

Visit and enjoy the history and countryside of this uniquely beautiful region



Inside the museum



The Roman Bath

The Roman bath, now housed in a contemporary protective building, is part of a Roman estate in the tiny village of Kohlhunden near the town of Marktoberdorf. It was probably built around the middle of the 2nd century AD and abandoned again after about 100 years for reasons which are as yet unknown. The estate was discovered during the construction of a bypass in 2002. Construction workers also made a sensational discovery of enormous archaeological importance, a complete set of sacrificial pottery in almost perfect condition.

Although the remaining grounds of the estate have only been measured using geo-electrical instruments and have not yet been excavated, the „Villa Rustica“ in Kohlhunden is certainly the largest known estate of its kind in the whole Allgäu region. The well preserved foundations of the bath house and the numerous exhibits provide a good picture of living standards in our region during the Roman occupation, standards which we only reached again in the 20th century.

An interesting tourist attraction

The Romans built their houses mostly in stone. From summer 2007, two fascinating nature trails, well supplied with display boards providing interesting information about local history, geology and nature, will bring you to the quarries in Rieder and at the Ettwieser lake, where the Romans found most of the raw materials for their buildings. The nearby dam forming the Kuhstall lake was probably constructed by the Romans and is another reminder of the technical abilities of the settlers at that period. In summer, both lakes offer an idyllic setting for bathers. A walking or cycle tour into and around Roman history offers an exciting and relaxing experience for everyone, especially for families with children.



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The Roman Bath in Marktoberdorf

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Museum building with stone-age sheep

The Roman bath

The remains of the bath house are permanently protected from wind and weather by a contemporary glass building. Many details can be seen from outside but more specific information can be obtained by visiting the interior. Interesting guided tours are offered every Sunday (except in winter) or can be booked in advance during the week. (Tourist office tel.: 08342 4008/15).

Excursions by bike or on foot



Marktoberdorf

Holidays in the beautiful Ostallgäu region - the country by the mountains



Relax and enjoy

A stay in Marktoberdorf is the ideal starting point for excursions all the year round into the gently rolling countryside of the alpine foothills. There is an enormous variety of things to do and see, everything is nearby and the climate is pleasant and relaxing.

Plague cemetery



Ettwieser Weiher bathing lake



The exhibition

The show cases inside the building contain exhibits from everyday Roman life, some original, some as replicas or copies. The cow-bells, for example (found in 1834 near Rieder) are proof of the existence at that time of a highly developed alpine grazing system.