

The origin of Steinreichskäpp

In the past, people walking along the river Moselle from Senheim to Mesenich would see lots of rather large cairns in the vineyard, called "Steinreichen".



The soil of the entire slope was heavily interspersed with stones. These stones were picked up when the land was reclaimed and they were piled up in mounds (Steinreichen)



with the help of panniers.

As no other village far and wide had as many cairns (and stones), the people of Mesenich were given the nickname



„Mesenicher Steinreichskäpp’.

Mesenich Stone-Rich Heads

Definition of the word "Steinreich" (rich in stones)

The meaning of the word is based on the old terms: "rech", "räch", and "räh". The verb "rechen" (to rake) is equivalent to the Gothic word "rikan" and means to paw or to scrape together. Thus, a "Steinrech" (cairn) is a mound of stones piled up by people. Over time, the pronunciation "Steinreich" prevailed.

Directions to the Steinreichskäpp



From Köln (Cologne)/Koblenz: Motorway A48 to Kaisersesch, then road L 98 toward Cochem. Cross the bridge there and follow the road L 98 upstream the Moselle via Beilstein.

From Mainz: Motorway A 61 to Rheinböllen, road B 50 toward Trier (Treves). Near Kirchberg, take the road B 421 toward Zell (Moselle). Near Tellig, take the road L 98 via Grenderich to Senheim. Take a right here and follow the road L 98 downstream to Mesenich.

From Trier (Treves): Motorway A 1 / A 48 to Wittlich, road B 49 toward Zell (Moselle). Follow the road B 49 until you reach Nehren via Alf. Then take the road L 98 and follow it across the bridge toward Senheim along the right bank of the Moselle.

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A cultural footpath in the Wine-Culture Region Moselle



Welcome to the Steinreichskäpp

The "Mesenich Steinreichskäpp" footpath is one of the experiences on offer in the Wine-Culture Region Mosel.



It is part of the "Mosel-Erlebnis-Route", the long distance hiking trail between Trier and Coblenz, and thus complements the many theme trails in an artistic and humorous way.

This cultural trail focuses on the people who shaped the Mosel region culture in this breathtaking country. In Mesenich, everything is about geology: "water, rocks and wine". Content and layout of our cultural project are in line with this short formula. It is thus the faces of important people from Mesenich carved in stone as well as the playful way of dealing with stones that make the "Steinreichskäpp" so unique. Hikers can also "interact" with stones in a creative and sportive way.



Our cultural trail follows well-kept paths from "Briederner Schweiz" to the "Skulpturenpark Senheim" and crosses three different discovery areas:



- Bank of the Moselle: water
- Village of Mesenich: building blocks and premium wines
- Vineyards routes: stones and wine



We wish you a "stone-rich" and pleasant stay and some happy hours with a glass of wine.

*Yours
Community of Mesenich*

