

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCH OF THE VOLVO 480

THE VOLVO 480 MEET UP 2026

22. - 25. MAY 2026



PROGRAMME

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FRIDAY 22.05.2026

FIRST ARRIVALS

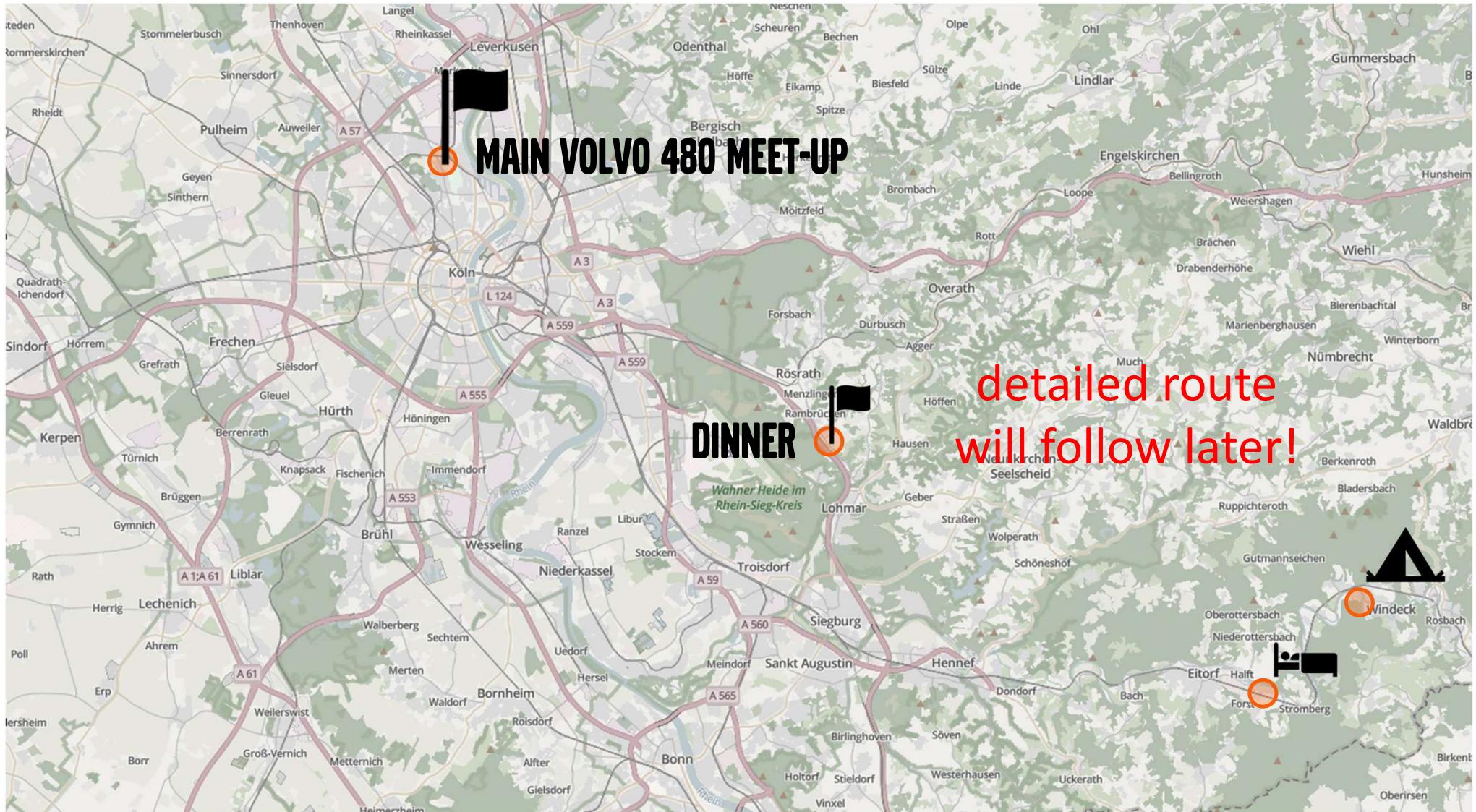
- In the evening at the hotel
- a first "hello again" at the hotel bar



SATURDAY 23.05.2026

RECORD BREAKING DAY

- Start at the Hotel or wherever you are
- 11:00 - The Main Volvo 480 Meet-up @ horse-racing track in Cologne
 - Short Trip to the Dinner location
 - 18:00 - Let's have Dinner together
 - Trip back to the Hotel,...



MAIN EVENT

SATURDAY 23. MAY 2026

THE MAIN VOLVO 480 MEET-UP @ HORSE-RACING TRACK IN COLOGNE

Time: 11:00 to 17:00

Location: The Cologne-Weidenpesch Racecourse (*Galopprennbahn Köln-Weidenpesch*) is one of Germany's oldest and most prominent horse-racing tracks. The larger of the two grandstands was designed as a cast iron and timber framing structure in 1898.

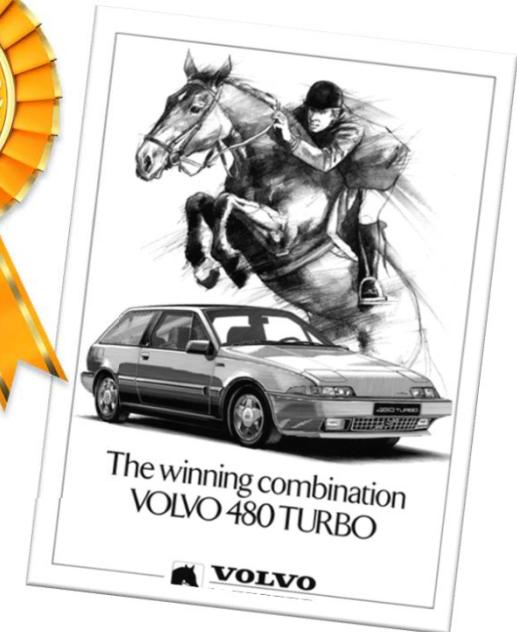
Address: Kölner Renn-Verein 1897 e.V, Rennbahnstraße 152, 50737 Köln

Costs: € 10,- per car (cash payment in cash upon entry)

Food and drinks: Beer garden, restaurant, snack bar -typical Cologne dishes, snacks and drinks (to be paid for on site)

Highlight:

- The record-breaking Volvo 480 gathering
- Check-In: Name tags and event wristbands at the entrance
- Goody bag for every car
- Flea market (480 parts)
- Speeches, special Guests
- Volvo 480 Awards



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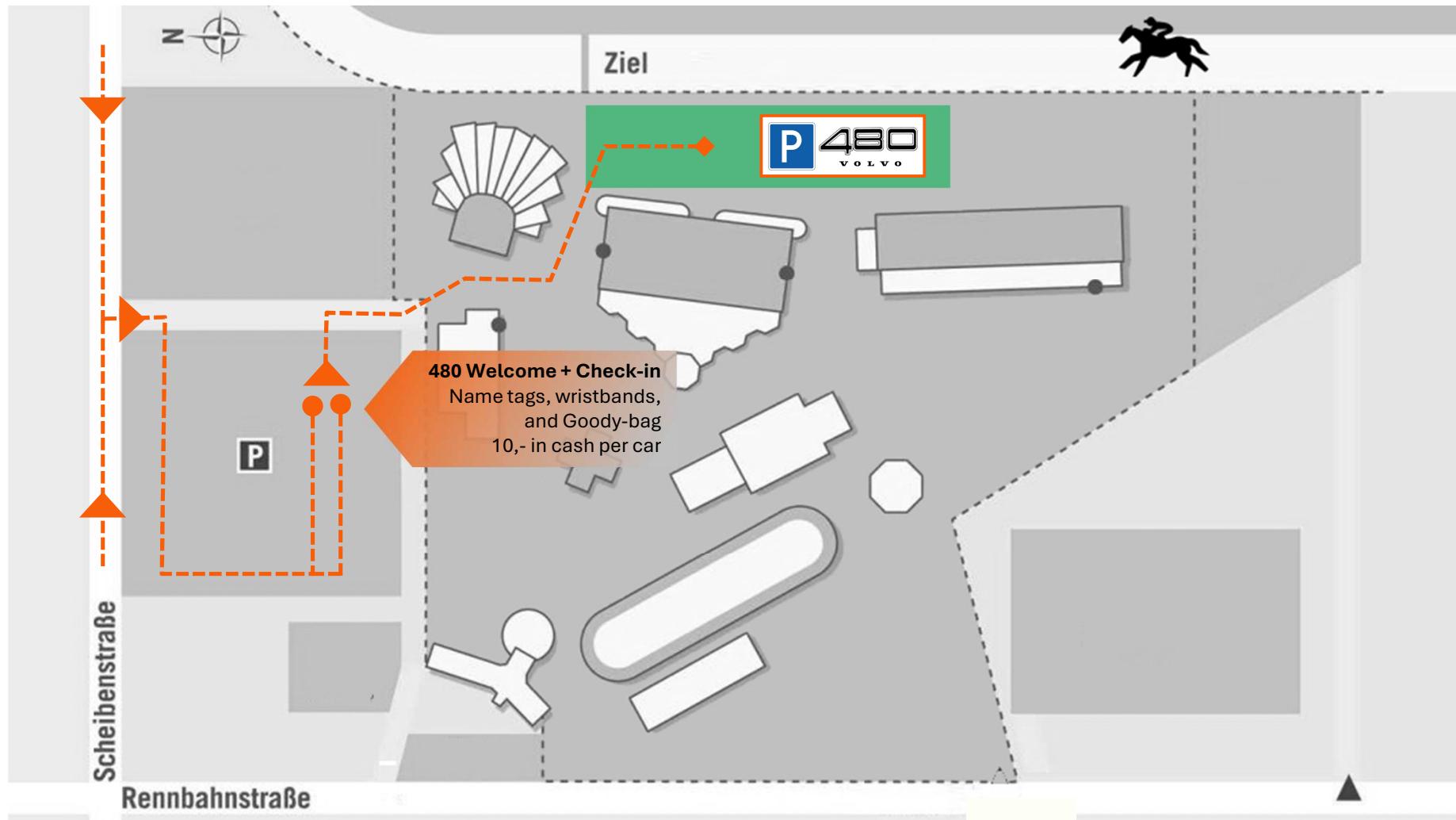
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3	Haakon		43	Timothé		83	Orlando		123	Jens		163	Sander	
4	Malte		44	Stefan		84	Leon		124	Jérôme L.		164	Maximilian K.	
5	Jarno		45	Stéphane		85	Gerard		125	James C.		165	Tony	
6	Andor		46	Richard		86	Joep		126	Jean-Francois P.		166	Sebastian	
7	Gavin		47	Jan		87	Maarten		127	Raspilaire		167	Félix	
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10	Hendrik+Mirjam		50	Harry		90	Locus		130	Demetrio		170		
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19	Alexandro		59	Colin		99	Rachel		139	Marc		179		
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21	Mike		61	Michael		101	Remon		141	Michael		181		
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23	Gisbert		63	Robert		103	Daniel		143	Bernat		183		
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25	Til		65	Levi		105	Marijn		145	Sem		185		
26	Ellie		66	Jonathan		106	Flavio		146	Maximilian		186		
27	Noah		67	Sven		107	Maurice		147	Guillaume		187		
28	Maarten		68	Milan		108	Ulli		148	Lukas		188		
29	Johannes		69	Sybo		109	Alberto		149	Jeroen		189		
30	Jeff		70	Andre		110	Giovino		150	Ron		190		
31	Andreas		71	Ingvar		111	Paolo		151	Monique		191		
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33	Tim		73	Jay		113	Markus B.		153	Patrick		193		
34	Betty		74	Michael		114	James		154	Gabriel		194		
35	Sylvia		75	Joakim		115	Joe		155	Gerrit		195		
36	Olivier		76	Mikolaj		116	Ben		156	Luke		196		
37	Djulian		77	Jean-François B.		117	Luís		157	Markus L.		197		
38	Tomas		78	Jörg		118	Maria		158	Glenn		198		
39	Roy		79	Trond		119	Francesco		159	Tōnis		199		
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THE RECORD-BREAKING VOLVO 480 GATHERING

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SITE PLAN: CHECK-IN AND PARKING



MAIN EVENT

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SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



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THE VOLVO 480 AWARDS

We received feedback last year that some 480 awards would be nice. So we are very pleased to announce we have created an international group of 480 experts who will be judging each of the following award categories:

- **The oldest 480**

The date of first registration and the chassis (vehicle identification number) are the key factors in the category. Who owns a true classic vintage 480?

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- **The newest 480**

Whose 480 was the last to roll off the assembly line in Born? The jury will look closely at the month and year of construction and the chassis number (vehicle identification number).

- **The best personalised 480**

Whether it's subtle, unusual, or flashy - everyone has their own personal taste, and that's absolutely fine. Which personalisation impressed the jury the most?

- **The best kept engine bay**

Only a few kilometers driven, or an engine compartment cared for with lots of love and ice blasting. The jury will take a look under the hood.

- **Fantastic condition**

A top condition original or a high-quality restoration. The jury will decide on the best condition 480.

- **A personal story: My 480 and I**

If your car has a special story for you, please share it with us. We look forward to hearing your feelings and emotions about your car. (Please send us your 480 story: event@volvo480.info)

- **The longest journey**

How many km / miles did you travel to the 2026 meeting with your 480?

- **480 Community - Honorary Award**

The jury will award an honorary prize to a special person who has made a great contribution to the 480 community.

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The Judges:

Madeleine Schwantes (GER)
Car journalist and 480 lover

Florian Sander (GER)
Technical expert for the 480
and head of 480board.de

Douwe Zijlstra (NL)
Enthusiastic young 480 owner,
active in "Dutch 480 Register"

Jeff Longley (UK)
Technical expert for the 480
and owner/keeper of 14 x480s

Host and Presenter:

Martin Percival (UK)

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FLEA MARKET

Do you have any special 480 car parts to spare, or are you looking for parts? Here you can offer or find what you need.

more information's
will follow later!

LET'S HAVE DINNER TOGETHER

SATURDAY 23. MAY 2026

DINNER BUFFET (ALL YOU CAN EAT)

Location: Restaurant Krewelshof in Lohmar, approx. 30 min. drive from the racecourse.

Krewelshof Lohmar is surrounded by greenery and offers a varied regional farm kitchen and seasonal specialities. Many ingredients come directly from their own fields (e.g. asparagus, potatoes and strawberries). A large rustic barn and a terrace have been reserved for us (200-300 people!).

There is also a large car park.

Address: Krewelshof Lohmar, Krewelshof 1, 53797 Lohmar

Cost per person: € 35,- + drinks extra (to be paid on site)

Time: 18:00 till 21:00

Please Note: In order to determine the number of participants for the different days of the weekend more accurately, we will send another email to everyone a few weeks (in April) before our 480 meeting with an online form with a request for your personal requirements. We need to provide the restaurants with the number of people for our evening dinners to reserve the seats and plan the food.



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The Menu for us:

*Cream of asparagus soup
Vegetarian vegetable soup*

*Bowl with mixed leaf salads and sour cream dressing
Raw vegetable platter with two dressings
Baguette and bread rolls from their farm bakery
Butter selection*

*White and green asparagus
with melted butter or Hollandaise sauce
Ham selection*

*Crispy 'Viennese-style' Schnitzel
Roasted chicken breast on spinach leaves*

*Pasta bake Ham bake in cream sauce
Vegetarian potato and vegetable gratin*

*Rosemary potatoes with herb dip
chips made from our own potatoes Fried
potatoes with crispy bacon and spring onions*

'Krewelshof' dessert selection

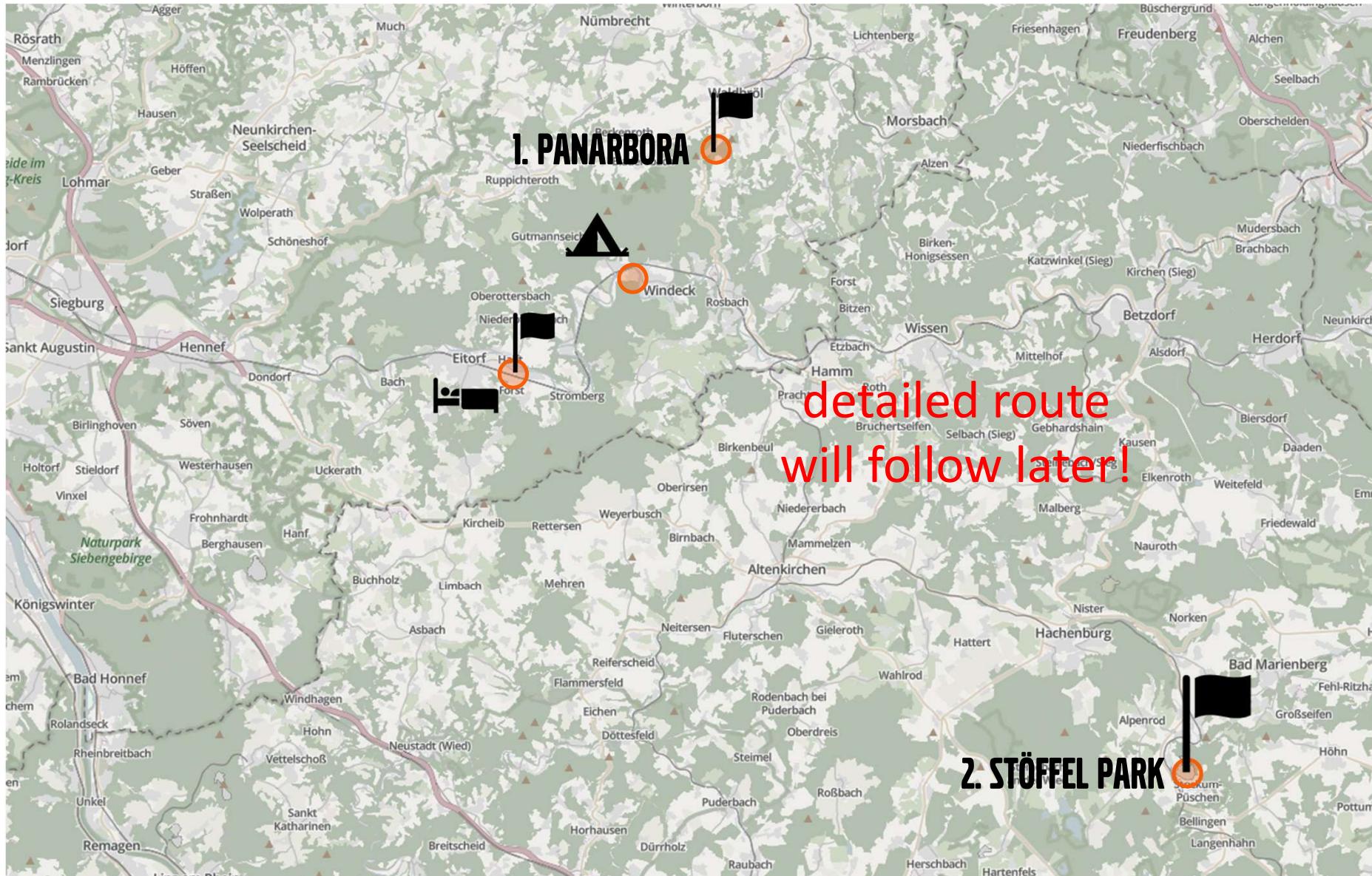




SUNDAY 24.05.2026

ROAD TRIP WITH THE 480S

- 10:00 – Meeting Point: Observation tower
 - Roadtrip
 - 13:00 – Stöffel Park
 - Roadtrip back to the hotel
- Dinner: Volvo-Barbeque at the Hotel, supported by Volvo Cars Germany
 - Optional: 80s-90s-Party (?)



MEETING POINT "PANARBORA"

SUNDAY 24. MAY 2026

OBSERVATION TOWER AND TREETOP WALK

Time: 10:00, Meeting point at the car park

Location: The centre of the nature discovery park is the 40-metre-high observation tower, from whose 34-metre-high platform you can enjoy a breathtaking view over the "Bergisches Land". From here, you can access a 510-metre-long treetop walk and discover nature from a completely new perspective. Walking distance including tower 1635 metres.

Address: Panarbora Nature Discovery Park, Nutscheidstraße 1, 51545 Waldbröl

Costs: Parking and Entrance fee € 10,- per person
(payment in cash at the entrance to the car park)

Food and drinks: Restaurant on site - Drinks, coffee, cake,... (to be paid for on site)



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Panarbora
WALDBRÖL IM BERGISCHE LAND

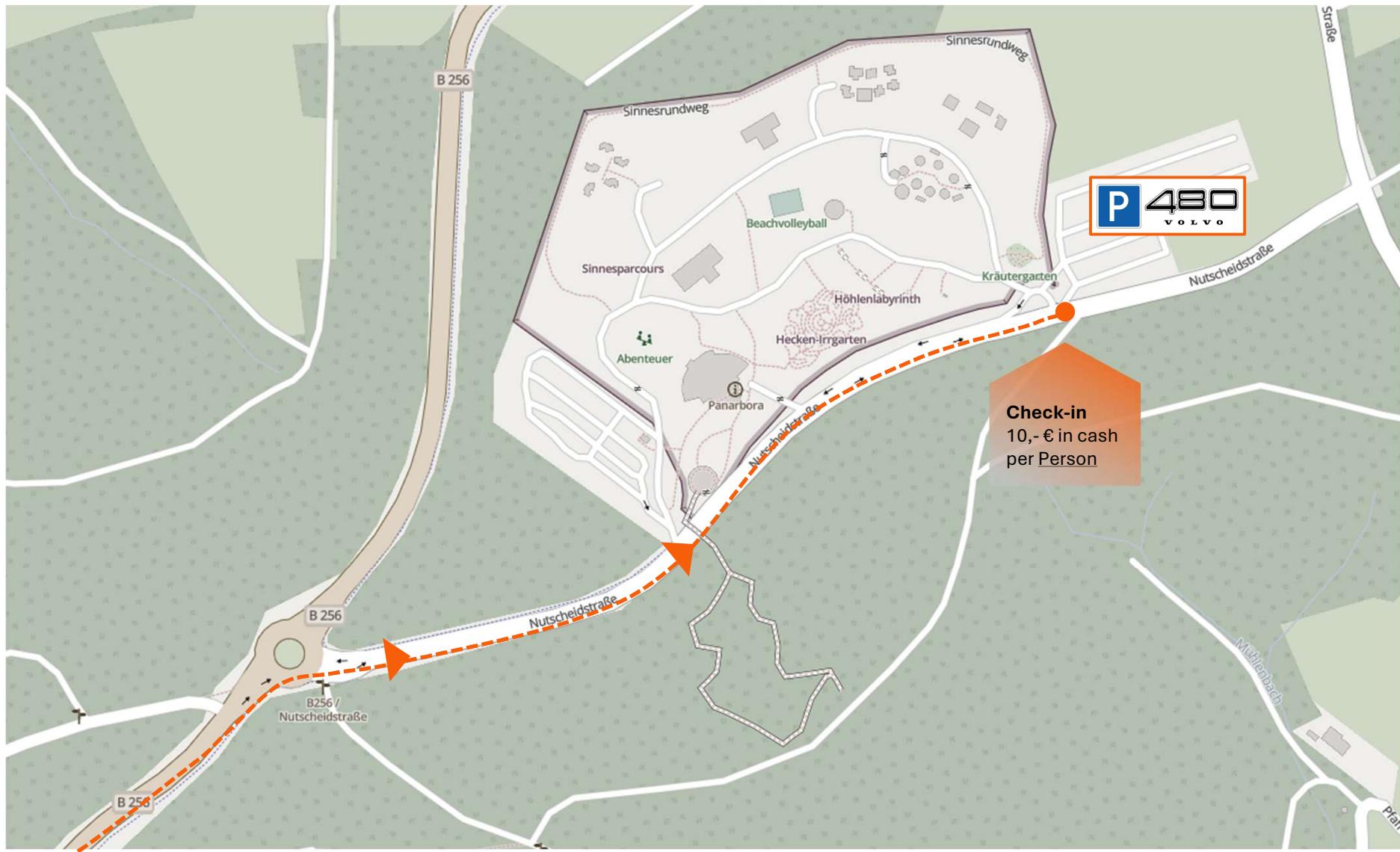
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SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



MEETING POINT "PANARBORA"

SITE PLAN: CHECK-IN AND PARKING



UNIQUE LOCATION WITH A LOT OF HISTORY

Time: 13:00 to 16:00

Location: Former industrial site for basalt stone quarrying (1902 to 2000) with quarry, processing facilities, conveyor belts, forge, workshops, warehouses. The steel and rust structure have a real Wild West romanticism. Today, the complex is a 'living museum' and is used for various events.

Address: Stöffel-Park, Stöffelstraße, 57647 Enspel

Costs: 10,- € per car Entrance + Parking

(cash payment in cash upon entry check-in point)

Food and drinks: Café with drinks, coffee, cake.

Special for us: "Westerwälder" potato stew with bread (including second helpings) on site at the historical "Nissenhalle" (Nissen hut) for 10,- € (to be paid in cash for on site)

Highlight:

- Unique Open Air Museum
- Wild West romantic
- drone footage
- Foto Spot

Departure: approx. 16:00, back to Hotel Schützenhof
(journey approx. 1 hour)



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MEETING POINT "STÖFFEL PARK"

SITE PLAN: CHECK-IN AND PARKING



Safety information:
The accessible visiting areas are marked. Leaving these marked areas and barriers is at your own risk.

MEETING POINT "STÖFFEL PARK"

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MEETING POINT "STÖFFEL PARK"

SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



LET'S HAVE BBQ TOGETHER

BARBEQUE AT THE HOTEL

Time: 18:00 – open end

Location: For many participants, the Hotel Schützenhof is the starting point of the meeting. Here we will bring the meeting to a pleasant and relaxing finish.

A barbecue buffet will be provided for us.

The event hall is reserved for us.

Of course, everyone is welcome to join the BBQ Dinner, even if you are not staying at the hotel.

Address: Hotel Schützenhof, Windecker Straße 2, 53783

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bread with butter variations
assorted leafy and raw vegetable salads
with three types of dressing
tomato and mozzarella with balsamic vinegar

marinated pork neck steaks
turkey steaks in curry marinade
sausage

Grilled pepper strips with feta cheese
Mediterranean grilled vegetables
Selection of barbecue sauces

Rosemary potatoes with herb quark
Vegan potato salad
Vegetarian pasta salad

selection of desserts



MONDAY 25.05.2026

RETURN JOURNEY

Monday is the return day for the participants.
No further programme is planned.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Notes

The car tour is not an event requiring a license within the meaning of §29 StvO (Germany road traffic regulations), but merely a tourist recommendation. Compensation claims arising from the route planning or guidance can therefore not be asserted. Each participant is liable for themselves and their vehicle. This also applies if they follow the organiser. This is a tour with a recommended route.

All drivers are obliged to ensure that their own vehicle is roadworthy and complies with the applicable regulations.

Please make sure that your insurance is valid in Germany and the Netherlands.

Driving rules

When driving in a group of several cars, it is important to keep your distance to avoid rear-end collisions. It can always happen that ride groups are torn apart. Don't panic - we will always see that we gather together. If possible, we will wait to gather, or see each other at the next meeting point. Better too much distance than too little! We help each other within the group and do not overtake. We show consideration for other cars and always expect irrational reactions from other road users.

Pictures and Videos of the event

Photos and video recordings will be made at this event. These are used individually for social media, public relations work and are also for the permanent documentation of the international Volvo 480 meeting.

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Some advice and tips for drivers from the UK and Ireland when travelling to Germany

- Insurance - be sure to advise your insurer of the dates that you are travelling. Most UK car insurance policies require this to ensure that suitable cover is in place. Typically, there will be an additional fee.
- Roadside assistance - the AA, RAC etc. can provide you with support via their partners elsewhere in Europe. European Breakdown Cover is available for both single trips and for an annual fee.
- Documents to take with you - passport, driving license, V5C, proof of vehicle insurance, travel insurance, your European Health Insurance card and UK stickers if you don't have a GB Euro number plate.
- Equipment - reflective jackets for each passenger to be kept in the car cabin (not the boot), a warning triangle and first aid kit.
- Consider buying a European car kit - available from Halfords, Amazon, the AA and RAC etc.
- Fix anti dazzle headlamp deflector stickers to your headlights

Some general tips and advice

- Stay alert - don't drive if you are tired. Driving a right hand drive car in Europe is not especially difficult BUT you do need to have your wits about you.
- Keep a close eye on speed limits
- Have some euro currency in the car including coins
- Read the AA and RAC website pages on driving in Europe.
- If you have not taken your 480 on a long run recently then it's not advisable to make the International Meeting it's first long trip of the year. Check the battery, tyre pressures and all of the fluids before ideally taking it out on a long run a few weeks before the meeting. That way, if there are any issues, you have plenty of time to sort them out well in advance!
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