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Everyday life and leisure activities

Everyday Life

Other activities

Asylum seekers and such recognised persons can take up employment in the [Federal Voluntary Service](#) (Bundesfreiwilligendienst BufDi) and in the [Voluntary Social Year](#) (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr FSJ) without the consent of the central foreigner and specialist job agency.

The **consent of the immigration authority** is required. People in the BufDi (12 to 24 months) receive a qualification and a reference which can help them on their future career path and they learn German too. Furthermore, you are covered by health insurance and receive an insurance card.

Not-for-profit activities or participation in **refugee integration schemes**

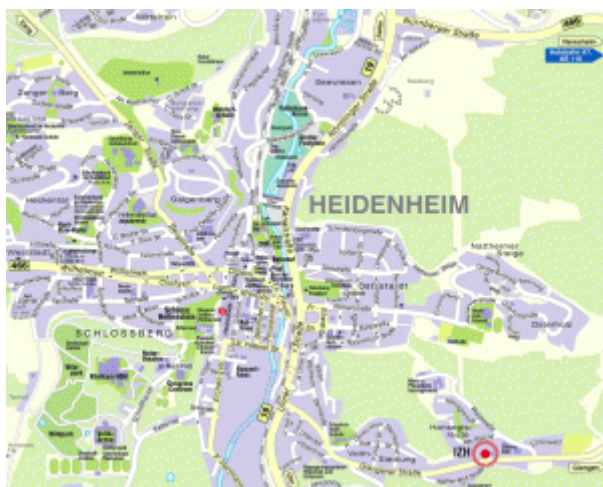
(Flüchtlingsintegrationsmaßnahmen FIM) are also a good way to learn German and get qualifications. Compensatory pay is 85 cents per hour for a maximum of 20 weeks voluntary work and 30 hours of refugee integration schemes. For more information, please contact your residence management.

There are clear rules for **business start-ups (self-employment)**. If you are only temporarily resident in Germany, you need permission from the immigration authority to start a business.

>> You can find more information about this subject [here](#) and [here](#).

Getting around / orientation

City map



For example, you can find a **street map of Heidenheim and the district of Heidenheim** [here](#).

You can also download the free app "[MAPS.ME](#)". Here is a street map of Heidenheim. The street map is **free of charge**. It works **offline** and has a navigation function.

(→**MAPS.ME** app in [Google PlayStore](#) and im [Apple AppStore](#))

Alternatively, you can also use Google Maps for example.

Bus and train

You can easily get around the entire district by **bus and train**. It is very important that you always have a **valid ticket** for them. If you do not have a valid ticket, you will have to pay a large fine.

You can find **timetable information for bus and train** [here](#).

Simply enter from where you are going (**start**), where you want to go (**destination**) and when you want to go (**date** / time).

The timetable is also available as an app (→Bus & Train app im [Google PlayStore](#) and im [Apple AppStore](#))

Bicycle

Of course you can also get around by bicycle.

There are many **cycle paths** throughout the district, which will get you to lots of places.

Bicycles also have to obey **traffic rules**.

An overview of the most important traffic rules in Germany (especially for cyclists) can be found in different languages on the "[germanroadsafety.de](#)" page.

Important road rules for cyclists (excerpt):

- Always ride on the right-hand side of the road
- Do not ride next to each other, but one behind the other
- If there is a cycle path, you must ride on the cycle path (always on the right side of the road in the direction of travel).
- Only children up to the age of 11 are allowed to cycle along the walkways
- Using a mobile phone on a bicycle is prohibited.

Purchase and repairs: When you buy your bike, make sure that it is equipped as follows and therefore safe to drive. Otherwise, you will have to pay a fine when subject to a police check.

- Front and rear lights
- Front and rear reflectors
- Reflectors in the spokes (2 per wheel)
- Reflectors on the pedals
- Bell

- Two independent brakes

You can buy second hand bicycles cheaply. You can find more information [here](#).

Housing

The law says that as long as your asylum procedure is in progress, you will live in **community accommodation**. Once you have received your approval, you will need to look for **private accommodation**. The [job centre](#) will pay for a suitable apartment for you. Please keep in mind what your **residence requirements** are.

When looking for a place to live, you can get help from your social worker at the community residence, from the [volunteer office](#) and from the [migrant council](#).

You can search for apartments in the following places for example:

- [Vonovia](#)
- [ImmobilienScout24](#)
- [Immobilien Welt](#)
- [Heidenheimer Zeitung](#) newspaper every Saturday, and every Wednesday in the Neuen Woche newspaper
- [Kreisbau](#)
Burgstraße 30
89537 Giengen

Explanation of important abbreviations for housing listings:

Whg. = Wohnung (flat); App. = apartment; WG= Wohngemeinschaft (shared accommodation); Zi. = Zimmer (room); ZKB = Zimmer-Küche-Bad (one room with kitchen and bathroom); EG = Erdgeschoss (ground floor); 1. OG = 1st Obergeschoss (1st floor); Wohnfl.= Wohnfläche (living space) EBK = Einbauküche (fitted kitchen); teilmbf. = teilmöbliert (partly furnished); Inkl. = inklusive (included); MM = Miete pro Monat (rent per month); NK = Nebenkosten (incidental costs); HK = Heizkosten (heating costs); Kaut = Kautio (security deposit)

Once you have found an apartment that might be suitable, you should arrange a **viewing appointment** straight away. If necessary, you should bring an interpreter. After the appointment, you should inform the agent straight away if you think the apartment is suitable.

If the landlord wants to rent the apartment to you, he should give you an **overview of the rental and incidental costs** or a **rental contract**. It must state the size of the apartment, the cost of the rent, and what the rent includes.

Please make sure before signing a rental agreement that there is no additional clause in the rental agreement stating that the apartment will be renovated by the renter after moving in and that one or two cold rents will be waived. The costs of the apartment for the rent-free period are not covered, nor are any renovation costs.

Important: You should not sign the rental contract yet!

First, you must bring it to the [job centre](#). The **job centre checks** the apartment. The job centre then decides whether the apartment is appropriate. You may have to send additional documents to the job centre or the landlord. You should do this as quickly as possible.

If the job centre thinks the apartment is appropriate, you can sign the rental agreement and move in. Before your move, consider the **transport options** for moving your possessions. If you need more furniture, you should make an **application for basic necessities** at the job centre as early as possible.

Please remember to inform the following institutions about your change of address:

- Job centre
- Registry office of your new place of residence
- Immigration office of your new place of residence
- Bank
- Health insurance company
- If you have children: School and kindergarten

It is advisable to arrange a “[Nachsendeantrag](#)” (forwarding request) at the post office so that your post will be forwarded to your new address.

Tenant guidelines

To make it easier for new tenants to settle into their neighbourhood and prevent potential problems from arising in the new setting, the organisation BBU Verband has created a document [containingtenant guidelines](#).

It is also available in [Arabic](#), [English](#) and [Urdu](#), [Farsi](#), [Tigrinya](#), [Somali](#) and [Russian](#).

Some of the topics covered in the guidelines (and described clearly using words and pictograms) are: “Proper care of the apartment”, “Heating and ventilation”, “Waste disposal” and “Living in a community”.

Broadcasting fees

In Germany, the broadcasters ARD, ZDF and Deutschlandradio provides independent radio, television and online content. The reporting on these channels is not influenced by economic or political interests. Everyone living in Germany pays money so that these services can exist. This is called “broadcasting fees”.

According to the law: A broadcasting fee must be paid by every residence in Germany. However, only one person in each residence needs to pay the broadcasting fee. It costs €18.36 per month and must be paid to the Fee Services department (Beitragsservice) of ARD, ZDF and Deutschlandradio. You can find more information on the Rundfunkbeitrag website: https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/index_ger.html

There is also multilingual information:

https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/welcome/index_ger....

Do I need to pay too?

Some people can be exempted from this payment. This is true, for example, for people who receive benefits under the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act, or other benefits. You need to submit an application to receive [an exemption from the broadcasting fees](#). The image in the following [flyer](#) (also available here in [English](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)) explains the steps you need to follow.

Contracts, telephone and internet

Do not sign anything you do not understand or cannot read.

It is possible that by signing your name you will be entering into a contract or an agreement. This could be expensive for you. Once a contract has been signed, it is very hard to cancel it.

Always compare different offers and do not let yourself be forced into signing anything.

Contracts in Germany (general)

In Germany, [freedom of contract](#) applies. If you want to use a smartphone, rent a flat, or join a gym, you will have to enter into a contract (either verbal or written). **Pay close attention to what the contract says.** How is the total price calculated? Are there additional monthly fees besides a one-off payment?

Contracts are binding and have to be followed. You can only terminate a contract within the **notice period** stated. If you are not sure if you can pay the ongoing costs or whether you have understood everything correctly, do not enter into the contract. Otherwise you could be liable for prosecution.

Explanatory videos in other languages: [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Urdu](#), [Pashto](#), [Dari](#).

Mobile phones (Handy)

a) You can enter into a **fixed contract** with a minimum contract term. This contract will renew automatically if it is not terminated. If you do not want this contract to be renewed automatically you have to make this known in writing. Make sure to observe the notice period.

b) You may enter into a **pre-paid contract** for your mobile phone. This contract offers more flexibility, as there is no minimum contract term. There are no monthly fees to be paid, because you decide when you need credit for your mobile phone.

Ask someone to help you find a good contract that suits your needs.

10 important questions about taking out a contract:

- What is the monthly fee? Does the fee increase after a certain period?
- Is there a minimum monthly fee?
- How long is the contract period (e.g. 12 or 24 months)?
- If I don't terminate the contract, will it automatically renew? When do I have to terminate the contract if I do not want it to be renewed?
- How much are the fees for setting up, changing or deactivating?
- What is the charging period (60/1, 10/10)?
- How much does it cost each minute (different/same network)?
- What are the costs for buying a mobile phone with and without a contract?
- How much does Internet access cost?
- How much does it cost to call abroad?

Internet

Asylum-seekers in Germany have **no legal right** to Internet access in their accommodation. There is therefore usually no Internet access in the accommodation facilities.

More information

You can find more information in different languages [here](#).

If you have problems concerning a contract, do not wait, but ask for help immediately. For example, make use of the social services support services at your accommodation.

If you have a contract-related problem, the Consumer Advice Centres in [Heidenheim](#) and [Ulm](#) offer a fee-based consultation.

You can find a list of lawyers in Germany [here](#).

Consumer Tips for Refugees

What do I have to look out for with a bank account? What are the hidden costs in mobile phone contracts? What do I do when I get a payment reminder? What is important to consider when I move into a new flat? The Federation of German Consumer Association (Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband, vzbv) offers free informationen videos on youtube to help refugees orient themselves in Germany and to protect them from consumer pitfalls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwiPiLJhcD8&list=...>

Third-Party Liability Insurance

If you do not intentionally cause damage to a person in Germany, you must pay compensation according to the law. This applies to personal injury, property damage and financial losses in the private sector. For example, if you cause a traffic accident or if your child breaks a window pane with a ball.

In Germany, you can take out a personal liability insurance policy that pays for these damages for you and your family/children. You can decide for yourself whether you want to take out this insurance. But we strongly recommend it.

Your Support Network can assist you in finding a good offer for personal liability insurance.

Please note the following checklist in [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#), [English](#), [Russian](#) and [German](#)!

Shopping

Here are some tips for where to buy inexpensive food and clothing.

Shopping tips:

- Reduced price food items can be found on the bottom shelves.
- Inexpensive food and toiletries can be found in discount supermarkets.
- Shopping trolleys can only be used inside the supermarket, which means you must use shopping bags to take your purchases home. It's best to bring your shopping bag with you.
- Cheap second-hand clothing is available in second hand clothing or charity shops.

Second hand clothing or charity shops:

- [Kleiderkammer Heidenheim](#)

Schloßhaustraße 98

89522 Heidenheim

☎ [07321 3583 27](tel:07321358327)



Tuesday: 9.00 am to 11.00 am

Wednesday: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

- **Der Sieben-Zwerge Laden**

Cheap children's clothing, toys and books, baby equipment and prams

August-Lösch-Straße 16

89522 Heidenheim



Tuesday to Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

- **Second Hand Laden Herbrechtingen**

Eselsburgerstr. 8

89542 Herbrechtingen

☎ [07324 981666](tel:07324 981666)

@ info@treffpunkt-kloster.de



Monday to Friday: 9.00 am - 12.00 pm

Tuesday to Thursday: 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

- **DRK Kleiderladen Giengen**

Marktstraße 39

89537 Giengen

☎ [07322 9566630](tel:07322 9566630)

@ kleiderglueck@drk-heidenheim.de



Tuesday to Friday: 09.30 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday: 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Saturday: 09.30 am - noon

Markt für Gebrauchtes

You will find used furniture, bicycles, electrical appliances and more here.

AWO Markt für Gebrauchtes

Leimgrubenäcker 1

89520 Heidenheim

☎ [07321 929370](tel:07321 929370)

Fax: 07321 929 572

Barter shop Stadtteiltreff Zanger Berg

Zanger Berg district meeting place

Berliner Platz 11



Every Monday afternoon 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Every Thursday afternoon from 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm

The "Give and Take" project offers citizens the opportunity to give away or take away unused items.

Basar calendar Heidenheim

On this page you will find bazaars (flea markets, children's clothes) in the district of Heidenheim where you can buy used goods:

<https://basarkalender-hdh.de/>

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, queer and intersex* (LGBTQI*) people

People of different religions, different genders, different places of origin and different political views all live together peacefully in Germany and have the same rights. This also applies to sexual orientation and gender identity. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender*, queer and intersex* (LGBTQI*) people have the same rights as anyone else in Germany.

For official documentation, Germany has recently added a third option, “divers”, to the traditional “female” and “male”. In Germany, transgender individuals can have their name and gender legally changed. Women are allowed to fall in love with and marry other women in Germany; the same is true for men.

👤 Many LGBTQI* people have fled their countries of origin due to discrimination and travelled to Germany. If you are a refugee who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender*, queer or intersex*, you can find support, community and social contact and information from the many LGBTQI* organisations in Germany. The “Queer Refugees Deutschland” project from LSVD can provide contact details and other information:

Lesben- und Schwulenverband in Deutschland (LSVD) (Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany)

“Queer Refugees Deutschland” project

🌐 www.queer-refugees.de

✉ queer-refugees@lsvd.de

The environment

Saving energy

Saving energy is important for the environment, and it can also save you a lot of money. To save energy, please keep the following in mind:

- When you have the heating on, make sure that all doors and windows are closed. Do not turn the radiator up all the way.
- Air your apartment for 10-15 minutes each day. Switch off the heating while you are airing it.
- Use water sparingly.
- Always disconnect any electrical equipment that you are not using.
- Turn off the light when you are the last one to leave a room.

Separation household waste

In Germany, everyone must separate their household waste. There are specific regulations about how to dispose of waste and how to separate it beforehand.

- The only waste that can go in the **general waste bin** is waste that cannot be sorted into the following disposal categories – for example, clumps of dirt.
- Kitchen and garden waste must be disposed of in the **brown organic “bio” waste bin**. If you have large amounts of garden waste that do not fit into the organic waste bin, this must be bundled up on and can be left in front of the house for collection on specific dates.
- Sales packaging such as plastic containers, plastic films, aluminium and cans must be disposed of in the **yellow bag**. Yellow bags are available at the town hall, among other places.
- **Waste paper** can be disposed of in recycled paper containers or can be placed ready for collection in front of the house. Collection associations (Vereinssammlungen) need to put their waste paper either in a box or tied up in a bundle.

Glass and cans for recycling can be disposed of in a **general collection container**.

Unwanted items of clothing can be disposed in a recycled clothing container or given to a second-hand clothing or charity shop.

Items which contain **pollutants** must be **disposed of in a special way**. Batteries are an example of these. These can be disposed of at the [waste disposal centre in Mergelstetten](#) or at [recycling centres](#).

You can find the collection dates for household waste and organic waste bins, yellow bags, collection associations and garden waste in the [collection calendar](#).

Money

Current account

To open a current account, you need to choose a bank.

Tip: Different banks offer current accounts with different terms. Find out exactly what the monthly cost is for a current account and what services the bank offers for this.

To open the account you need a **valid ID** (for example, your temporary residence permit). This must be the **original** – a copy is not sufficient.

If you do not speak German or English, come with a **translator** or a [language mediator](#).

A current account allows you to:

- Deposit and withdraw money at the bank's counter
- Pay using a bank card instead of cash
- Transfer money
- Print your account statements
- Set up standing orders

Once your bank account has been opened, you will receive a **bank card** and a 4-digit **PIN code**. Sign the bank card on the back and memorise your PIN code. You need a PIN to make bank card payments and withdraw cash at the ATM. Keep the PIN code and the bank card separate!

If you enter your PIN code incorrectly 3 times, your card will be retained and disabled. If this happens, contact your bank.

If your bank card is lost or stolen, you should immediately have your card disabled: Tel: [116 116](tel:116116) (available 24 hours).

To do this, you must provide your bank sort code and your account number or IBAN number. You will need to apply for a new bank card at your bank.

It is important that you have sufficient money in your account when you make withdrawals and payments. Otherwise you might have to pay additional fees.

Services

If you receive **monthly payments from the regional council (Landratsamt)**, you can have them paid directly into your account. You must show the **original copy of the bank account contract** to the [asylum seeker benefit authority](#).

As soon as you are recognised as a person entitled to asylum or refugee status, your right to benefits under the AsylbLG law ends. You then receive benefits under the Social Security Code (SGB). You can apply for these at the [job centre](#).

Leisure Activities

With the "Landesfamilienpass" you can visit various excursion destinations in Baden-Württemberg with your family free of charge or at a reduced price. Further information is available [here](#). You can apply for the "Landesfamilienpass" at the [municipal administration](#) in your place of residence.

Current events in the city and district of Heidenheim can be found here:
<https://veranstaltungen.heidenheim.de/veranstaltungen/suche/neu/>

open sports activities

Open sports activities

Heidenheim

[Parcour followed by a box workshop](#)

Target group: Adolescents and young adults (**bring clean shoes!**)

The training is different than most sports. It's hard but fun. The focus is on playing with your own environment, be creative and work out to surpass yourself and your own limits! Be it on walls, stairs or wall projections. Body control is everything! Afterwards there will be a box workshop, which will be accompanied by a professional trainer.

Start in March

- Every Week on Thursday from 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Gym of the Ostschule
Ostplatz 1
89522 Heidenheim an der Brenz

Midnight sports

Target group: Adolescents and young adults from 12 to 20 years (**bring clean shoes for the gym!**)

Under the supervision of sports instructors and social educators, young people can transform the hall into a sports arena for all kinds of sports suitable for the hall. The sport and the team composition is in the decision of the young people.

Once a month on Saturdays from 8.00 pm to 12.00 pm (under the age of 14 until 10.00 pm).

- Turnhalle Hellensteingymnasium
Bahnhofplatz 8
89518 Heidenheim an der Brenz
- Contact: Stadt Heidenheim Jugendreferat
Phone: [07321 3275315](tel:073213275315)
Mail: jugendreferat@heidenheim.de

RedboxKickers (Football/soccer)

Target group: Adolescents and young adults from 15 to 35 years (**bring clean shoes!**)

Every week on Mondays football-loving young adults gather to play football together. Anyone who enjoys the sport can take part. There is no training during the school holidays.

Winter season:

Mondays, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the Bühlturnhalle Heidenheim

Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse 8

89522 Heidenheim on the Brenz

Summer season:

Mondays, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm on the FES sports field in Heidenheim

Giengen

„Schlau & Couragiert – Gewalt verliert!“

Target group: Adolescents and adults (**bring clean shoes for the gym and socks for Sambo!**)

Within the framework of the "Sport Integrativ" program, various martial arts are offered in Giengen

- AWO Werkstatt,
Heidenheimer Str. 49
89537 Giengen on the Brenz
<https://www.awo-heidenheim.de/jugend/sport-integr...>

Thai boxing

Target group: Adolescents and adults (**bring clean shoes!**)

Open offer for Thai boxing under the supervision of a trainer.

- Fridays from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
AWO-Werkstatt,
Heidenheimer Str. 49
89537 Giengen an der Brenz

Open cafes

An open cafe is a place where people go to meet up, whether by prior arrangement or simply by dropping in. This offers the opportunity to come into contact with a wide range of people. Also consider the [meeting places for families](#).

There are the following open cafes in Heidenheim, for example:

- **[Café Treffpunkt](#)**
Helmut-Bornefeld-Straße 2
89522 Heidenheim
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sunday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm
- **[Café 8](#)**
Bergstraße 8
89518 Heidenheim
Opening hours:
Monday to Thursday: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **[Cafe in the multigenerational house Heidenheim](#)**
The multi-generational house offers an open café for people of all ages
August Lösch road 26/1
89522 Heidenheim at the Brenz



Youth centres

A youth centre is a place **for young people** where they can spend their free time.

The **contact people on site** offer various offers and programmes for children and young people.

There are the following youth centres in the district of Heidenheim:

Heidenheim:

- **Treff 9**
Friedrichstraße 9
89518 Heidenheim
 [07321 3275350](tel:073213275350)
 @treff9@heidenheim.de



Tuesday to Friday: 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- **Jugendtreff Schwende - closed at the moment!**

Friedrichstraße 9

89518 Heidenheim

☎ [073215305633](tel:073215305633)

@ jugendtreffschwende@heidenheim.de



Tuesday to Friday: 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- **Kinder- und Jugendhaus Mittelrain**

Mittelrainstraße 118

89520 Heidenheim

☎ [0732165796](tel:0732165796)

@ jugendreferat@heidenheim.de



Tuesday to Thursday: 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- **Jugendtreff MOVE Voith-Siedlung**

Walther-Wolf-Straße 18

89522 Heidenheim

☎ [01622742114](tel:01622742114)

@ k.hoecker@awo-heidenheim.de



Tuesday to Friday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- **Redbox Heidenheim**

open youth work

Sudetenstraße 9

89518 Heidenheim

@ info@redbox-heidenheim.de

Redbox Jugendtreff

Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Giengen:

- **Haus der Jugend Giengen**

Spitalstraße 5/1

89537 Giengen

☎ [07322 958640](tel:07322_958640)

@ HausderJugend@giengen.de



Tuesday to Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Herbrechtingen:

- [Jugendhaus Herbrechtingen](#)

Lange Straße 56
89542 Herbrechtingen

☎ [07324 9833076](tel:073249833076)

@ jugendhaus@stadt-herbrechtingen.de



Monday to Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Königsbronn:

- **Caritas - Ostwürttemberg Jugendtreff Königsbronn**

Paul-Reusch-Str. 6
89551 Königsbronn



Monday 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Gerstetten:

- [Caritas Ostwürttemberg C-Punkt Gerstetten](#)

Karlstraße 67
89547 Gerstetten

Clubs

There are a lot of **clubs and associations** in the district of Heidenheim. Everything is represented, from sport clubs, to music societies to animal protection associations.

Anyone can join a club. This is a great way to get in touch with people and find new friends.

You normally have to pay an annual **membership fee** to become a member. For more detailed information, please contact the club directly.

The membership fee could possibly be paid by the [regional council or job centre](#). You need to complete an Education and Inclusion ([Bildung-und-Teilhabe \(BuT\)](#)) application. Their expert advisors will be happy to assist you.

You will find a list of all the local clubs in each place on the city's web pages:

[Heidenheim](#)

[Giengen](#)

[Herbrechtingen](#)

[Sontheim](#)

[Gerstetten](#)

[Dischingen](#)

[Steinheim](#)

[Niederstotzingen](#)

[Königsbronn](#)

[Hermaringen](#)

[Nattheim](#)

Excursions in the district

The district of Heidenheim offers a variety of excursion opportunities. Most of the excursion options listed are suited for the whole family.

Visit the website of the [Heidenheim Brenz region](#). You will find lots of information about cycle paths, footpaths and excursions there.

Königsbronn

Brenzursprung

The Brenzursprung spring is one of the most beautiful and important Karst springs in the Swabian Alb region. Beside the Brenzursprung spring is the town hall and the hydropower-operated hammer-smith complete with Kneipp treatment facility.



Herwartsteinstraße
89551 Königsbronn

[Georg Elser Gedenkstätte](#)

The Georg Elser Memorial is in memory of the carpenter Georg Elser, who grew up in Königsbronn and who tried to prevent the war with his attempted assassination of Adolf Hitler on 8th November 1939.



Herwartstraße 2
89551 Königsbronn

Itzelberger See

The Itzelberger Lake is a popular recreation area in the suburb of Itzelberg. There is a path around the edge of the lake.

Gerstetten

[Railway museum and museum trains on the local railway](#)

The operation and construction of the railway are documented with plans, drawings and photographs. Other areas of the exhibition are historic railway and track construction technology and the railway administration office.

The museum trains run on the local railway between Gerstetten and Amstetten from May to October every Sunday and on public holidays.

You can get tickets on the train. Children's bikes and bicycles are carried free of charge on all trains.



Am Bahnhof 1
89547 Gerstetten

Giengen

[Steiff Museum](#)

Giengen an der Brenz is known as the birth place of the teddy bear. The Steiff Museum was opened on the 125th anniversary of the company and contains more than 2000 Steiff animals.



Margarete-Steiff-Platz 1
89537 Giengen

[HöhlenErlebnisWelt - Charlottenhöhle cave adventure world](#)

The Charlottenhöhle cave is one of the longest caves in southern Germany. Visits to the cave are always accompanied a guide and take you on a journey of discovery through the earth's history.

The HöhlenHaus cave house informs visitors about the origin, discovery and opening of the cave.



Lonetalstraße 61
89537 Giengen-Hürben

[Bergbad swimming pool](#)

The Bergbad has a main swimming pool, a non-swimmers' pool, a giant slide and a children's paddling pool with mini-slide. You can also play table tennis, minigolf or beach volleyball.



Auf dem Schießberg
89537 Giengen

Indoor pool in the Walter-Schmid-Halle



Beethovenstraße 12
89537 Giengen

Steinheim am Albuch

Meteorkrater-Museum meteor crater museum

The museum shows the effects of meteoric impacts above and below the earth's surface. Animal and plant fossils are also exhibited and explained.



Hülbenweg 4
89555 Steinheim am Albuch

Dischingen

Burg Katzenstein castle

Katzenstein Castle is probably one of the oldest castles in Southern Germany.



Oberer Weiler 3
89561 Dischingen

Nattheim

Korallen- und Heimatmuseum coral and local museum

The Coral and Local Museum offers an insight into local history. In addition to petrified sponges and corals, various fossils are also exhibited.



Neresheimerstraße 9
89564 Nattheim

Ramensteinbad swimming pool

The Ramensteinbad has a sports pool, an outside pool, a water slide, a parent-child area and a beach volleyball field in the outdoor area.



Dieselstraße 22
89564 Nattheim

Herbrechtingen

Jurawell spa and swimming pools

The bathing area is divided into swimmers, non-swimmers and children's pools, as well as a sauna area.



Baumschulenweg 27
89542 Herbrechtingen

Hermaringen

Güßenburg

Güßenburg Castle is located on the Schlossberg hill and was probably built in 1216. In 1448 Güßenburg Castle was destroyed in the city war and was never subsequently rebuilt.

Sontheim an Brenz

Galluskirche church in Brenz

The foundations of this church go back to the Roman era.



Schloßstraße
89567 Sontheim an der Brenz

Excursions in Heidenheim

The district of Heidenheim offers a variety of excursion opportunities. Most of the excursion options listed are suited for the whole family.

Visit the website of the [Heidenheim Brenz region](#). You will find lots of information about cycle paths, footpaths and excursions there.

Heidenheim

Brenzpark

The Brenzpark invites you to relax and unwind at any time of the year. In addition to beautiful garden areas, there are plenty of activity and play areas, such as playgrounds and the skatepark.

Hellenstein Castle

Hellenstein Castle is a Heidenheim landmark and is located 74 metres high on the Hellensteinfelsen cliffs. [Opera festivals](#) take place annually in the ruins of the Rittersaal.

In the castle grounds can be found [Hellenstein Castle museum](#).



Schloss Hellenstein
89522 Heidenheim

Museum in the Roman Baths

The museum shows the remains of the important Roman settlement, ancient Aquileia, at Heidenheim about 3 metres below today's street level.

Entry: free



Theodor-Heuss-Straße 3
89518 Heidenheim

[Wildpark Eichert nature reserve](#)

The nature reserve is located in the middle **of the forest on the Schlossberg peak**. There are many **different animals**, which you are only allowed to feed with special feed from the feed dispensing machines.

Opening hours: open all year

Entry: free



Wildparkweg
89522 Heidenheim

[Heidenheim Art Museum](#)

The permanent exhibition presents a selection of Picasso posters and print graphics. Changing exhibitions present classical modernism and contemporary art.



Marienstraße 4
89518 Heidenheim

[HellensteinBad aquarena pool and spa](#)

There are different swimming pools, slides and a slackline. There are also saunas, solariums, Kneipp pools and a relaxation area.



Friedrich-Pfennig-Straße 24
89518 Heidenheim

[Waldfreibad Heidenheim woodland outdoor pool](#)

The woodland outdoor pool offers a sports pool, a diving area, a children's pool and a non-swimmer's pool.



Jahnstraße 43
89518 Heidenheim