

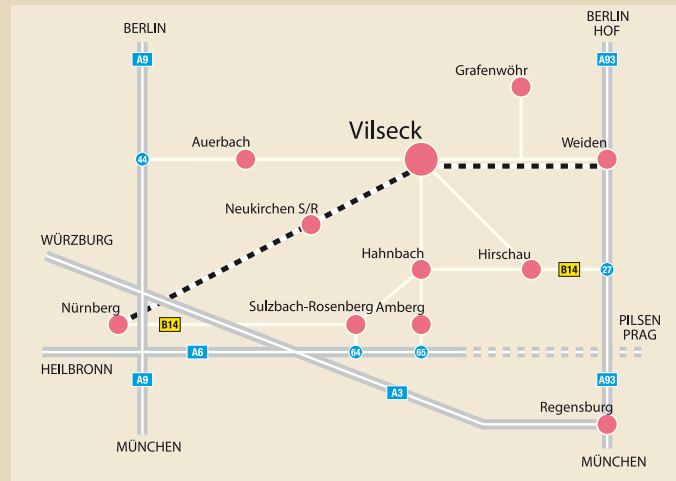
The castle's outer premises can be visited at all times. There is free access to the inner courtyard. The castle keep can be viewed on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m., during the season from April to September.

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Castle Dagestein is among the oldest buildings of the Town of Vilseck. It was constructed in the 12th century B.C. as a stone fortress which impressively mirrored the power and might of the clerical lord residing at the castle. The indisputable highlight of the site is the Romanesque castle keep. Its two lower levels date back to the turn of the 13th century, while the walls of the upper floors are adorned with nicely preserved mural paintings from the 14th century. The lookout on top of the castle keep offers a spectacular view of the town centre and the surrounding countryside.



- ① Castle Keep
- ② Inner Courtyard
- ③ Kolpinghouse
- ④ Circumvallation
- ⑤ Gate House
- ⑥ "Tithe Box"
- ⑦ "Kirwa-Stodl"

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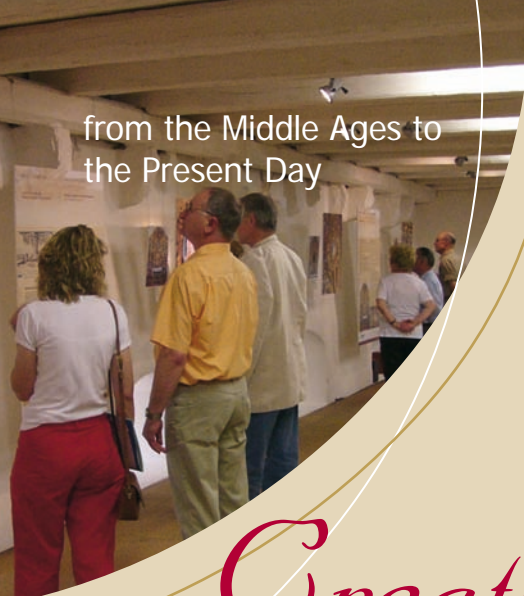
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Most of the preserved buildings belonging the castle grounds were however constructed in later times. The imposing "Tithe Box", for instance, was erected around 1700. This newly renovated building, in former times used to store the tithe people had to give to the church, is now used for many different occasions and events. The remains of the medieval circumvallation document the good, strong fortification of Castle Dagestein.



from the Middle Ages to the Present Day

Creativity

Castle Dagestein is an ideal "playground" for artists and other creative minds. The newly renovated "Tithe Box" provides excellent exhibition areas. The partly original sandstone masonry of the ground floor constitutes an attractive background for works of art. Likewise, the whitewashed walls of the keep's first floor show off paintings and other artistic creations to their best advantage.

Larger works of art, e.g. sculptures, are displayed in the newly remodeled courtyard against a stunning backdrop. Installations can be set up to extend from the yard, over the restored cellar vaults, all up to the various floors of the castle keep.

Exhibitions of works by remarkable visual artist, resident as well as visiting, are an integral part of the municipal cultural program. The season lasts from the end of March until September.

Castle Dagestein has become a centre of the regional social and cultural life.

The picturesque buildings and charming corners of the castle grounds, ranging from the vaulted cellar to the lookout on top of the castle keep, each create a very special, distinctive atmosphere. Therefore, Castle Dagestein and its various facilities are frequently used to house public events.

Castle Dagestein hosts not only concerts, theatre productions, medievalistic camps and Christmas fairs, but also a number of novel, extraordinary events like book and poetry readings in the vaulted cellar, tower serenades on various floors of the castle keep, or an open-air cinema in the inner courtyard. Check our programs or our website for information on current events.

Culture



from Concert to Cabaret



Lecture & Discussion

Conferences

The castle premises can also be used by societies, associations, firms, and individuals for various occasions. The "Tithe Box's" historic rooms are let for conferences and a host of private events.

The "Tithe Box" provides four different, newly renovated conference rooms, the two larger of which can house up to 150 people each.

Our conference rooms are equipped with the latest technology: ISDN connection, digital and overhead projectors, screens, presentation equipment, pinboard, and lectern.

Catering will be gladly provided by a number of local services which offer a great variety of food, ranging from local specialities over various menus to cold or warm buffets.

Castle Dagestein constitutes an amazing setting for civil marriage ceremonies, wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations, class reunions, or corporate parties.

Civil marriage ceremonies can be conducted in the castle keep's ground floor – a Romanesque gate hall – or on the lookout platform on top of the keep by one of Vilseck's registrars. The ground floor of the "Tithe Box" is a charming location for ceremonies with higher attendance.

The "Tithe Box's" historic halls are let for celebrations and parties. We are happy to arrange for a contact to local catering services.

At request, entertaining social programs can be organized. We offer, for example, guided tours around the castle tower, the "Erstes Deutsches Türmermuseum" ("First German Tower Museum"), or the old town centre. The latter can also be conducted by torchlight, led by the night watch of Vilseck.

Ceremonies



Weddings & Receptions

