

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCH OF THE VOLVO 480

THE VOLVO 480 MEET UP 2026

22. - 25. MAY 2026



PROGRAMME

VERSION, DATE: 01. MARCH 2026



FRIDAY 22.05.2026

FIRST ARRIVALS

- In the evening at the hotel
- a first “hello again” at the hotel bar



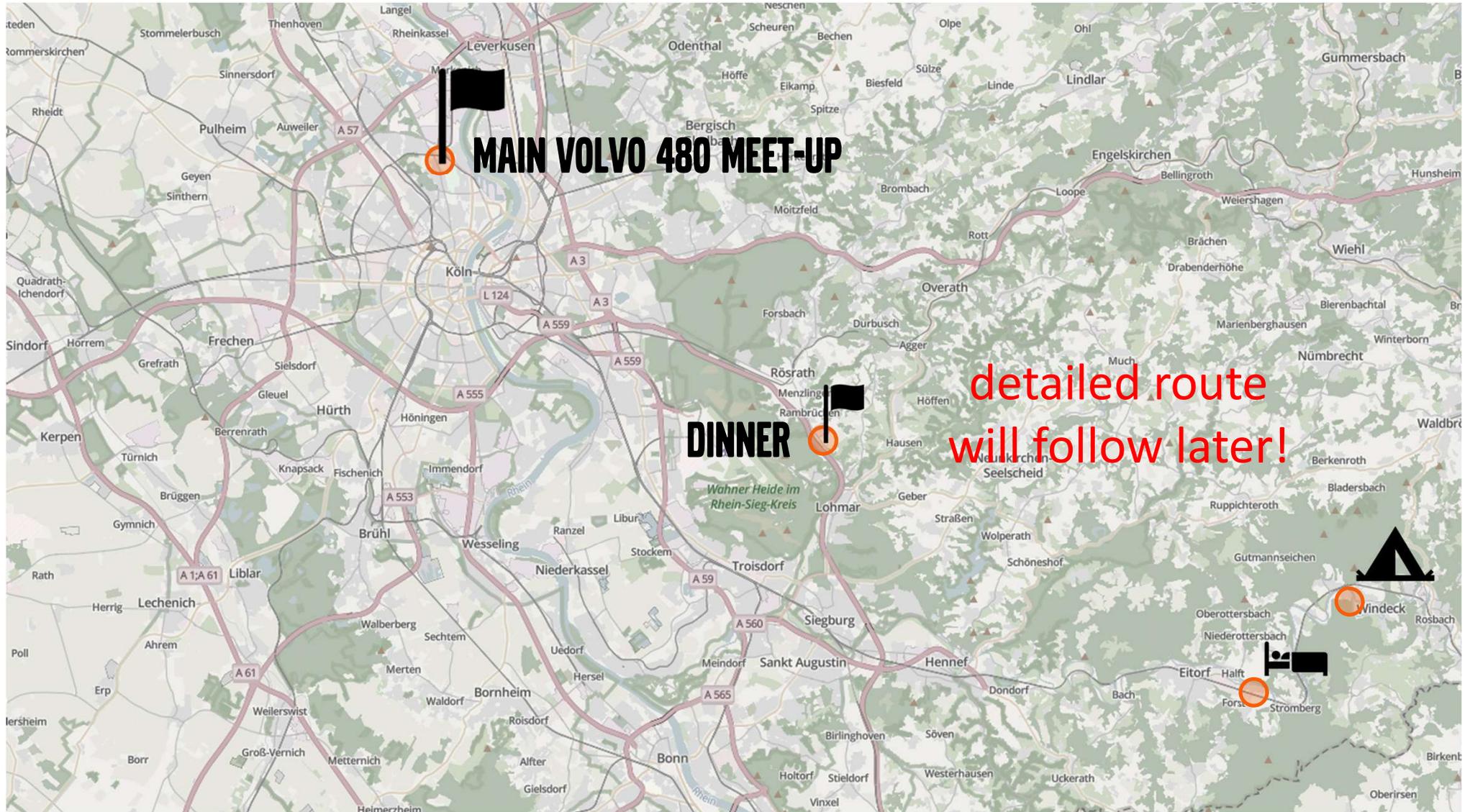
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RECORD BREAKING DAY

- 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,...

OVERVIEW

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MAIN EVENT

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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.

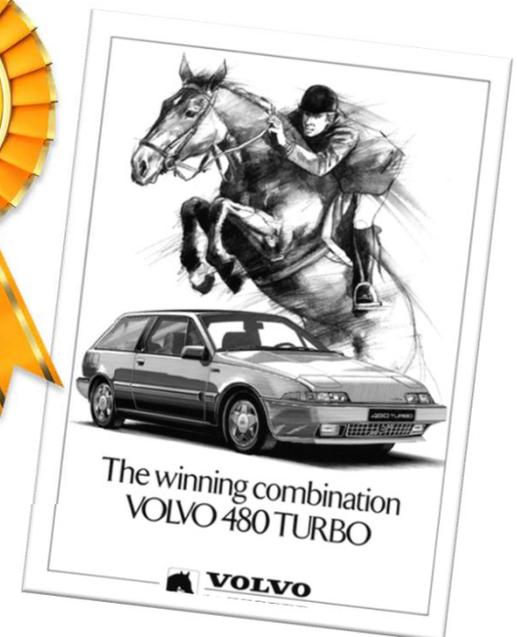
Address: Kölner Renn-Verein 1897 e.V, Rennbahnstraße 152, 50737 Köln

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**
- **Meet all 480 enthusiasts from across Europe**
- **Flea market (480 parts and accessories)**
- **Speeches, special Guests**
- **Volvo 480 Awards**



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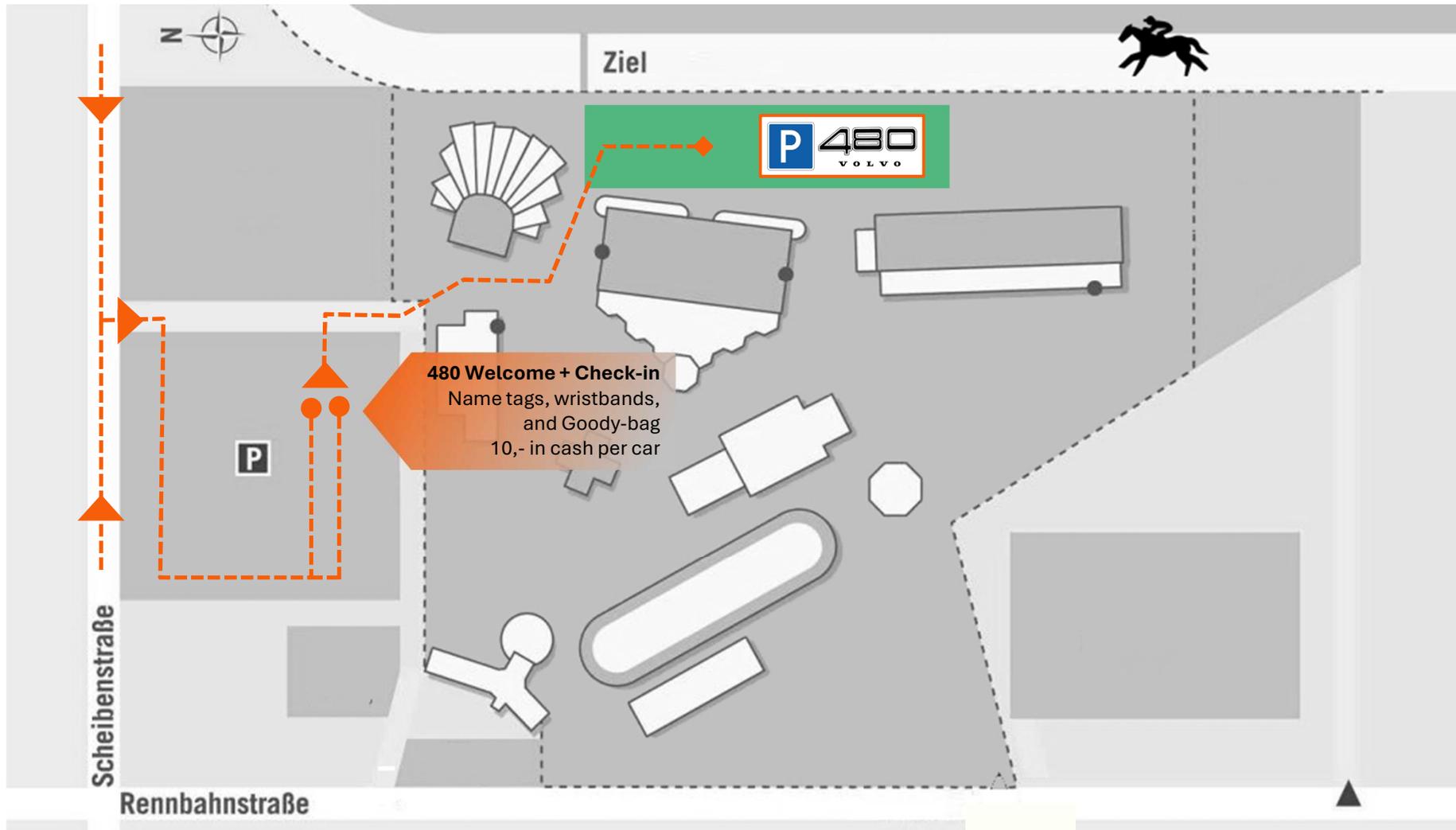
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2	Thijs+Miné	
3	Haakon	
4	Malte	
5	Jarno	
6	Andor	
7	Gavin	
8	Tjeerd	
9	Sven	
10	Hendik+Mirijam	
11	Dirk	
12	Adam	
13	Dinand	
14	Yorick	
15	Ahti	
16	Szymon	
17	Katie	
18	Florian	
19	Alexandro	
20	Jan W.	
21	Mike	
22	José	
23	Gisbert	
24	Frank	
25	Til	
26	Ellie	
27	Noah	
28	Maarten	
29	Johannes	
30	Jeff	
31	Andreas	
32	Karsten	
33	Tim	
34	Betty	
35	Sylvia	
36	Olivier	
37	Djullian	
38	Tomas	
39	Roy	
40	Douwe	
41	Arne	
42	Timo	
43	Timothé	
44	Stefan	
45	Stéphane	
46	Richard	
47	Jan	
48	Arne R.	
49	Joci	
50	Harry	
51	Joren	
52	Gijs	
53	Ella	
54	Reiner	
55	Klaus	
56	Florian+Sylvia	
57	Tomislav	
58	Jantina	
59	Colin	
60	Fabian	
61	Michael	
62	Antonio+Sisca	
63	Robert	
64	Alverca	
65	Levi	
66	Jonathan	
67	Sven	
68	Milan	
69	Sybo	
70	Andre	
71	Ingvar	
72	Krisztina	
73	Jay	
74	Michael	
75	Joakim	
76	Mikolaj	
77	Jean-François B.	
78	Jörg	
79	Trond	
80	Arnold	
81	Jesus+Rocio	
82	Eleonora	
83	Orlando	
84	Leon	
85	Gerard	
86	Joep	
87	Maarten	
88	Jan L.	
89	Luis	
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91	Bartek	
92	Babet	
93	Tiago	
94	Evert	
95	Joep O.	
96	Jakub	
97	Ingo	
98	Gábor	
99	Rachel	
100	William	
101	Remon	
102	Dennis	
103	Daniel	
104	Giona	
105	Marijn	
106	Flavio	
107	Maurice	
108	Ulli	
109	Alberto	
110	Giovino	
111	Paolo	
112	Christer	
113	Markus B.	
114	James	
115	Joe	
116	Ben	
117	Luis	
118	Maria	
119	Francesco	
120	Esmonin	
121	Norbert	
122	Geoffrey	
123	Jens	
124	Jérôme L.	
125	James C.	
126	Jean-Francois P.	
127	Raspilaire	
128	Jerome B.	
129	Gideon	
130	Demetrio	
131	Erwin	
132	Jan v.K.	
133	Jaap	
134	Nicolas	
135	Stéphane	
136	Riley	
137	John	
138	Sebastian	
139	Marc	
140	Beate+Thomas	
141	Michael	
142	Loane	
143	Bernat	
144	Candice+Hugo	
145	Sem	
146	Maximilian	
147	Guillaume	
148	Lukas	
149	Jeroen	
150	Ron	
151	Monique	
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153	Patrick	
154	Gabriel	
155	Gerrit	
156	Luke	
157	Markus L.	
158	Glenn	
159	Tönis	
160	Dennis	
161	Antonio	
162	Olaf	
163	Sander	
164	Maximilian K.	
165	Tony	
166	Sebastian	
167	Félix	
168	Gregory	
169	Espen	
170	Kamil	
171	Michel+Jacqueline	
172	Max	
173	Marcus	
174	Martijn	
175	Finn	
176	Stefan	
177	Tomasz	
178	Joas	
179	Rianne	
180	Felix	
181	Piotr	
182	Simas	
183	Ole, Karen & Käthe	
184	Sullivan	
185	Andrew	
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THE RECORD-BREAKING VOLVO 480 GATHERING

LAST UPDATE: 01.03.2026 (15:00)

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?
- **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:

Madeleina 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)

MAIN EVENT

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FLEA MARKET

On the Saturday at the horse racetrack in Cologne, we will have a space dedicated for people selling car parts, accessories and other 480 collectables. Feel free to bring these along to sell!

Do make sure you also bring some cash with you for purchases.

If you wish to sell a high volume of large car parts, or if you are a commercial supplier, please inform us in advance.

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

In order for us to be able to inform the restaurants of the precise number of people for the dinner buffets, and for us to also know the precise number of people joining us for the whole weekend, please fill out the online form *I AM JOINING* you find on our website.

Please complete and submit the form by April 5th, 2026 at the latest.



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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



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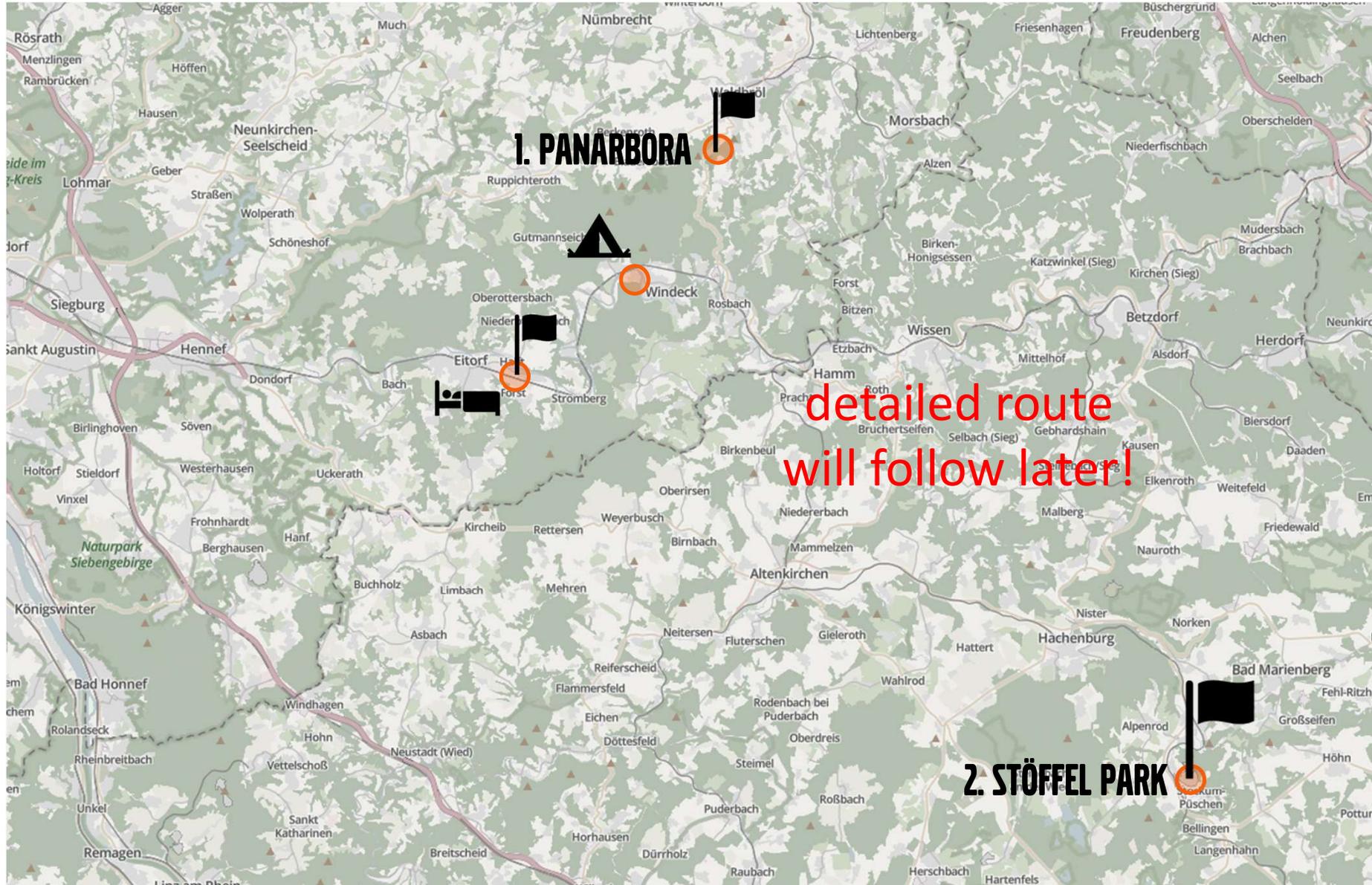
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SUNDAY 24.05.2026

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 BERGISCHEN LAND

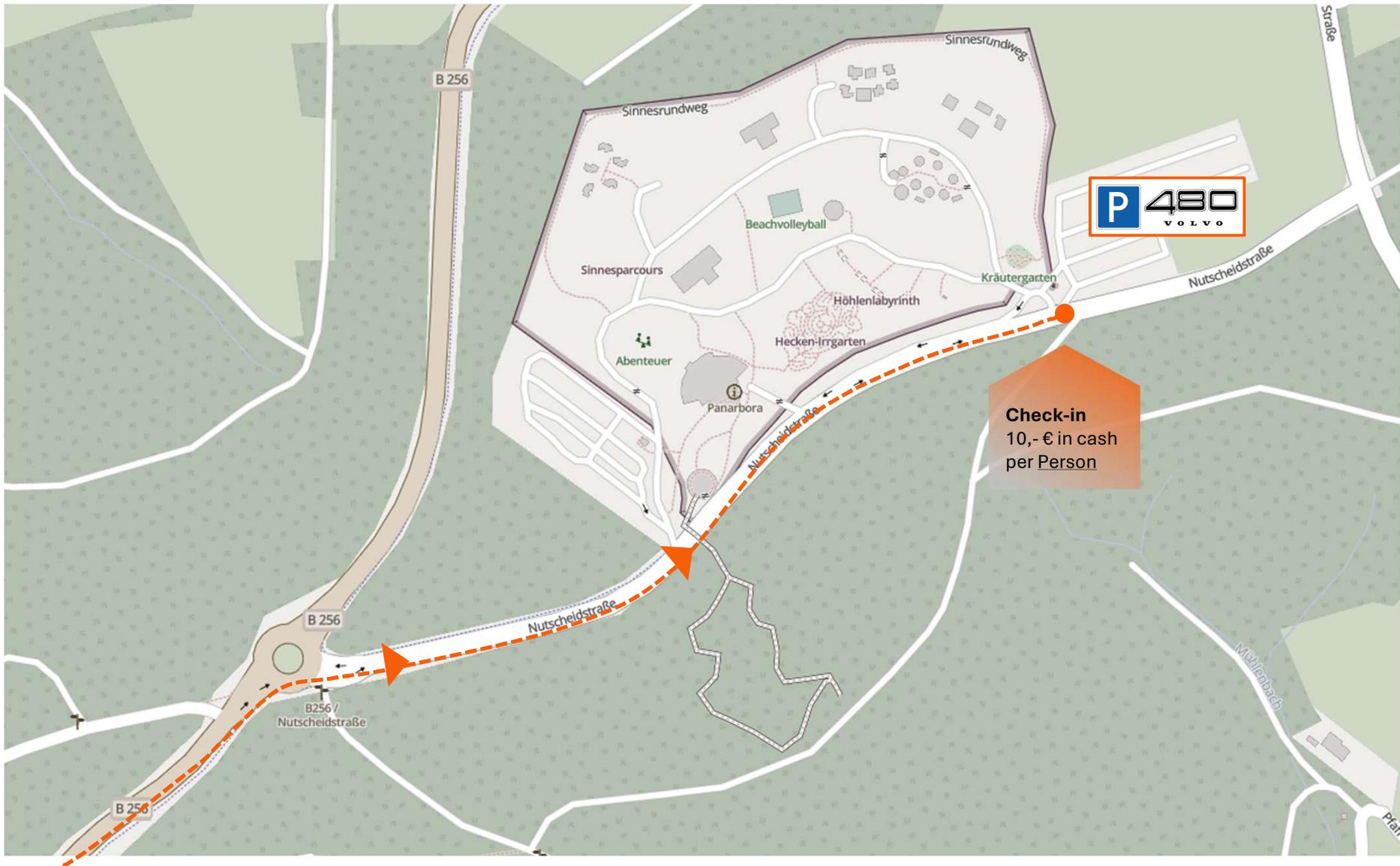
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SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



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MEETING POINT “STÖFFEL PARK“

SUNDAY 24. MAY 2026

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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STÖFFEL PARK
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MEETING POINT "STÖFFEL PARK"

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

MEETING POINT "STÖFFEL PARK"

SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



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.

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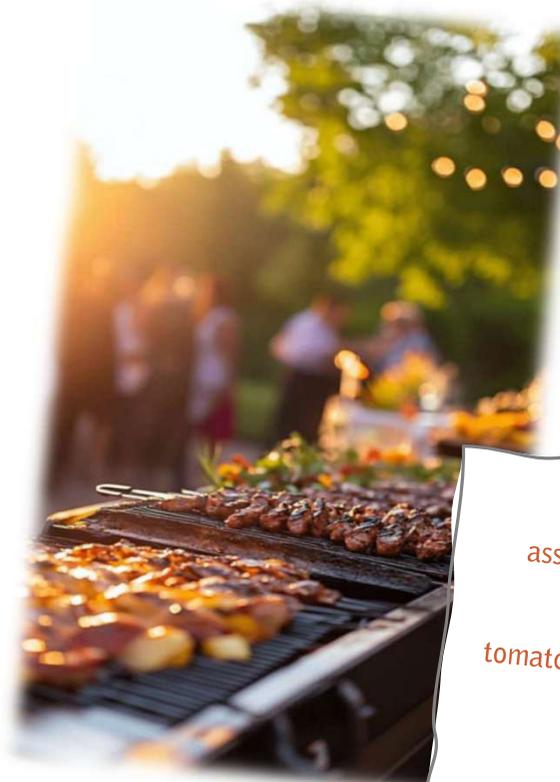
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bread with butter variations
assorted leafy and raw vegetable salads
with three types of dressing
tomato and mozzarella with balsamic vinegar

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

Perhaps we could
have a little
80s - 90s Party
afterwards !?



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

WhatsApp group for the Event

To stay informed about any last-minute changes, or even for details of any changes that might take place during the event, we ask you all to join the event WhatsApp group.



https://chat.whatsapp.com/GCrb_r9R8rCC13VziQ3he39?mode=gi_t



New WhatsApp group to share your live location and to talk

If you wish, you can share your live location within the group. When you on your arrival or depart trip, you can see where another 480 is driving ahead or behind you.

In this group everyone can chat and exchange about the meeting, and connect themselves about the traveling, the flea market, ...



a link will follow later

LATER!



Saturday + Sunday: Technical 480 Emergency?

If you suddenly have a technical problem with your 480 during the meet up, you can give a call to Remon.



Remon has made his Volvo 460 to service car and equipped with the usual first aid 480 supplies and tools. With his massive knowledge, great experience and skills as a mechanic, he will try to solve the problem with you - so you can go on with your car.

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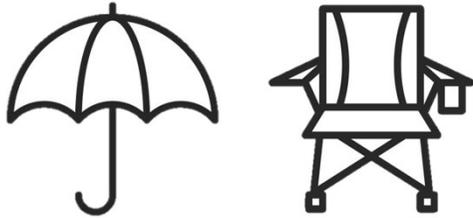
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Please bring with you

We hope that our event goes well and that we all have a wonderful and unique weekend. We have done our best to organize everything as well as possible, but there is one thing we cannot plan for: the weather.

Please be prepared and bring an umbrella with you.

If you want to relax and enjoy the atmosphere next to the cars, feel free to pack a camping chair.



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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