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The Burgenland “Iron Curtain Trail”

Discovering a piece of history

For almost half a century, the Iron Curtain separated the continent - from Barents Sea to Black Sea. Today, you can “discover” this past division of Europe with your bicycle along the 14 long-distance routes of the EuroVelo 13 (a total of 10,400 km).

A 290 km-long section of this “Iron Curtain Trail” leads along the border between Burgenland and Hungary, where the Iron Curtain used to stand from 1948 to 1989. Many tragedies took place here, with people trying to flee the Eastern Block losing their lives. And tears of joy were shed, too. Such as during the “Pan-European picnic” on 19 August 1989, when 600 GDR citizens fled to the West.

As Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock and his Hungarian counterpart Gyula Horn cut the barbed wire fence together with the Governor of Burgen-

land, Hans Sipötz, on 27 June 1989 at Klingenbach, the Iron Curtain became a part of history.

A history that you will discover in the company of this roadbook. The Burgenland “**Iron Curtain Trail**” is one of six top Pannonical bicycle routes. In the roadbook “**Cycling along Lake Neusiedl**”, you can find the famous **Lake Neusiedl Cycle Path** (Neusiedler See-Radweg), the **Puddle Cycle Path** (Lackenradweg), the **Cherry Blossom Cycle Path** (Kirschblütenradweg) and the new **Festival Cycle Path** (Festival-Radweg). The **Paradise Route** in Southern Burgenland is enchanting with its incredible diversity. In total, 2,500 kilometres of splendidly structured and well-marked cycle paths await you in the land of the sun.

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Please plan your tour along the Iron Curtain Trail in good time.





1st stage : Kittsee-Halbturn (approx. 40 km)

Start your “Iron Curtain” tour in **Kittsee**, Austria’s largest apricot community and centre of the culinary Kittsee apricot region. Around 30,000 apricot trees produce 700,000 kg of fruit a year that you can also buy at stands along the road. Concerts take place in the summer in the old Castle Kittsee on an open air stage, while the Ethnographic Museum can now be found in the new castle. The old estate on the main square and the holy trinity column, the Heide-turn, the Blue Cross and the Jewish cemetery behind the old castle are some of this nice town’s attractions.

After passing through the town **Pama**, you will come to **Deutsch Jahrndorf**, Austria’s most eastern community. There, it is worth stopping by the border triangle between Austria, Hungary and Slovakia, where a **sculpture park** commemorates the fall of the “Iron Curtain”.

On your way to **Nickelsdorf**, you will see many old independent farmyards. Every year since 2005, Nickelsdorf has hosted the largest open air event in Austria: the three-day Nova Rock Festival. Close to the town, a monument reminds visitors that the foreign ministers of Austria and Hungary, Alois Mock and Gyula Horn, symbolically breached the Iron Curtain there on 27 June 1989.

While Nickelsdorf is seen as the stronghold of hard beats, the classical concerts and exhibitions in the baroque **Castle Halbturn** (Lucas von Hildebrandt!) are much more harmonious. Wooden maize granaries known as “Tscharadaken” are typical of the town of **Halbturn** and stand in the spotlight at the “Tscharadaken” festival in the late summer.



OVERNIGHT STAY:

- Mönchhof: www.moenchhof.at • Nickelsdorf: www.leithaaunen-neusiedlersee.at
- Halbturn: www.halbturn.at • www.neusiedlersee.com

2nd stage: Halbturn – Pamhagen (approx. 40km)



Before cycling away, you could also consider making a short detour to the neighbouring town of **Mönchhof**. In the well-known town museum there, you will not only find Heideboden buildings from 1900, but also toll sentry boxes and a frontier barrier, as well as one of the “Trabis” that were used to flee to the West at the time.



OVERNIGHT STAY:

- Pamhagen: www.tourismus-pamhagen.at
- Apetlon: www.apetlon.info
- www.neusiedlersee.com
- Special tip: Halbturn Castle, Hotel Restaurant Knappenstöckl, +43 2172 82390, +43 2172 82390-4, info@knappenstoekl.at
Overnight stay in the former toll house, today a renowned vineyard in Apetlon: www.velich.at



Andau, the next fixed point on your tour, became famous because of an inconspicuous wooden bridge across the “Einserkanal” that gave the last opportunity to 70,000 Hungarians to flee to the West during the Hungarian uprising of 1956. Today, a sculpture boulevard along the so-called “road to freedom” commemorates the events of those days. The surrounding Pannonian steppe landscape is exceptionally beautiful. You can even observe great bustards, the heaviest flying bird, from the top of viewing towers.

Wallern, located at 120 m above sea level, is the lowest lying Austrian town and is regarded as “the” vegetable garden. From here, you can cross the border into Hungary through vine trellises and the town of **Pamhagen**, with its historical Türkenturm (Turkish Tower) bell tower and the prehistoric burial mound of the “Pamhagenese Castle”.



3rd stage: Pamhagen – Mörbisch (approx. 50 km)

After passing through the settlements of **Fertőújlak** and **Sarród**, you will arrive in **Fertőd**. Fertő means swamp - and you now find yourself in the centre of the Fertő-Hanság National Park. Fertőd became famous for its splendid Esterházy Castle. This “Hungarian Versailles” situated in the centre of an enchanting park is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is also interesting for music lovers, because Joseph Haydn spent many years there as a court composer.

In **Fertőszéplak**, a row of white Hungarian folk baroque arcade houses awaits you, some of which have been turned into ethnological outdoor museums. The neighbouring town of **Hegykő** has made a name for itself thanks to its thermal bath.

Hidegség welcomes you with a church from the 13th century that is really worth seeing, as well as a refreshing spring. Your route now leads through a wine-growing region past the village of **Fertőboz**, where you will be able to look down from a former watchtower on a mountaintop over the countryside and Lake Neusiedl. Fertőboz is also the end station of a museum train.

In **Balf**, which is today a district of Sopron, there used to be a camp during World War II where forced labourers and about 30,000 Hungarian Jews from Budapest were held prisoner and used to build the so-called “South-Eastern wall” against the Soviet troops. Only a few prisoners survived the atrocities of the Nazis.

Fertőrákos (Kroisbach) will remind you vividly of recent history - with the “Monument to the Opening of the Border” in the 1989 Park, where you will also find the baroque water mill of the episcopal estate. If you look around the town, you will encounter amongst others, an old pillory and a baroque church with a fortified tower. The town’s Festival Quarry also contains an epigraph for Hungarian Jews and political prisoners who were murdered there by the Nazis.

A few kilometres beyond Fertőrákos, you will come to the national border and **Mithraeum**, a Roman temple. You will then reach **Mörbisch am See** - one of Austria’s top locations for operetta enthusiasts.

Traditional “Streckhof” farm buildings with columned-front porches await you in the “Hofgasse” farmyard streets of this picturesque wine village, as well as the lovely historic house, “Heimathaus”.



OVERNIGHT STAY:

- **Special tip: Holidaycheck Award 2015**
Winzerhof Schindler, Mörbisch am See
www.winzerhof-schindler.at
- **Mörbisch am See:** www.moerbischamsee.at
- **Rust:** www.rust.at • www.neusiedlersee.com



4th stage: Mörbisch - Neckenmarkt (approx. 40 km)



Soon after Mörbisch, you will once again reach the Hungarian border and after a short distance, you will see the “**Freedom Square**”. There, a memorial commemorates, among other events, the “Pan-European picnic” that took place there on 19 August 1989. During that peace demonstration, the border was opened symbolically for three hours at the old “Pressburg road”. Hundreds of GDR citizens took

this opportunity to flee to the West. Many monuments are dedicated to recent history - such as the Pan-European statue of Gabriela von Habsburg, the “Monument of Open Doors”, the “Upheaval” monument as well as the Japanese pagoda which symbolises happiness over the reunification of Europe.

You will follow the national border for a while, before passing through the old border town of **Klingbach** and reaching **Schattendorf**. The town became the focus of attention in 1927, when a child and a man were shot by nationalist combatants during a social-democratic rally. Just after the border, you will reach **Ágfalva** (Agendorf), which was once important because of its nearby brown coal mine, Brennbeg. You can learn more about that in the mine museum of Brennbeg.

The landmark of **Sopron**, a bilingual town of 55,000 inhabitants, is the fire watch tower, which houses the city museum. The historic centre is captivating, with its atmospheric streets that are often used as a film set. Today, the city is often visited by Eastern Austrians for shopping.

Along the foothills of the “Rohrbach Forest”, the route leads you through **Harka** and over the border to **Neckenmarkt**. This award-winning Austrian red wine community (Blaufränkisch) is famous for the old tradition of flag spinning that goes back to the battle of Lackenbach in 1620. Learn more about it at the “Viticulture & Flag Spinning Museum”.



OVERNIGHT STAY:

- **Deutschkreutz:** www.deutschkreutz.at/gastgeber
- **Neckenmarkt:** www.neckenmarkt.eu
- www.burgenland.info
- **Special tip:**
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5th stage: Neckenmarkt - Lutzmannsburg (approx. 30 km)

The next town on your tour, **Raiding**, is entirely dedicated to the memory of composer and piano virtuoso Franz Liszt (1811-1886). His birthplace was turned into a museum and is located next to a modern concert hall for almost 600 visitors. In 2012, Japanese architect Terunobu Fujimori built “Storchenhaus” (Stork house), a guest house for cultural exchanges, followed by a modern resting place for cyclists called “Drei Wanderer” (Three Wanderers) in 2014.

After passing through **Kleinwarasdorf** with its church dating back to 1505 and **Kroatisch Minihof**, you will reach the Burgenland-Croatian community of **Nikitsch** with its beautiful castle in a large English park (private property). In **Lutzmannsburg**, you will have reached one of the country's most significant tourism communities. Here, the family-friendly spa “Sonnentherme” will make visitors want to take a relaxing break. Epicures know Lutzmannsburg as the portal to the land of Blaufränkisch wine. Just outside the market community, a monument commemorates the Iron Curtain.



OVERNIGHT STAY:

- www.burgenland.info
- **Lutzmannsburg:** www.lutzmannsburg.info
- **Special tip:**
Overnight stay at Storchenhaus
Neugasse 8, 7321 Raiding, Austria
www.raidingfoundation.org
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6th stage: Lutzmannsburg – Bozsok – Rechnitz (appr. 30 km)



In **Strebersdorf**, you will be cycling along the Bernsteinstraße (Amber Street), the most important Roman trade route, which was built during the 1st century. This will take you to **Frankenau-Unterpullendorf**, a settlement that used to be the largest Roman settlement in Burgenland. You will find antique relics at nearby town Großmutschen and funnel-shaped “sink holes”, pits made from the former mine’s caved-in shafts, in Unterpullendorf. And the “Mittelpunktstein”, the stone that marks the centre of Burgenland, is also located nearby. **Klostenmarienbergr**, built in 1197 as a daughter monastery of Heiligenkreuz Abbey, is known for its Chestnut Festival in the autumn.

Just after the border, you will reach **Ólmod**, a small, peaceful town, where archaeologists have excavated two ironworks. An idyllic forest accompanies you to pretty **Kőszeg**. This “architectural gem of Hungary” is a prime example of a successful city restoration - as medieval buildings in the historic centre and Castle “Jurisics” can attest. Its lord once managed to get a superior Ottoman army on the

run, which is why all the church bells in the town still ring every day at 11am, even today.

After crossing fields and meadows, you will reach **Kőszegszerdahely** and then **Bozsok**, an important settlement during Roman times. Today, the late Renaissance Castle Sibrik is one of the most charming attractions of the town. A few kilometres further, you will reach the small wine village of **Rechnitz**, located in the centre of the cross-border natural park of Geschriebenstein-Írótkő.



OVERNIGHT STAY IN RECHNITZ / INFORMATION

- Naturpark Geschriebenstein info centre: www.naturpark-geschriebenstein.at
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- Special tip: “Staying in the old mill”
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7th stage: Boszok – Bildein (approx. 30 km)

After passing through the old towns of **Bucusu** (first mentioned in 1236) and **Narda** with its town church dating back to the 13th century, you will reach **Felsőcsatár**, where the “Iron Curtain Museum” (Vasfüggöny Múzeum) awaits visitors with many interesting exhibits. After cycling along fields and a stretch parallel to the river Pinka, you will pass through **Vaskeresztes** to reach **Horvátlövő**, a town often populated by Croats, where a monument commemorates the victims of the World Wars as well as those of the uprising in 1956.

After **Pornóapáti**, you will reach **Bildein**, where the Burgenland historic house tells the tale of the development of the youngest federal state of Austria, from its birth in 1921 to current events. The wine culture house in the centre of the village is a meeting place for culture and gastronomy. And the “border experience trail” evokes special feelings, with its stations - such as a labyrinth, a trench with a bunker, a reconstruction of the Iron Curtain and, a floating bridge - intended to make



visitors reflect and debate. Another thought-provoking detail is a board with information about the infamous south-eastern wall located near the town.

• **Felsőcsatár, „Iron Curtain Museum“**
(Vasfüggöny Múzeum)
www.vasfuggonymuzeum.hu/galeria.html



OVERNIGHT STAY:

- **Bildein:** www.bildein.at/naechtigungen
- www.suedburgenland.info



8th stage: Bildein – Inzenhof (approx. 25 km)



Soon after **Szentpéterfa** (and crossing the border twice), the wine museum awaits you in **Moschendorf**, where numerous old wine cellars were rebuilt, including all by-gone implements and ornaments. Experts also appreciate the wine houses that can

be found here. If you have enough time, the water park in Moschendorf invite visitors to a relaxing bathing experience.

By passing through **Strem**, where you can admire the distant countryside from a platform, you will reach **Heiligenbrunn** with its romantic wine cellars. One hundred and twenty historic cellars from the 17th and 18th centuries, partly covered with straw, invite visitors to get acquainted with the Uhdler wine. The original wine from unmodified grapes ("direct producers") is held in high esteem by many people because of its fine wild berry notes. After passing through **Reinersdorf** and **Großmürbisch**, you will reach **Inzenhof**, where there used to be a land-mine field at the time of the Iron Curtain, next to St. Emmerich church. The golden tower cross of the church that was destroyed during World War II was blessed by Pope John Paul II. This is where your tour along the former dividing line of a now reunited continent comes to a very contemplative end...



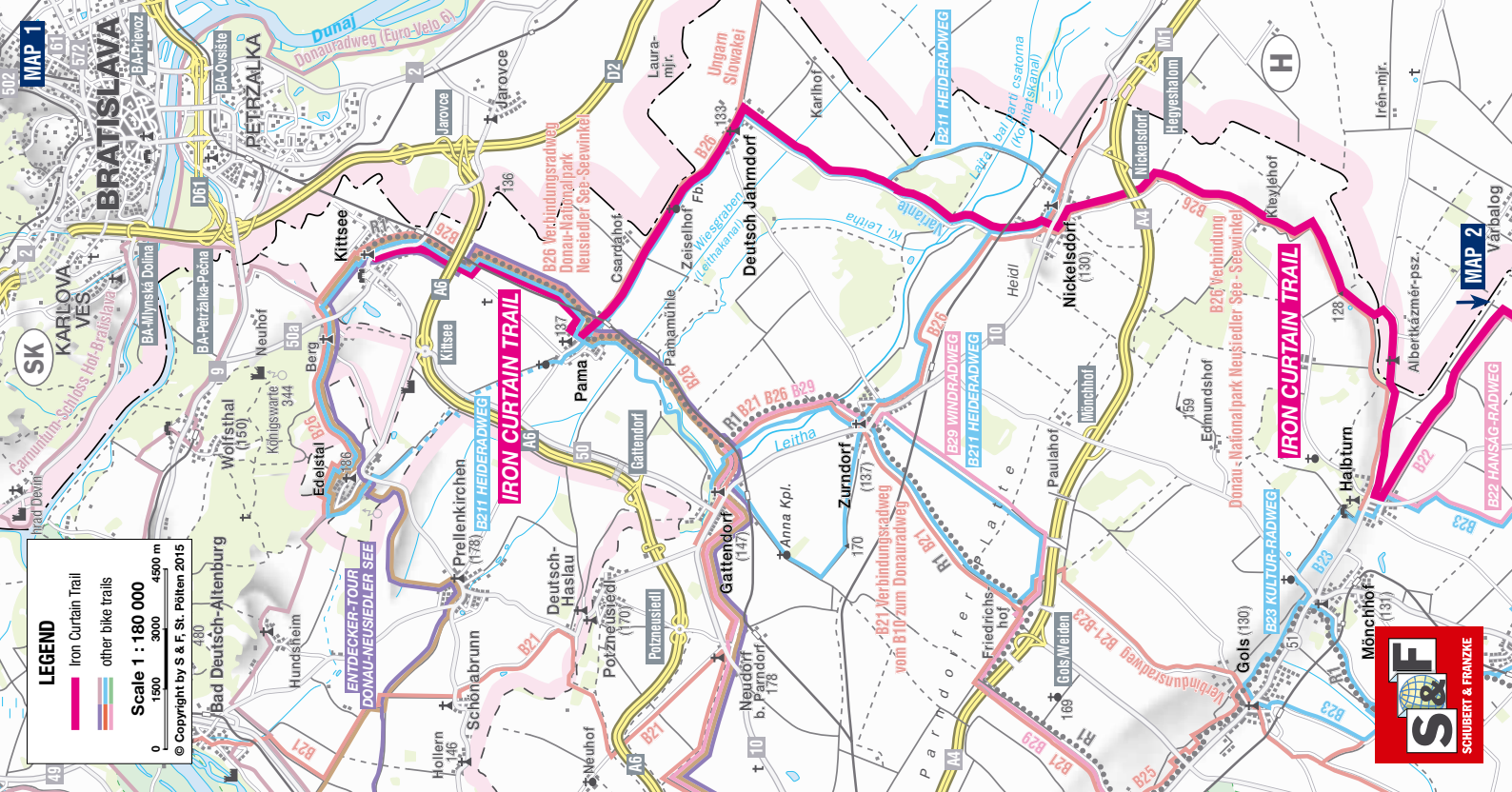
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- Heiligenbrunn: www.burgenland.info
- Special tip: „Kellerstöckl Kirchnäh“
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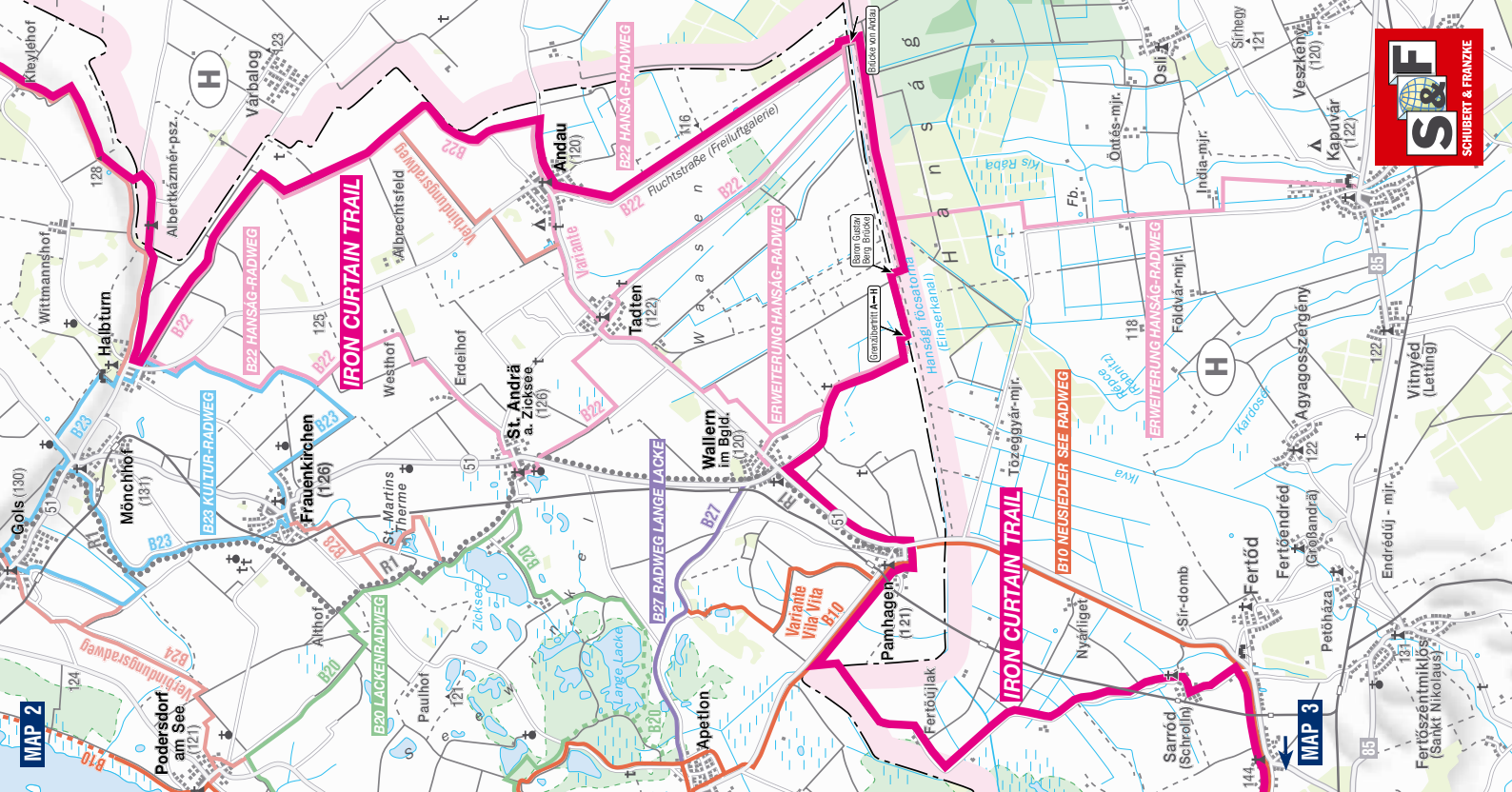
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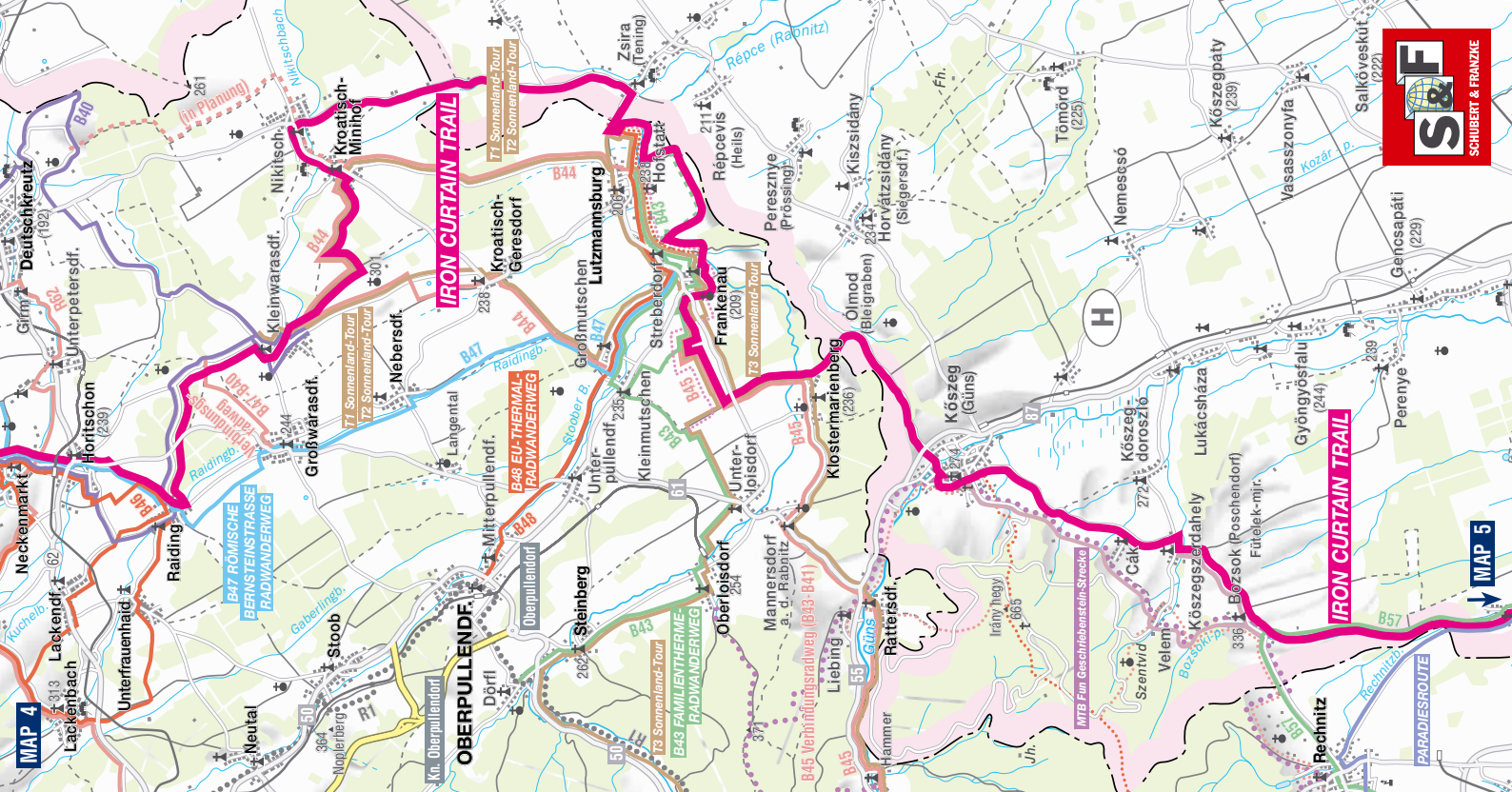
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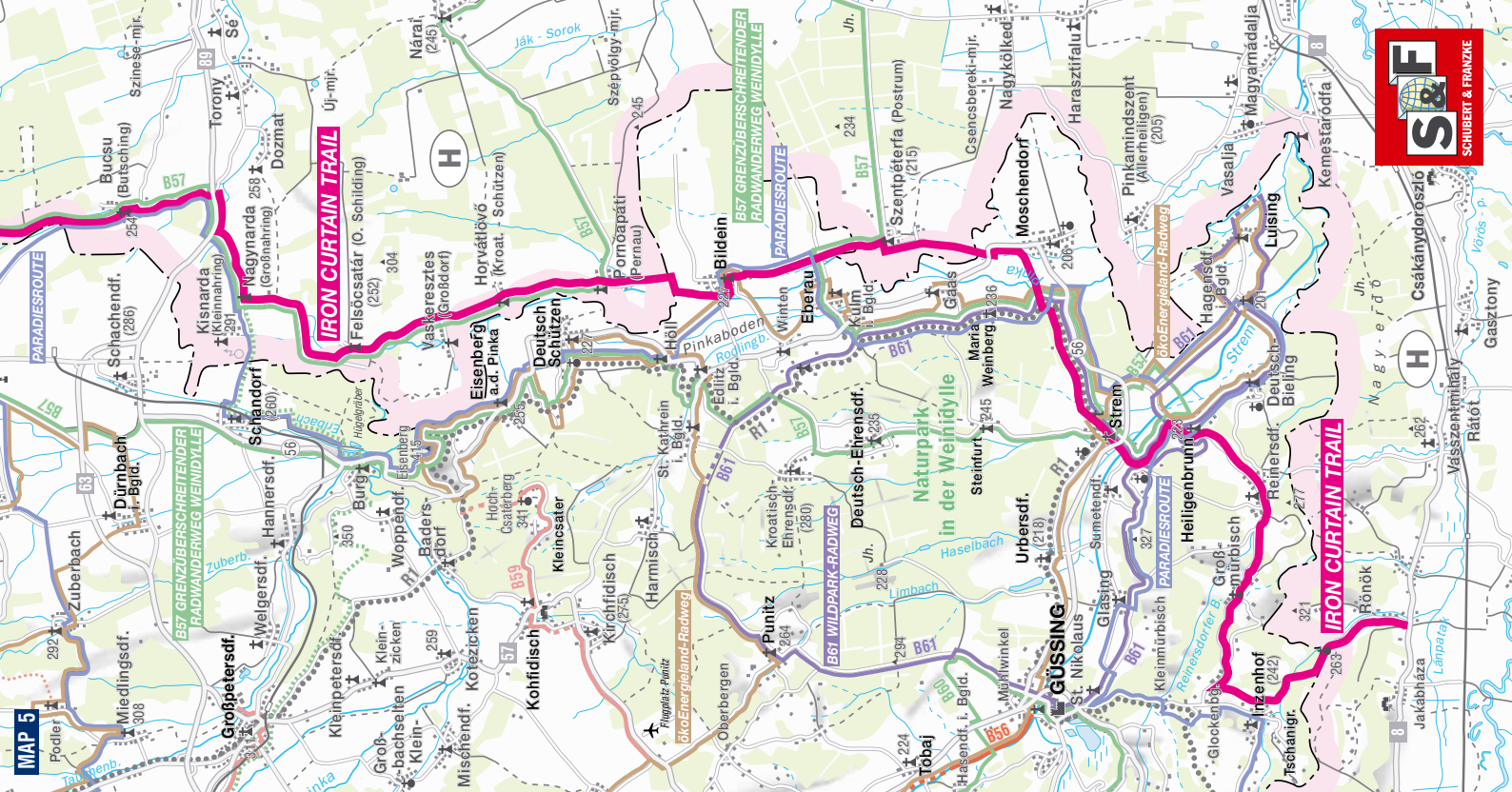
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So many highlights: **The Liszt Cycling Path** (Lisztwanderweg, B 46) starts in Raiding, where you will, among other things, encounter the virtuoso composer in the birthplace of Franz Liszt (1811-1886) and the Liszt Centre. A beautiful arcade courtyard and the adventure museum "Der Natur auf der Spur" (Tracking down nature) await you in the Esterházy Castle of Lackenbach. Lake Sonnensee in Ritzing and the wine and flag spinning museum in Neckenmarkt will tempt you to take a well-deserved break. And finally, the wine house in Horitschon will introduce you to the Blaufränkisch wine ..

The 38 km-long **Red Wine Cycle Path** (Rotweinradweg, B 40) is another circuit that leads through the diverse and undulating landscape of the land of Blaufränkisch wine. You will cross the wine region around Neckenmarkt and cycle along the southern slope of Ödenburg mountain and through the “Biri”

wine-growing area. You will get to know many towns such as Deutschkreutz, Horitschon and Raiding. You can visit Castle Deutschkreutz, Liszt's baptistry in Unterfrauenhaid and at the end of your tour, the swimming pool or vinatrium in Deutschkreutz.

The “Sonnenland Draisinentour” offers an unusual and very relaxing way to cycle, during which you will be able to experience Central Burgenland with a bicycle draisine. You will be cycling on an old 23 km-long railway line which leads from Deutschkreutz to Oberpullendorf..

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Cycling in Rosalia - mountain and castle

Experience this variety up close along the **Rosalia Cycling Track** (Rosalia Radwanderweg, B 32), which links Wiener Neustadt to the Kogl Cycle Path. The asphalt cycle path may have a few steep ascents, but this 21 km-long track features many attractions, such as Castle Forchtenstein and the bathing lake of Neudörfel.

In Walbersdorf, the Rosalia Cycling Track reaches the **Kogl Cycle Path** (Koglweg, B 30). This family-friendly, 34 km-long cycling circuit leads you to, amongst other attractions, the landscape protection area of “Rohrbacher Teichwiesen” with its botanic rarities such as the fringed gentian and pasque flower. The other cycle paths in Rosalia

also have lots to offer individuals and families alike. Connecting paths allow for detours to the Leitha Cycle Path (Leitharadweg, B 11) and Lake Neusiedl Cycle Path (Neusiedler See-Radweg, B 10). And if you take the **Hexenhügel Connecting Cycle Path** (Hexenhügel-Verbindungsradweg, B 33), the mysterious “witch hill” will make you wonder.

Rosalia is an El Dorado for **mountainbikers**. This unique mountain bike arena is almost 100 kilometres long. You can choose from five tracks. They all bear region-specific names, but some of them have reached nationwide fame and are interconnected by the “Buma Bia Track”.

- Mountain bike tracks/Cycle paths: www.burgenland.info/rad
- Information on the Rosalia region:
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