Sculpture “Wine and Stone” (Barbara Deutschmann) in Mediterranean garden.

Cork oak and wine – production of corks or bottles.

Our oak and wine – about barrels and barrique wines.

Sculpture “Le Cycle” (Wolfgang Völker) – circuits of life.

Sculpture “Custode de Vigneti” (Richard Lulay).

Vitis-garden. Vine varieties from vine-genetic centres of the world.

Vine rootstocks- the hidden part of the vine under the subsurface.

Resistance breeding – 100 years breeding activity for fungal-tolerant varieties.

Eco-garden. A collection of numerous fungal-tolerant varieties.

Clone selection – about selection work for efficient varieties.

Vine nutrition – similarities between haemoglobin and chlorophyll.

Soil conservation – measures of vine-growers for soil protection.

Integrated viticulture – useful animals and environment protecting viticulture.

Animal vermin in viticulture (underway)

Vineyard cottages of the Bergstraße why do they exist?

Fungal diseases of vines – the fears of vine growers

Prototypes of the vine. About original vines of the Rhine valley (intended)

Solar power station “vine” - the cyrcles photosynthesis – fermentation – respiration

Quality wines and quality pyramid – about ice wines and “Beerenlauslese”.

History of viticulture in “Roman's loop”.

Sculpture “Strata Montana” - (Josef Schmitt) and the Roman Villa.

Romans, vine and health. The effects of wine.

History about 100 years “Bergsträßer Winzer e.G” in Heppenheim.

Sculpture “Centurio” (Josef Schmitt) – memories at the historical location.

The annual growing cycle of the vine - genesis of the cluster

The year of a vine grower and his multifaceted work

Vine fretter, “Rebmuttergarten” and it’s historical meaning

Sculpture “Between Granite And Sandstone – birth of the wine” (Eva G. Wegner)

Viticulture and cultural landscape - about the environment „vineyard“

Vine-grafting: the oldest way of a biological pest control

Sculpture “Aus die Laus” – the victory over the vine fretter

Terroir – what does it mean? About soil, climate, weather, vine-growers and wine,…

Volcanic ashes in wine – importance of minerals for viticulture and wines

Wine-diamonds: The crystals in wines and their story

ADVENTURE TRAIL WINE AND ROCKS

On a distance of 6.9 kilometres (shortcuts possible), the adventure trail “wine and rocks” presents about 70 stations with numerous panels including pictures, interesting facts about wine, vine varieties, geology, clime, history, culture, flora and fauna of the “Bergstraße” region. In the midst of the UNESCO Geo-Naturpark “Bergstraße-Odenwald”, the trail shows many surprises. Several benches and a fantastic panorama overview over five German wine regions along the paved loop route along vineyard sites, invite to have a rest. Trees of peaches, almond and fig, mediterranean plants define the path.

Walk relaxed with your children along our pretty vineyard-landscape. An entertaining questionnaire picking up themes along the trail waits for them at the wine growers store. Discover our characteristics and specialties of viticulture in two “Vino-Kino” (wine cinema). Look through windows into our geological history. Meet sculptors who carved their emotions in stones. Look over the vine grower’s shoulder. Discover vine’s kinder garden or appreciate the vine grower’s work, which creates top wines in nature-oriented viticulture.

Don’t forget to say hello to the world wide web via webcam and take a souvenir photo. On www.weinundstein.de you can download it after your home-coming and view numerous other pictures, films and information about wine and rocks from Bergstraße. You will also find some references for events along the path.

We would like to wish you a nice time during your discovery journey through Germany's blooming and verdant spring garden. If your children bring the completed questionnaire to the “Bergsträßer Winzer e.G, a little surprise will wait for them.

After your hike, you can discover the culinary offers of the wine villages of the Bergstraße, with their historic and romantic old-town wine bars.

You can also participate in guided walks and wine seminars for newcomers, special tours and wine tastings related to selected topics of the trail as well as “Geo and Enjoyment” walks with the Geopark-Rangers.

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1 Start and destination at “Winzerbrunnen” (winegrower-fountain)
2 Geology in the UNESCO Geo-Naturpark Bergstrasse-Odenwald.
3 The Path “wine and stone” – Introduction and route.
4 “Vino-Kino” in the wine-growers cooperative. Presentation of grape varieties and ice wines.
5 “Art from soil” – Originally prepared soil-profiles of typical vineyard soils.
6 Formation of the vineyard soils of the Hessische Bergstrasse.
7 Location-mapping evaluating soil, climate and location conditions.
8 “Barrel-Vino-Kino” – films from wine growing and events round the clock.
9 50 km Bergstrasse visible on a 10m-board. A gigantic panorama-photo.
10 Sculpture “Terra Starkenburg” – relevance of the castle for wines and region.
11 Sculpture “Alte Kelter” (old wine press) from wine press to letterpress (under way).
12 Overview map of the path and geological overview.
13 “Hessische Bergstrasse” – vine varieties, vineyard sites and vine-growers.
14 Sculpture “Thanks to the grape vine” Alfred Wolf
15 Steep slopes-project “Nature Adventure Vineyard Steinkopf” (under construction)
16 Environment of the grape vine – requirements to soil and climate change
17 Sculpture “Stoney grape vine” (under way)
18 The origin of the different vine varieties and their usage.
19 Rare varieties – a collection of recovered vine varieties.
20 Formation of new varieties – the long way of hybridization.
21 Effects of climate change on viticulture of the Bergstrasse.
22 Zinfandel, formerly local, today discovered again.
23 Sculpture: “The Rockbottle at Steinkopf” – Klaus Kilian
24 Popular destination for Geocacher: Geo-reference point at Steinkopf.
25 Charts of international vine varieties – origin and usage.
26 Hunter’s house with two internet live-webcams on roof.
27 Magic stone-button: If you wish, you can take a souvenir photo. On www.weinundstein.de you can look at it.
28 Indigenous vine varieties like “Roter Riesling”, “Willbacher” from medieval age.
29 ApARTE birds (Lucia van Amsterdam) fly above vines.
30 Reaction to climate change. Risks and prospects for viticulture.
31 Palms, cypresses, pines, mulberry and olives in Mediterranean garden.
32 Artwork “extremes” (Ortwin Zeidler) open air painting
33 Forest-trees of future – What does climate change mean for us?