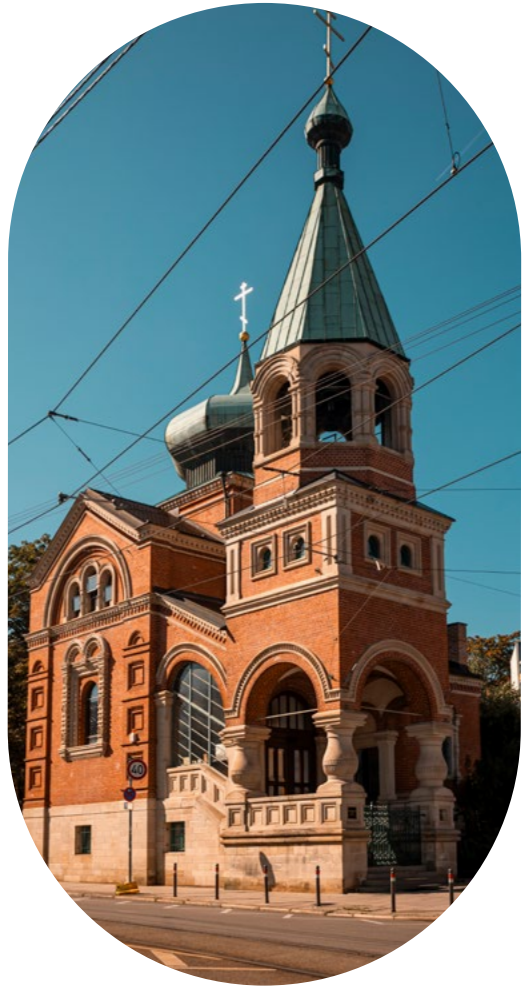
Built in 1896, it runs through Hasenberg hill, connecting the working-class suburb of Heslach with the factories in the west, the widest tunnel in Europe at the time. In 1900, this was where the first motorcar ever drove through a tunnel. Between 1902 and 1972, it was used by trams, horse-drawn vehicles, cars, bicycles and pedestrians, all at the same time – the first mixed-use tunnel!



## Outstanding: Russian Church

A striking monument to Württemberg's links to the Russian Imperial family. Queen Katharina created a chapel at the New Palace for the first Russian Orthodox congregation. Later on, they would climb up to her sepulchral chapel on Württemberg hill. That proved a bit much for Grand Duchess Wera, so St Nicholas' Church was built in 1895. It had only one onion dome, not the traditional five. While its style was Russian, and it was paid for by the Tsar and the Russian government, the design was by local architects Ludwig Eisenlohr and Carl Weigle.

→ Seidenstrasse 69



## Arresting: Life behind bars

These days, Lake Feuersee is at the heart of a residential area, but once it was far from the city centre, surrounded by plenty of land for development. Including a prison, which was built in 1850. It held 120 lifers who were doing hard labour, and it even saw three executions by guillotine. Today, only the central building and the administrative block remain. They were converted into apartments in the 1980s.

→ Senefelderstrasse 45

And now for something different

# The stage is set!

The plan is to thoroughly test the West. For example its small creative theatres. Curtains up for Rosenau, Merlin and the Theater der Altstadt.



## Dining in the dark, arts and performance

The Rosenau serves culinary treats in the front and cultural treats in the back – from satire, comedy and readings to poetry slams. For a unique dining experience, try the dark restaurant *aus:sicht* (outlook). There's nothing to see, but plenty to taste, smell and hear.

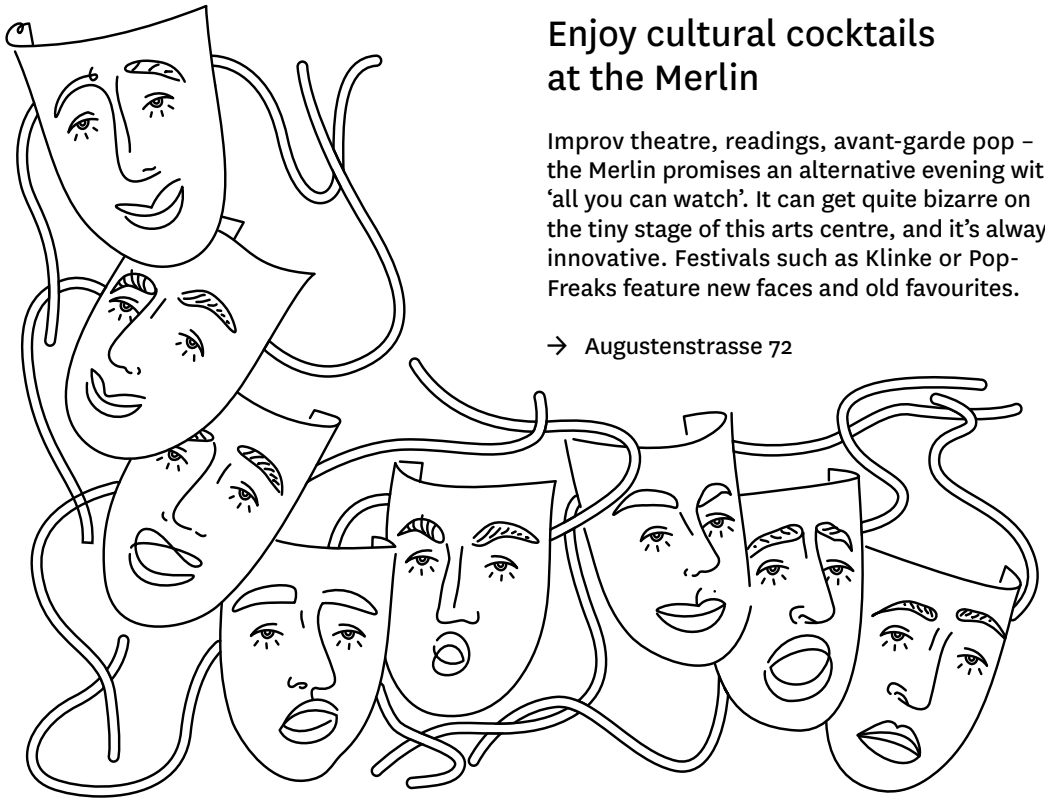
→ Rotebühlstrasse 109B



## Go West in the Theater der Altstadt

Born in a shed in 1958, the Theater der Altstadt moved to Lake Feuersee in 1993. Today, it is the oldest private theatre in Baden-Württemberg. Outside, on top of its porch, sits a bust of Schopenhauer. On its stage you'll find classic, contemporary and dialect plays, along with comedies and musicals. And for an encore, readings and song recitals.

→ Rotebühlstrasse 89



## Enjoy cultural cocktails at the Merlin

Improv theatre, readings, avant-garde pop – the Merlin promises an alternative evening with ‘all you can watch’. It can get quite bizarre on the tiny stage of this arts centre, and it’s always innovative. Festivals such as Klinkle or Pop-Freaks feature new faces and old favourites.

→ Augustenstrasse 72

## TIP: GUIDED (DE)TOURS

### Stuttgart’s favourite quarters: Go West

Don’t just read about it, walk around it. This guided tour has the complete package: a stroll around the district, a snack, plus local facts from the late 19th century to the era of food sharing initiatives.

- [www.stuttgart-tourist.de/go-west-tour](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de/go-west-tour)
- Tours are only in German

### Stäffeles-Tour West

The West rewards strong legs and sharp eyes. Aimed at the more sporty types, the Stäffeles-Tour doesn’t just offer grand villas and an onion dome, but also spectacular panoramic views across the city.

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# Finding the sweet spot

If there's one thing the West district's locals love it's their cafés! In colourful rooms, in courtyards and on pavements they cherish chitchat, worship brunch and adore their sweet pastries.

## Loving the quarter at the Lumen

Large windows and vintage furniture raise the spirits. Great for brunching, lunching, and chatting. The day just flies by as food from around the world flirts with regional ingredients.

→ Schwabstrasse 65



## Coffee break at Café Stöckle by FreCla

This café, patisserie and restaurant has been serving the finest Swabian fare for 125 years. The Stöckle's *maultaschen*, plum cakes and special gateau are not to be missed!"

→ Johannesstrasse 76





## Heart of the 'hood at Café Seyffer's

From Bircher muesli for breakfast to antipasti in the evening, happy customers of all ages mingle under the chandelier. The youngest leave their mark in chalk on the pavements around the café.

→ Vogelsangstrasse 55



## A fair share at Raupe Immersatt

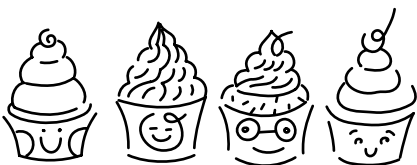
Drink coffee, eat cake and pay what you like. In Germany's first food-sharing café customers can decide what the salvaged food is worth. This terrific concept is complemented by cultural events.

→ Johannesstrasse 97

## At home in Café Moulu

As the name suggests, it's all about freshly ground coffee here. This local café with its striped awning tempts guests with breakfast until dusk, but seasoned pros also know about the lunch options.

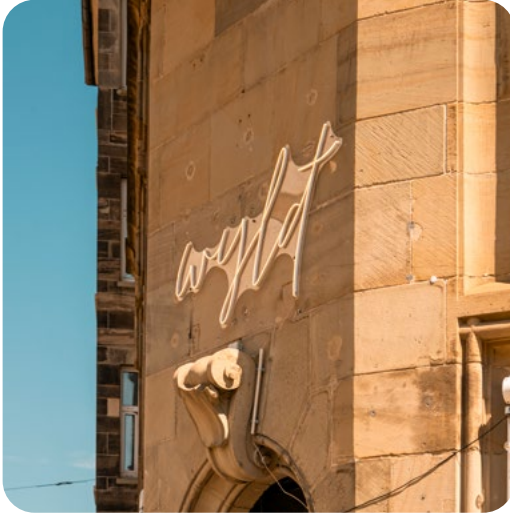
→ Senefelderstrasse 58



## Creative design at Wyld

It's a Wyld world on Rosenbergplatz square. The trendy, bright pre-war building contains a café, a vegan patisserie and a concept store brimming with gin bottles, candles, cook-books and stylish design items.

→ Rosenbergplatz 1



## Sipping spritzers at Café Gustav

A Gustav spritzer with pomegranate? Avocado toast? Gustav serves breakfast until after work. The café's brick courtyard is a relaxed oasis, with local Mókuska coffee on tap. What could be better? Me gust(av)o.

→ Schwabstrasse 47

## Talking bikes at the Fietsen Radcafé

Fietsen? That's Dutch for cycling. Bike enthusiasts meet here to go on rides together or just to hang out. Meanwhile, the city's first bicycle café also tempts ordinary mortals with tasty snacks and excellent coffee.

→ Silberburgstrasse 84





COFFEE 'N' CYCLING CLUB



Fietson

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# Jet black and wide awake

Come and get your aromatic kicks, because the West has caffeine in its blood. You can sample the black gold at the Fröhlich, Mókuska, Kaffeerakete and Cäff Chen roasteries.

Ready for takeoff

## *KAFFEERAKETE*

The early bird needs its coffee. Or a Kaffeerakete, which is German for coffee rocket. The roastery brings the taste of Ethiopia, Costa Rica and many other places to Hölderlinplatz square. You can even sample the wares, thanks to its beautiful Elektra espresso machine. Keen connoisseurs can acquire barista basics in the rocket workshop.

→ Silberburgstrasse 36

Totally nuts

## *MÓKUSKA KAFFEERÖSTEREI*

The squirrel ('mókuska' in Hungarian) nibbles sandwiches, banana bread and brownies, and it drinks sustainable fair-trade coffee. Roasting happens once a week in Stuttgart-Feuerbach. Barista training provides piping hot hints and tricks. Top tip: the perfect thing after a coffee is a stroll around Lake Feuersee.

→ Johannesstrasse 34





Zero waste, total taste

## CÄFF CHEN

Its deposit return scheme for jars means Cäff Chen offers fair-trade coffee without any packaging waste. Also part of the winning formula at this roastery and café are Asian snacks and a play area.

→ Senefelderstrasse 76

Big bean love

## FRÖHLICH KAFFEERÖSTEREI

Fröhlich has been part of the West since 2000. Reasons to be cheerful include gentle roasting techniques, sustainable trade and hand-picked organic coffee beans. There's a small café, and a shop offering butter biscuits, fine chocolates, teas and coffee accessories. They also run tasting seminars for beginners and connoisseurs.

→ Gutenbergstrasse 120



# Favourite loc

Cosy get-togethers – they're what the West does best. In its urban neighbourhood pubs, a brief chat will often turn into a drink or three. Better add a meal as well.



## Southern star: Sutsche

The Sutsche (Low German for 'relaxed', something southern Germans are rightly famous for) attracts a mixed clientèle. With vino or beer. And food, of course: Swabian cuisine, soup or curry. The pavement terrace provides a ringside view of the traffic. Accompanied by flat bread and houmous or crispy bread chips with a herb dip.

→ Breitscheidstrasse 38

## A well-earned break at the Fischlabor

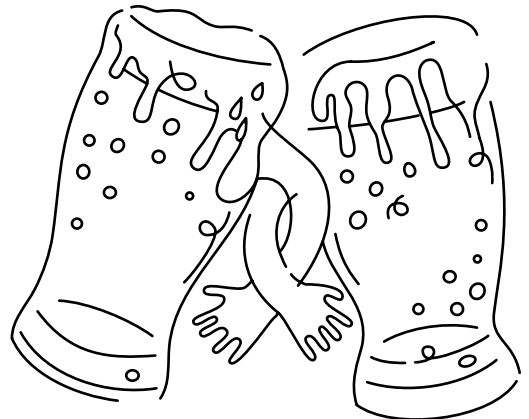
No sea creatures are harmed in this pub, it's all happy coexistence at the Fischl. Wulle beer and Almdudler herbal lemonade. Käsespätzle (cheesy noodles) and cheeseburgers. Baroque flourishes and a chandelier add ambience. In the summer, everyone eats in the courtyard or on the pavement and they're all as happy as a fish in water.

→ Ludwigstrasse 36

## Literary villain: Hotzenplotz

A well-established pub and restaurant, popular with students as well as a more mature crowd. Themed on a character from German children's books, the Hotz has been a local hub for over thirty years. Round off the working day with a Robber's Meal and a beer, or try a Robber's cocktail if you dare.

→ Silberburgstrasse 88



# Local hangouts



## Square deal: Metzgerei

As soon as Bismarckplatz square starts to warm up in the sun, the trendy West takes over the beer benches at Metzgerei. This is the quarter at its most bustling. Families mingle with singles, Swabians with people from everywhere else. The small weekly market in the shadow of the large, brick-built church of St Elisabeth is also a popular meeting point.

→ Elisabethenstrasse 30

## Live sports at Ackermanns

Whisky is the standout drink at Ackermanns. The ambience is somewhere between saloon and sports bar, and they're certainly not averse to serving beer, hot chocolate or anything else across the bar. The kitchen helps to lay a solid foundation, including sausage salad, schnitzel or chilli. Roll on the football.

→ Bebelstrasse 20



A lush green forest scene with a stream and ferns. The image is dominated by vibrant green foliage, including large ferns and various trees. A stream flows through the center, reflecting the surrounding greenery. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a serene atmosphere. The text 'Solitude' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font at the top, and 'W' is visible at the bottom right.

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# From palace...



In Stuttgart, the perfect place to relax is where the West cosies up to the surrounding countryside. Solitude Palace in Glemswald forest is nothing short of idyllic.

## Rococo grandeur: Solitude Palace

This summer residence and hunting lodge was built for Duke Carl Eugen in 1763. Once a venue for extravagant parties, it's now a favourite destination for locals. Solitude Palace sits in splendour above forests, fields and paddocks. An avenue of chestnut trees leads to the rococo building with its curved grand steps, semicircular wings and cavalier houses.

## TO DO X 4

### ✓ Ready for action

Barbecues, kite flying, tobogganing. The palace lawns are very adaptable over the course of the year.



### ✓ On the straight and narrow

From Solitude Palace, a road runs dead straight for 13 kilometres to Ludwigsburg Palace, the 'Swabian Versailles'. In 1818, this baroque axis provided the baseline for Württemberg's first land survey.



### ✓ Dining like a duke

Treat yourself to the Swabian cuisine of celebrity chef Jörg Mink on the garden terrace. The Kleines Café (small café) provides coffee and cakes.

### ✓ Rev it up

Between 1903 and 1965, famous faces from the world of motorsport raced on the Solitude Ring circuit. The notorious track drew up to 330,000 fans. Today, the Solitude Revival features historical racing cars.



# ...to pavilion

What a day! Strolling around the park lakes, stopping off at Bärenschlössle pavilion. And to top it all, some wild adventures in the game parks, a conservation area where everyone is as happy as a boar in mud.

## *HISTORY TO GO X 2*

### Of lions and bears

Built as water reservoirs in 1566, today Bärensee, Neuer See and Pfaffensee lakes are strictly for relaxing. The first Bärenschlössle was built for Duke Carl Eugen in 1768. The oval pavilion overlooked the lakes, complete with gondolas... and Venetian gondoliers. Only the Venetian lion statues on the lake shore remain from that time, watched over by the fourth pavilion.

### A walk on the wild side

Peasants used to spend months rounding up game for the grand hunts in Glemswald forest. That prevented young trees from growing, so in 1815 King Friedrich I established two game parks. The deer park became a nature conservation area in 1939, followed later by the boar park and Pfaffenwald forest.



## TO DO X 4

### ✓ Pit stop at Bärenschlössle

Hungry as a bear? Try some Swabian cuisine, cake or bratwurst. Game dishes use locally hunted meat. In the summer, everyone queues for ice cream, in the winter for mulled wine.

### ✓ Strolling by the lake

Wooded shores – the flat six-kilometre circular route around the park lakes is at its most popular when the beech trees glow in autumn or the lakes freeze over.



### ✓ The call of the (Glems) forest

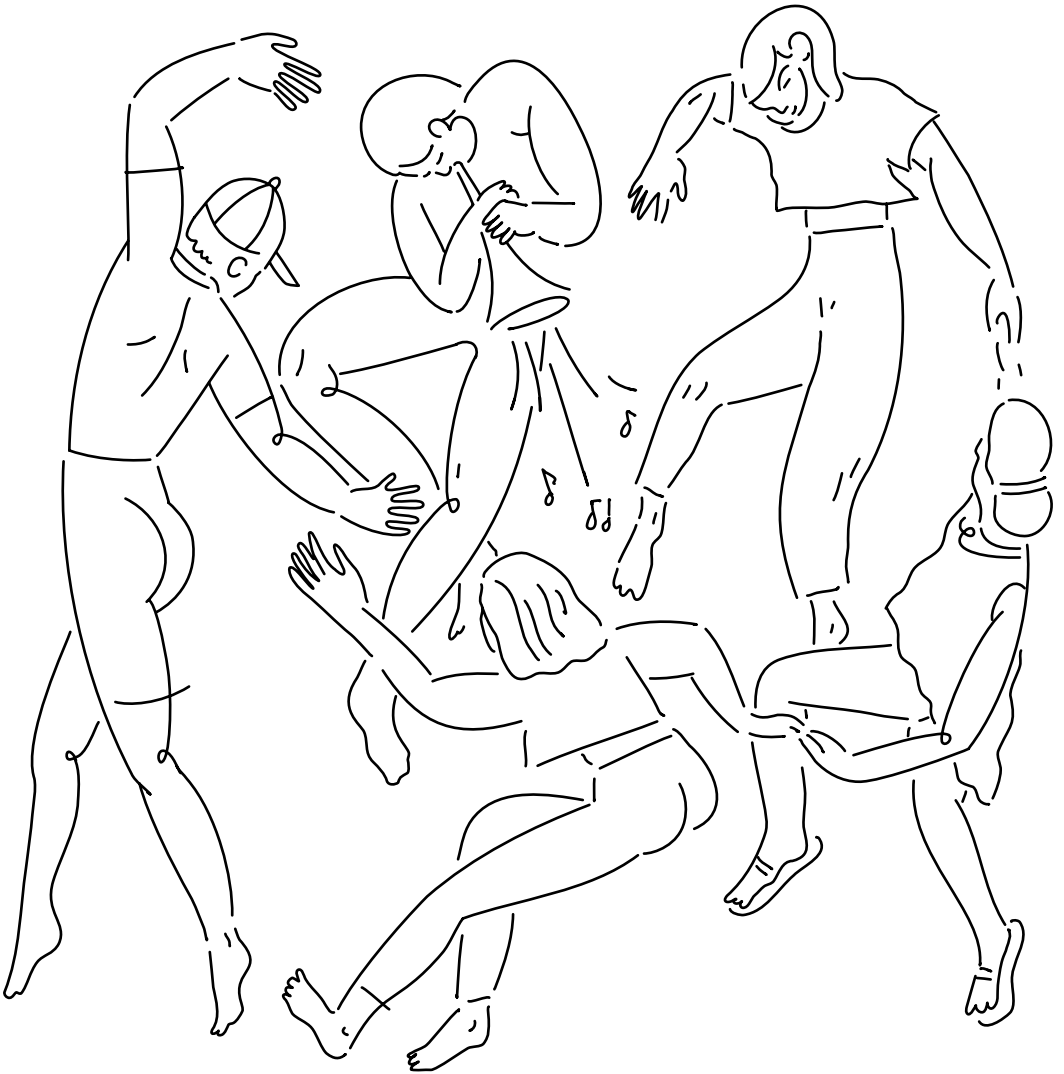
...with its huge trees, glades and water. A nature conservation area with beech and oak woods that are unique in Europe, including over 2,500 oddly shaped specimens, up to 300 years old, and some with several trunks.

### ✓ Oh deer!

Check out the game enclosure! The feeding station offers the best chance of spotting the red deer. Then it's on to the boar park. The wild boars like to root around outside the Saufang pavilion, which also marks the start of a circular trail around the enclosure.



# In the right place at the right time



## Treasures of the West

...are revealed in the district every autumn. Participants in the event receive a programme flyer that takes them on a treasure hunt through studios, workshops and galleries between Silberburgstrasse and Seyfferstrasse.



## The Feuersee festival

...brings the neighbourhood together in mid-September. All around the lake, there are craft stalls, kids' activities and campaign information tables, with food stands and live acts rounding off the festival experience.

## The evening market

...on Lake Feuersee takes place on Thursdays from 3-9pm, offering regional fair trade and organic food, wine, flowers and crafts. Afterwards you can wind down with live music.



## The Westallee

...is a 3-day street festival held every summer, when Johannesstrasse and Lerchenplatz square teem with live music, food trucks and a children's programme. As a special treat, there's also art in the (court)yards.



# Picture perfect!

Insiders know that among the neighbourhoods in the West, Feuersee is hard to beat. Apart from its most iconic photo location, the West area offers architectural charm, urban living and panoramic views.



Playing with fire:  
Lake Feuersee and St John's Church



Like a goose to water:  
Gänsepeterbrunnen on Johann-Sebastian-Bach-Platz





Heart of sandstone:  
Gutbrodstrasse

# Where to go

## Food & drink

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Senefelderstrasse 58
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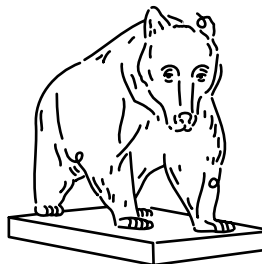
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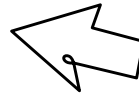
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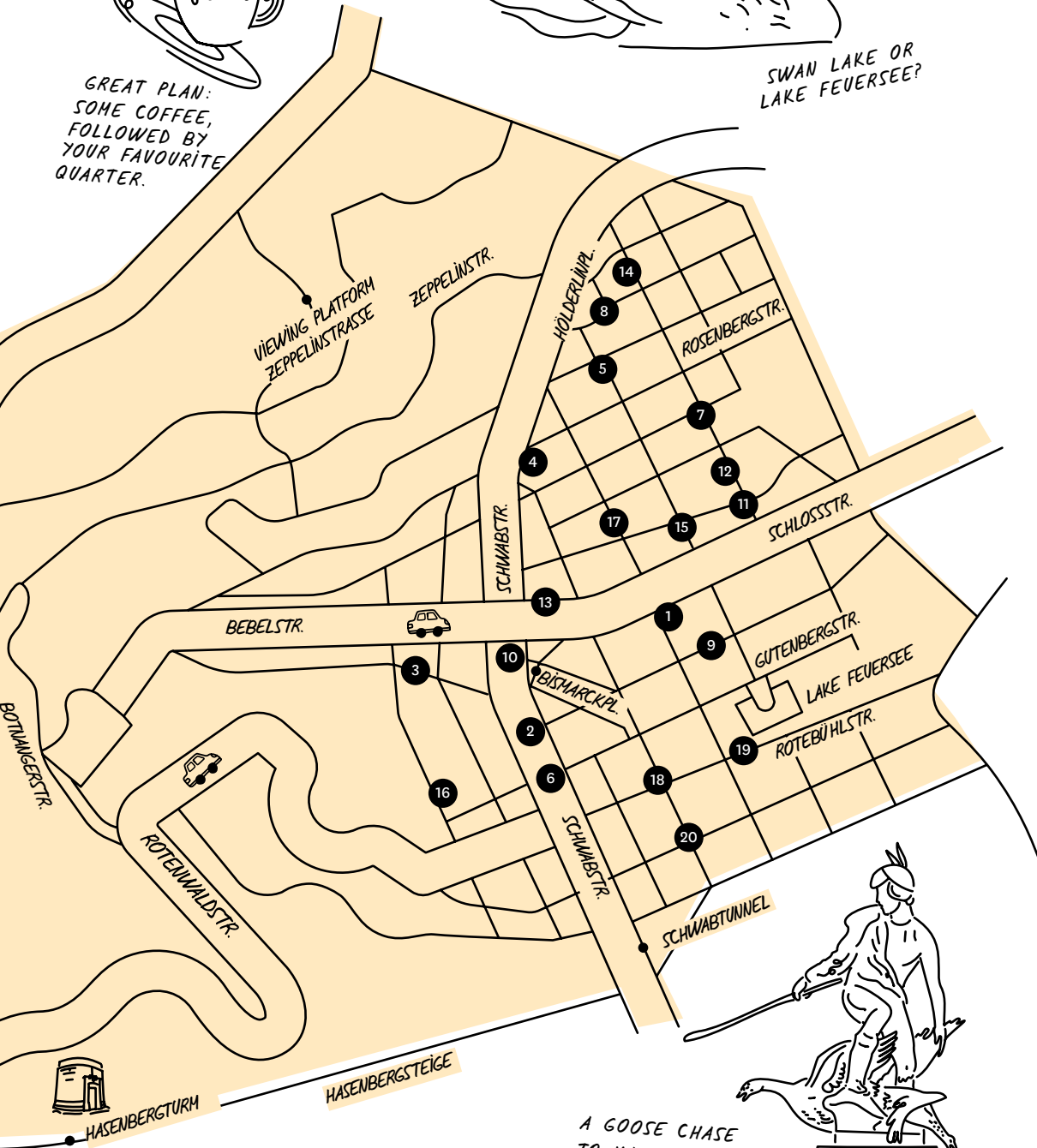
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SOME COFFEE,  
FOLLOWED BY  
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SWAN LAKE OR  
LAKE FEUERSEE?



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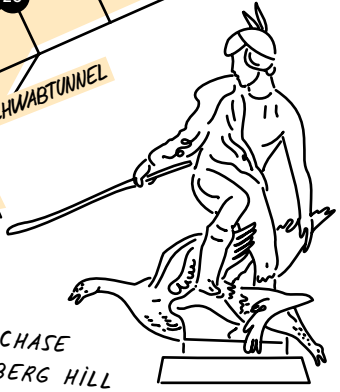
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A GOOSE CHASE  
TO HASENBERG HILL

# The show's not over.

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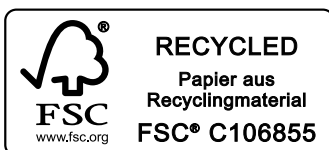
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