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A cultural trail for the visually impaired

Around Useldange castle there is a special cultural trail. It is even protected by UNESCO. UNESCO is an organisation that protects important places all around the world. Along the trail, there are 16 stations where you can discover how people used to live here. The best part: people who cannot see well can also feel, hear and even smell the history! You will also learn about the animals living in the area and discover many plants and herbs in the herb garden. Special signs there make it possible for all visitors to take part.

Starting point and parking:

2, rue de l'Église
L-8706 Useldange



Length of the trail: 1.5–2 hours



USELDANGE CASTLE in Useldange

Many hundreds of years ago, around the year 1100, a large castle was built in Useldange. Theobald and Azeka of Useldange lived there. They were the lord and lady of the land. Can you imagine what life at the castle was like back then? Later, the castle belonged to other knights and counts. It was damaged several times during wars, and before long it fell more and more into ruin. In 1924, a woman named Anna Kuhn-Wolff bought the old castle. She had been born in Useldange but had lived in America for many years. She built a new villa on the castle grounds. Do you know what is exciting? The villa she built is now the town hall of Useldange!

Starting point and parking:

Useldange Castle
2, rue de l'Église
L-8706 Useldange

Opening hours:

daily from 08:00 to 19:00

Visiting the castle is free of charge.



A Trip to Useldange



Today Emil and I are going on a trip to Useldange with Dad. There is an old castle there with an interesting and educational trail where you can learn exciting things everywhere.

“Knights and noble ladies used to live here,” Dad explains as we walk towards the castle. “But there was also a woman in Useldange whom many people feared: Katrin Theis.”

“A witch?” Emil asks curiously, looking around as if she might appear from behind a tree at any moment.

Dad replies seriously: “People said she healed others with herbs. Some called her a witch, others a healer. She was someone special, and nobody really knew what to think of her.”

We walk across a wooden bridge spanning the moat and enter the castle courtyard. Above our heads, a black crow flaps through the air with a loud caw. Emil jumps aside. The courtyard is surrounded by high old walls. A cool wind blows through it, carrying the scent of damp stone.

We continue along the trail. Herbs and flowers grow everywhere. On the information boards, we read more about the plants and how they were used in the past. Sunlight shines through the branches and dances across the old cobblestones.

On one of the viewing panels, there is a picture of a woman with flowers and herbs.

“That must be Katrin,” I say as I pretend to be her.

“Emil, take a picture of me.”

Down in the crypt, a fresh breeze suddenly blows. It carries a delicate scent of mint and wild herbs. Shortly afterwards, I spot the black crow again on the roof of the villa in the castle courtyard.

“Katrin Theis...” I whisper in awe.

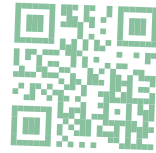
Dad laughs. “Maybe. Or maybe it’s just the wind and an ordinary bird.”

But Emil and I are certain: Katrin was there. She saw us and is still watching over the castle. The woman who was more healer than villain.

With a smile on our faces, we walk back to the bridge. I can feel that this castle is full of stories and that today we discovered a small part of them.



Quiz around Useldange castle



Quiz path

The fish bridge

1. How many fish are on the bridge near the Attert?
 - a) 12
 - b) 9
 - c) 10

Gardens

2. Find the herb "thyme". What is its Latin name?
 - a) Thymus Vulgaris
 - b) Thymus Officinalis
 - c) Thymus Bularis
3. How many types of gardens are there?
 - a) 8
 - b) 2
 - c) 4



The castle courtyard

4. How many points do the stars on the coat of arms above the castle entrance gate have?
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 6

5. Which animal is on the roof of the villa in the castle courtyard?
 - a) Eagle
 - b) Wild boar
 - c) Chicken



The Round Tower

6. In the month of May, the theme is music and leisure. Where are the musicians sitting in the colourful picture?
 - a) Carriage
 - b) Boat
 - c) Bicycle

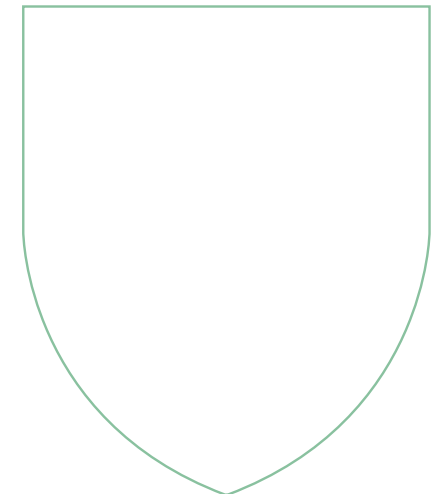


The Donjon (Square Tower)

7. What game can be found here?
 - a) Chess
 - b) Ludo
 - c) Nine Men's Morris

Cemetery / Old Church

Imagine this were your castle!
Draw your own coat of arms.

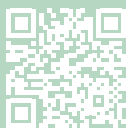


Solution: c, a, c, a, a, b, a

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ManuKultura

In the shadow of Useldange castle stand the old buildings of the former watermill. Today, the site is full of life and activity once again! Many creative, exciting and fun activities take place here for children and adults. Everyone can join in, discover and learn something new!



Address and parking:
1, am Millenhaff
L-8706 Useldange
www.manukulturauseldeng.com




EXTRAS

Gnome trail

The gnome trail is a 2.76 km route with 12 stations through Useldange. The trail begins in front of the TouristInfo Wälle Westen. Here, you can pick up a flyer with the route description. The trail is not signposted, but the flyer will help you find all 12 gnome stations.

Starting point and parking:

 TouristInfo Wälle Westen
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You can also find the flyer on the website of the municipality of Useldange.



Wiichtelcherswee zu Useldeng

