5th Section
St. Blasien – Todtmoos

In the St. Blasien spa park, past the former 9 abbey’s Baroque facade, starts the ascent to Lehenkopf (1,039m). From Dachsberg, the trail heads down into the Hotzenwald’s open landscape. Wide mountain meadows abound with heather, herbs, and many panorama views reaching to the Swiss Alps. Following the Ibacher Kreuz trail crossing, the landscape changes. The Schluchtensteig steeply zig-zags into the Hohwehraschlucht ravine directly to Todtmoos, an 10 historic pilgrimage site.

Length: 20 km
Duration: 6 h
Uphill: 558 m
Downhill: 520 m

6th Section
Todtmoos – Wehr

The final section from Todtmoos through Wehrschlucht ravine starts soft and sweet. As the ravine walls narrow in, they also become steeper and rockier. The 11 rocky forest preserve slopes reach up to 200 meters over the foaming river. There are many views downward and outward to the eastern side where you might see some goats on the slopes. At the Mettlerhütte rest area, hikers have one final opportunity to enjoy a view of the Swiss Alps. The trail gradually reduces altitude until crossing the dam wall of the Wehra reservoir. Then comes an easy walk along the river to the final destination in the palace park, featuring the 12 old and new palaces at the heart of the weaving and textile center of Wehr.

Length: 22 km
Duration: 7,5 h
Uphill: 480 m
Downhill: 938 m

Welcome to Schluchtensteig

1. Section
Stühlingen – Blumberg

Stühlingen, direct on the Swiss border, is the starting point of 119-km trail. After 4 kilometers you’ll see the valley station of the famed 1 “Sauschwänzlebahn” train. Comfortable forest trails lead you on to the museum train stop Lausheim-Blumegg. There, you can make a brief visit to the 2 Museum Mill (3 mill wheels, 5 grinding and stamping mills) before continuing to the lower part of Wutachschlucht with its cliffs. The “Wutachfähren” consist of steep rock towers, gigantic ferns, mossy stones, and knotty roots. This “back country forest” area of the Southern Black Forest partially consists of narrow, somewhat exposed paths. The ascent is soon lined with trees up to the Buchberg lookout point (880m). The rest area provides views of both the path behind and the hiking route for the following day.

Length: 19 km
Duration: 5,5 h
Uphill: 540 m
Downhill: 298 m