

## **archaeopfad ROSENSTEIN**

### **15000 years of history on the *Rosenstein***

13000 Upper Palaeolithic

8000 Mesolithic

5000 Neolithic

1600 Bronze Age

750 Hallstatt Period

250 Latène Period

0 Roman Imperial Period

300 Migration Period

500 Early Middle Ages

1050 Central Middle Ages

1250 Late Middle Ages

### **archaeopfad ROSENSTEIN – tracing the former inhabitants**

#### **The *Rosenstein***

The *Rosenstein* near *Heubach* is a unique archaeological heritage in southern Germany with an outstanding scientific and historic relevance. Nowhere in the immediate vicinity, you will find such a comparatively high number of archaeological remains on such a concentrated space and from so many prehistoric and historic periods. Pleistocene reindeer hunters already occupied the caves in the *Rosenstein* massif in the Upper Palaeolithic 15000 years ago. The long history of settling on this imposing mountain ends with the lords of the castle *Rosenstein* moving down to the town of *Heubach* as late as in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Several caves from the Stone Age, impressive fortifications from the Metal Ages, the medieval castle as well as numerous excavation finds prove the strong attraction of this far visible mountain for humans since the Ice Age.

In the Bronze Age, people already used the strategic function of this mountain formed like a peninsula with its uniquely natural protection by building large fortifications to protect a large area. These mighty walls and trenches can be easily imagined when walking along the paths on the plateau.

It is comprehensible that the *Rosenstein* have been attracting the attention of archaeologists and local historians for a long time. First excavations already took place in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by *Friedrich Hertlein*, *Franz Keller* and *Robert Rudolf Schmidt*. But even today, 100 years later, the *Rosenstein* has not yet revealed all of its secrets and therefore stays a highly attractive object of scientific research.

## The *archaeopfad ROSENSTEIN*

**Hike** across the archaeological gem of *Heubach* and experience the past.

**Feel** the history of this particular mountain.

**Follow** the traces of the first occupants of the *Rosenstein* on a circular path in a lovely scenery.

**Read** about archaeological secrets at 11 stations of information.

**Learn** interesting facts about the archaeological remains and the life of the former inhabitants.

## Hiking on the *archaeopfad ROSENSTEIN*

The *archaeopfad Rosenstein*® with a length of 6 kilometers and an altitude of 266 meters on the plateau of a massif is designed as a circular path, but can also be visited in segments any time. Some short parts of routes and paths to only a few caves are on steep terrain and/or have stairs. These parts are only to be visited with sturdy comfortable shoes and are not accessible with a buggy. Please, mind the advice given on the map.

### Map Legend

- 1 **Wall A and B**
- 2 **Wall D**
- 3 **The cave Finsteres Loch**
- 4 **The cave Große Scheuer**
- 5 **The cave Haus**
- 6 **Celtic hilltop settlements**
- 7 **Wall C**
- 8 **The open-air site Sand**
- 9 **Castle ruin Rosenstein**
- 10 **The cave Kleine Scheuer**
- 11 **The cave Dreieingangshöhle**



position

\_\_\_\_\_ hiking path



not accessible with buggy

----- trail / stairs



accessible with off-road buggy