

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCH OF THE VOLVO 480

THE VOLVO 480 MEET UP 2026

22. - 25. MAY 2026



PROGRAMME

VERSION, DATE: 21. MAY 2026



FRIDAY 22.05.2026

FIRST ARRIVALS

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



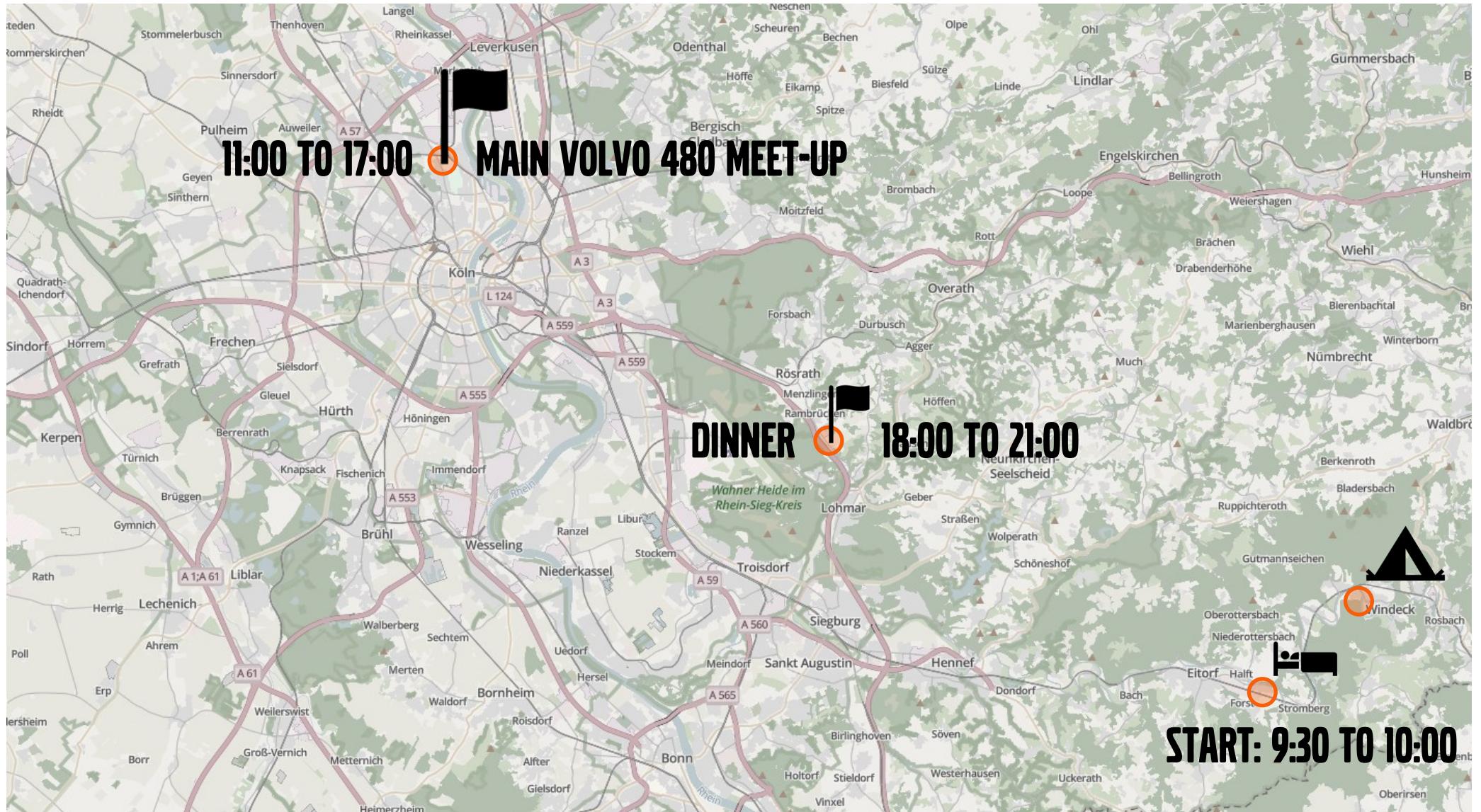
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RECORD BREAKING DAY

- Start at the Hotel or wherever you are
- 11:00-17:00 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,...

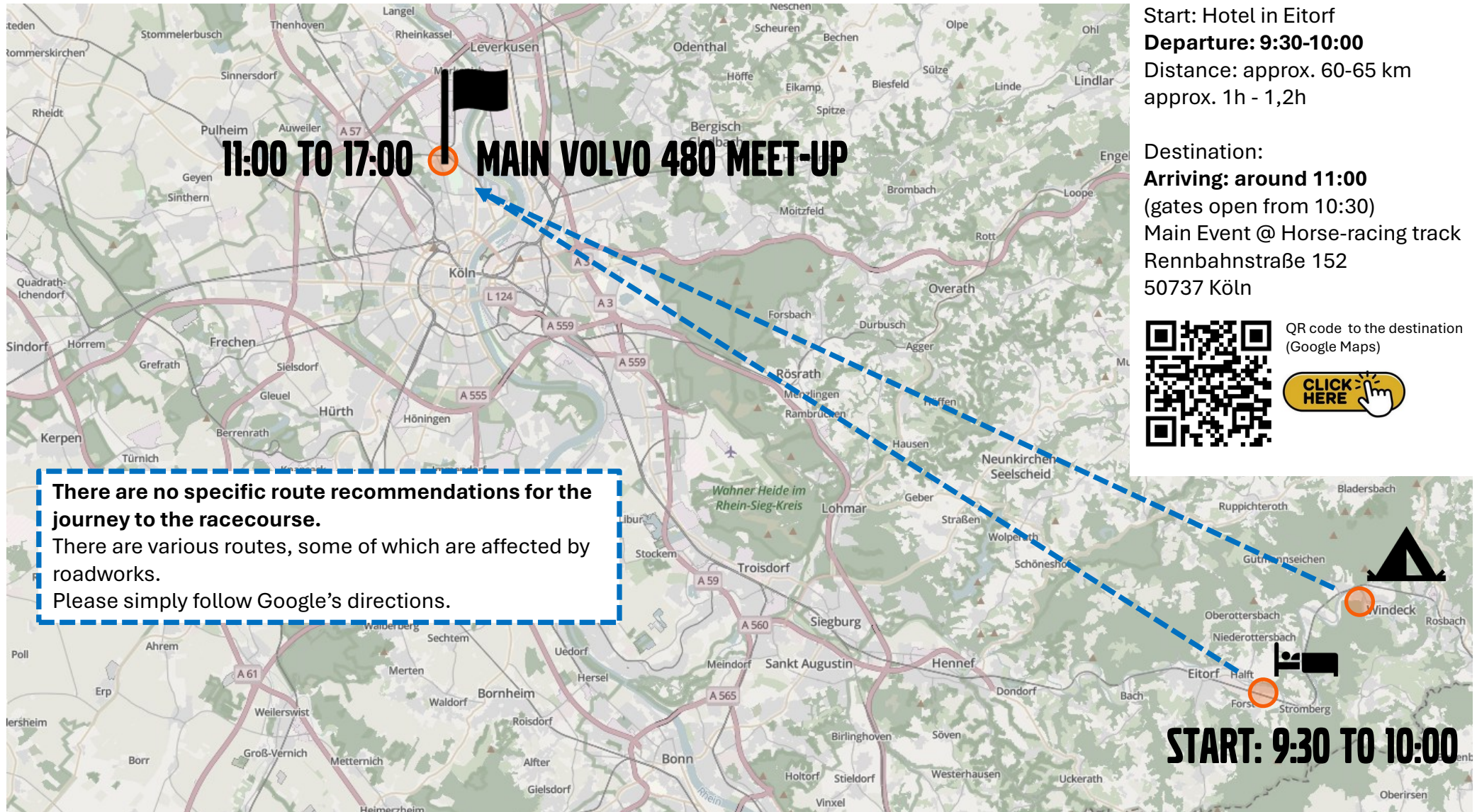
OVERVIEW

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HOTEL AND CAMPING TO THE MAIN EVENT @ HORSE-RACING TRACK IN COLOGNE

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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 (gates open from 10:30)

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

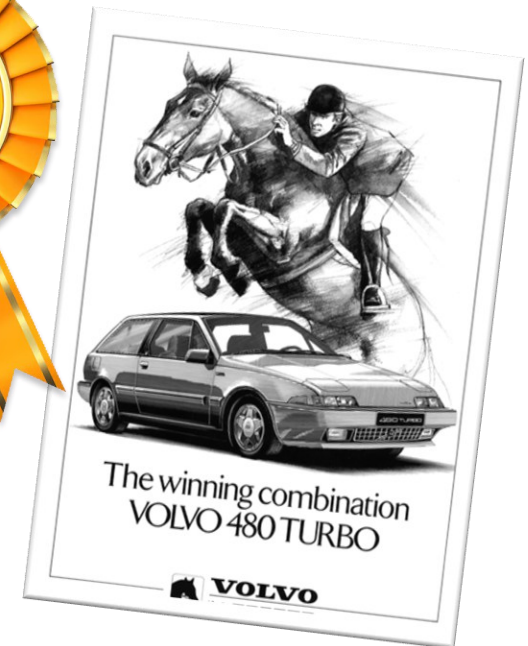
Costs: € 10,- per car (cash payment in cash upon entry)

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



Highlight:

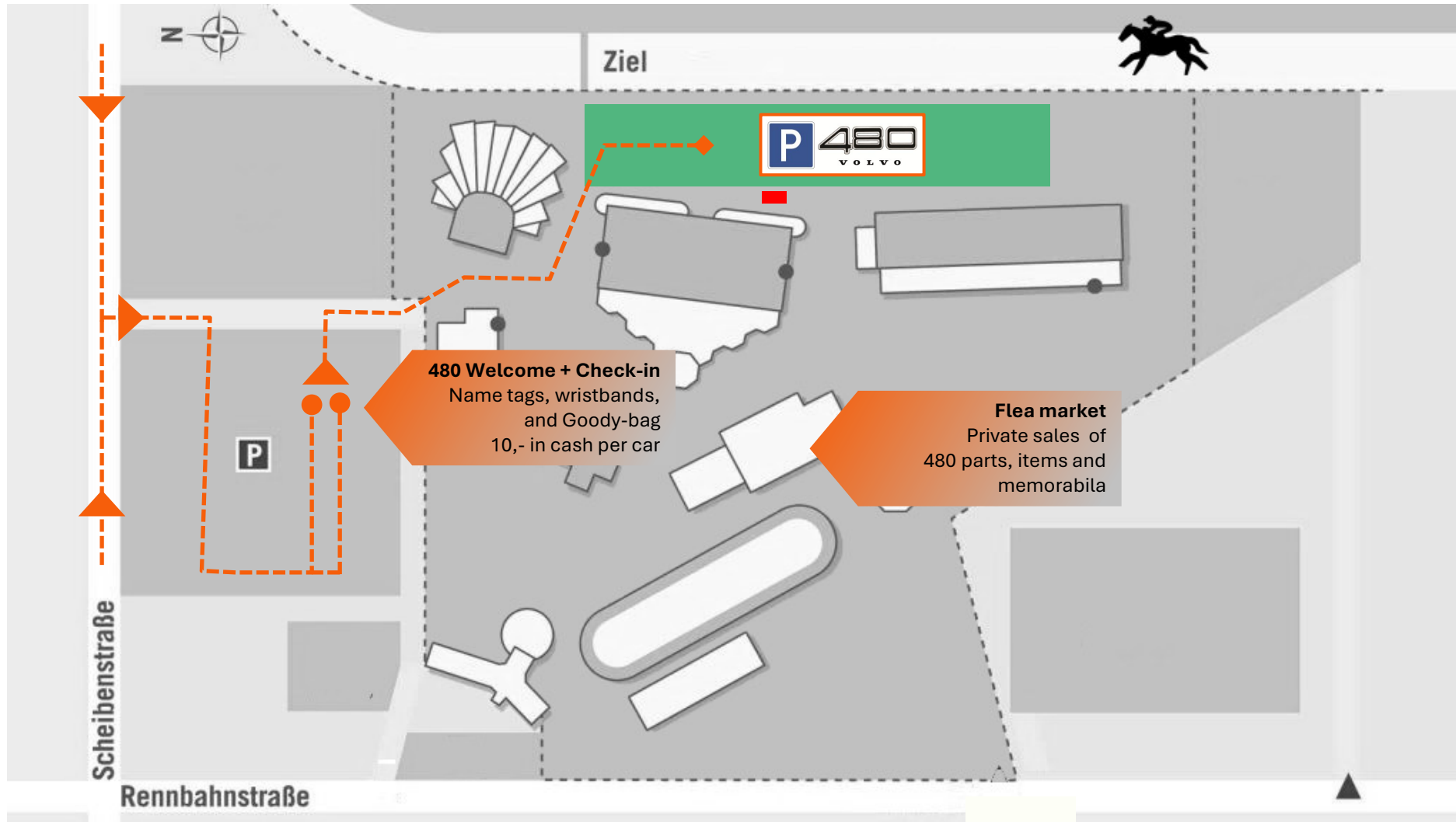
- **The record-breaking Volvo 480 gathering**
- **Check-In: Name tags and event wristbands at the entrance**
- **Goody bag for every car**
- **Meet all 480 enthusiasts from across Europe**
- **Flea market (480 parts and accessories)**
- **Speeches**
- **special Guests**
- **Volvo 480 Awards**



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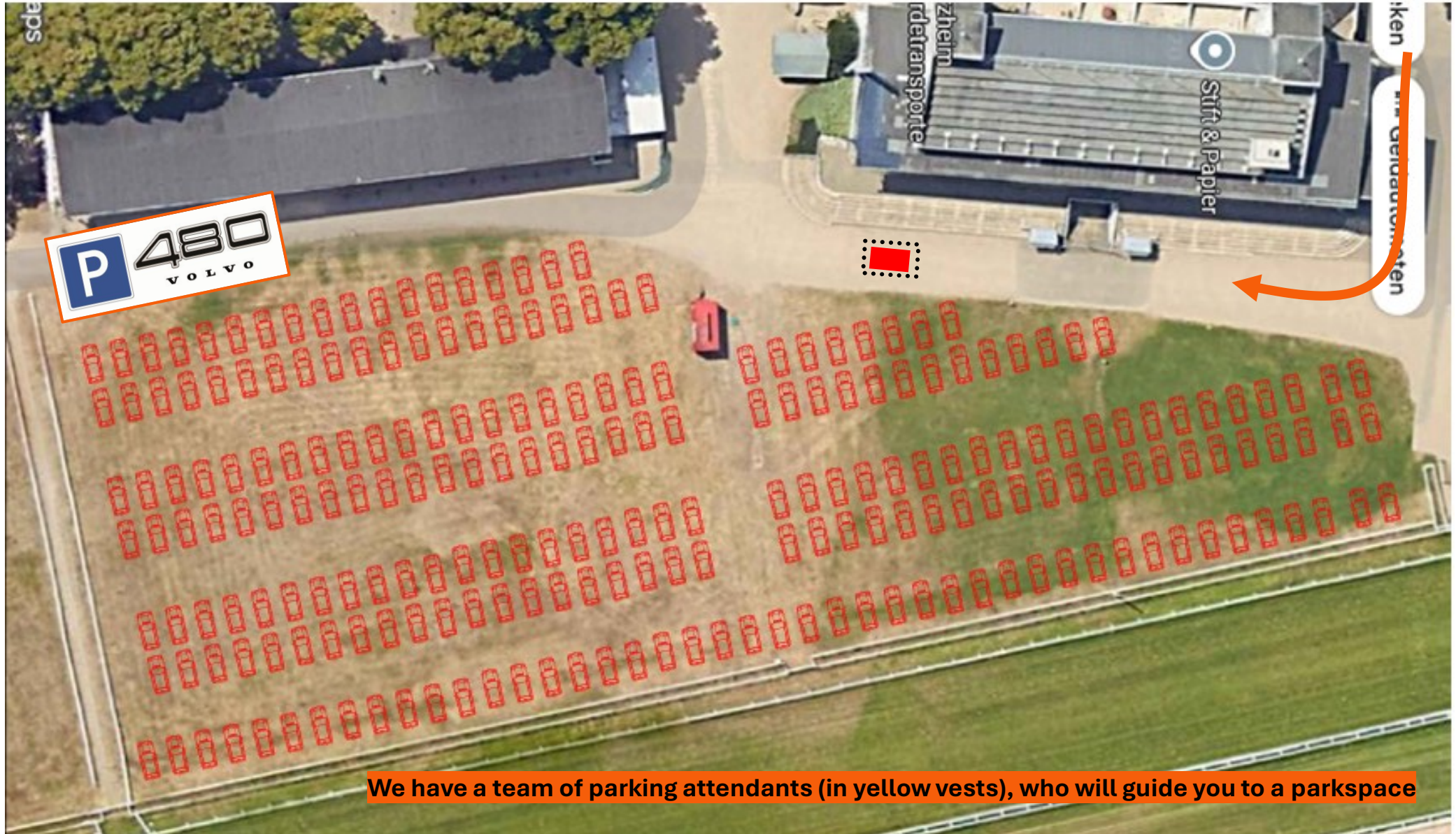
SITE PLAN: CHECK-IN AND PARKING



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480 PARKING

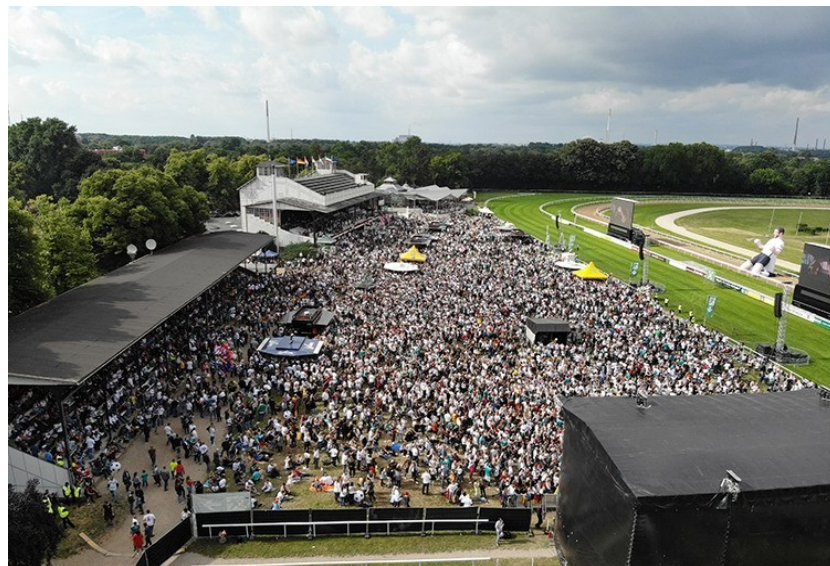


We have a team of parking attendants (in yellow vests), who will guide you to a parkspace

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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 longest journey**
How many km / miles did you travel to the 2026 meeting with your 480?
- **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)
- **Lowest mileage according to the odometer**
- **Highest mileage according to the odometer**
- **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.
- **The People's Choice for the John R. de Vries award**
Vote for your favourite 480 today

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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)

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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.

PLEASE HELP

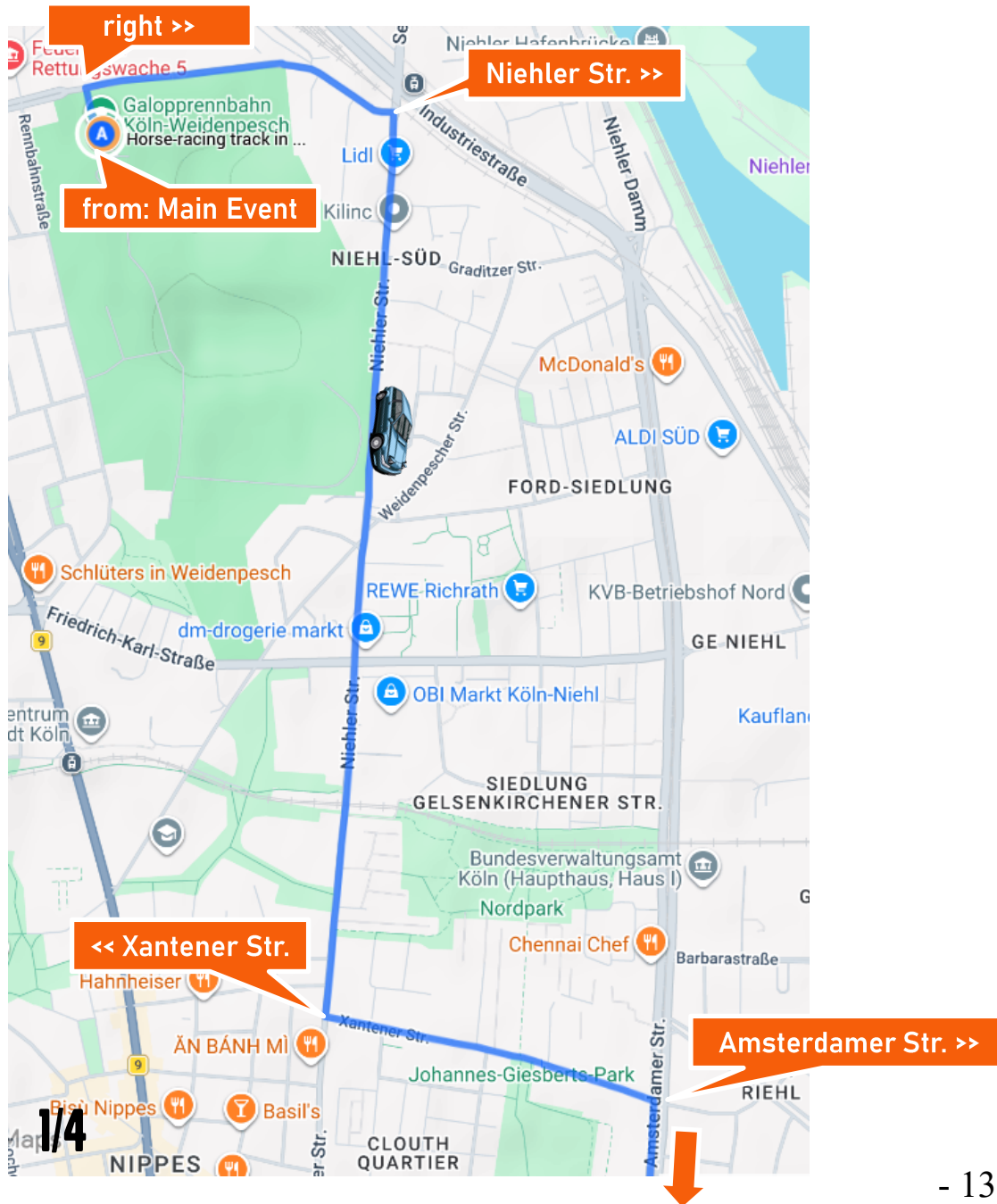
When we all are leaving the Horse racecourse, please help the team load everything (banner, signs, flags,...) into our cars.

Please don't leave any trash.

Thank you!

TRIP FROM THE MAIN EVENT TO THE RESTAURANT

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Start: Racecourse Cologne

Departure: 17:00

Distance: approx. 25 km

approx. 30 min

Destination:

Krewelshof Lohmar

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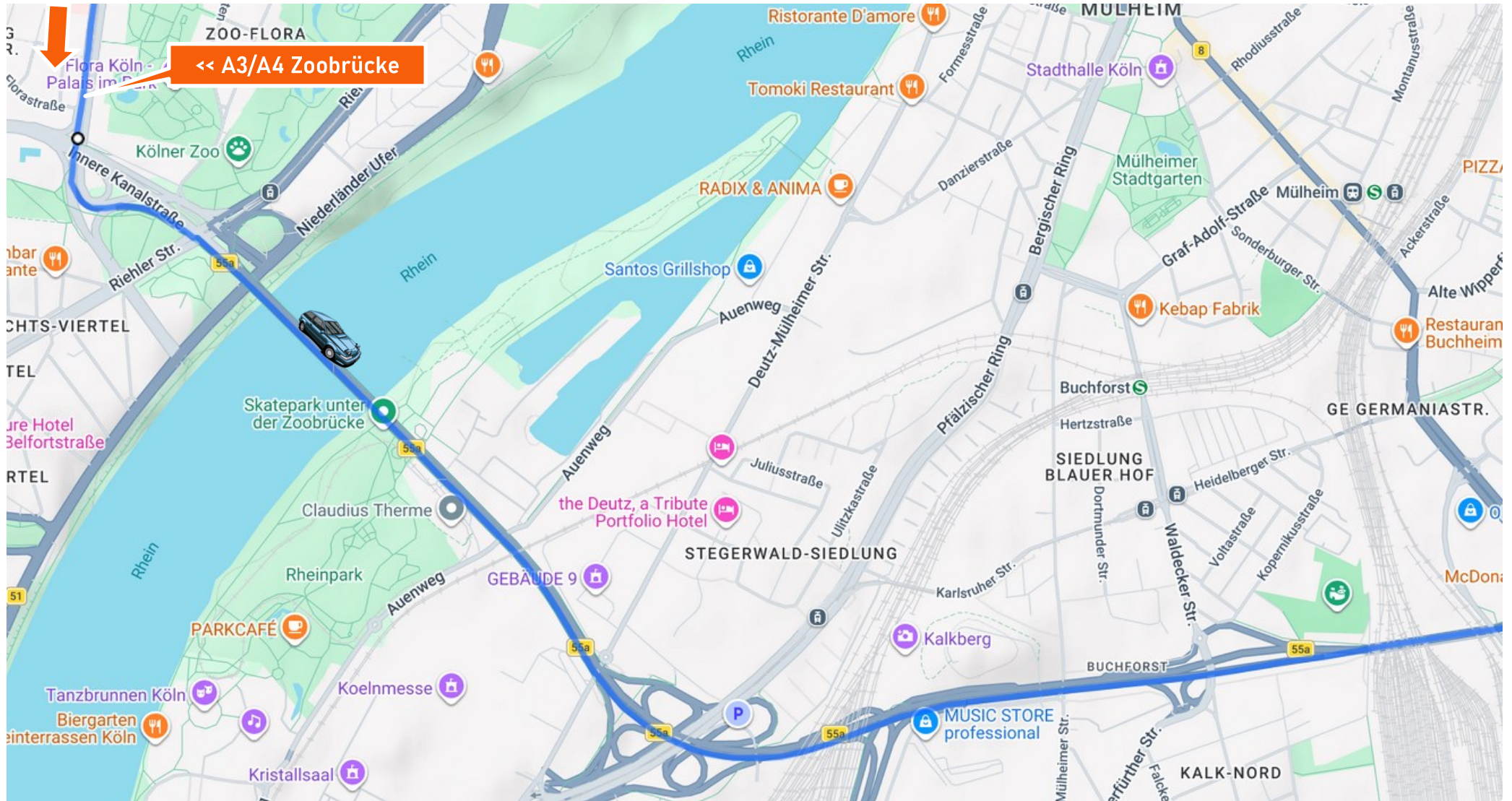
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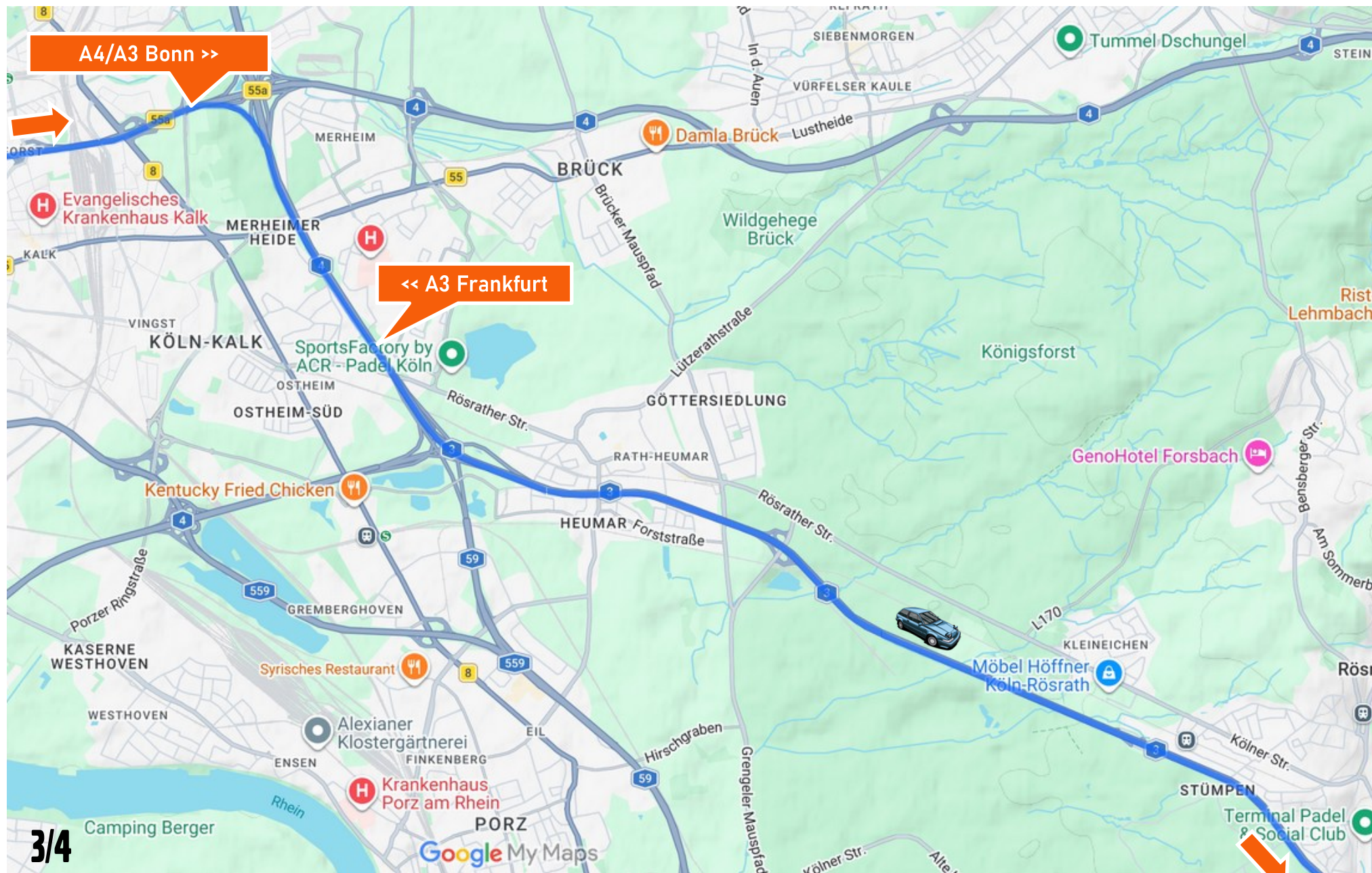
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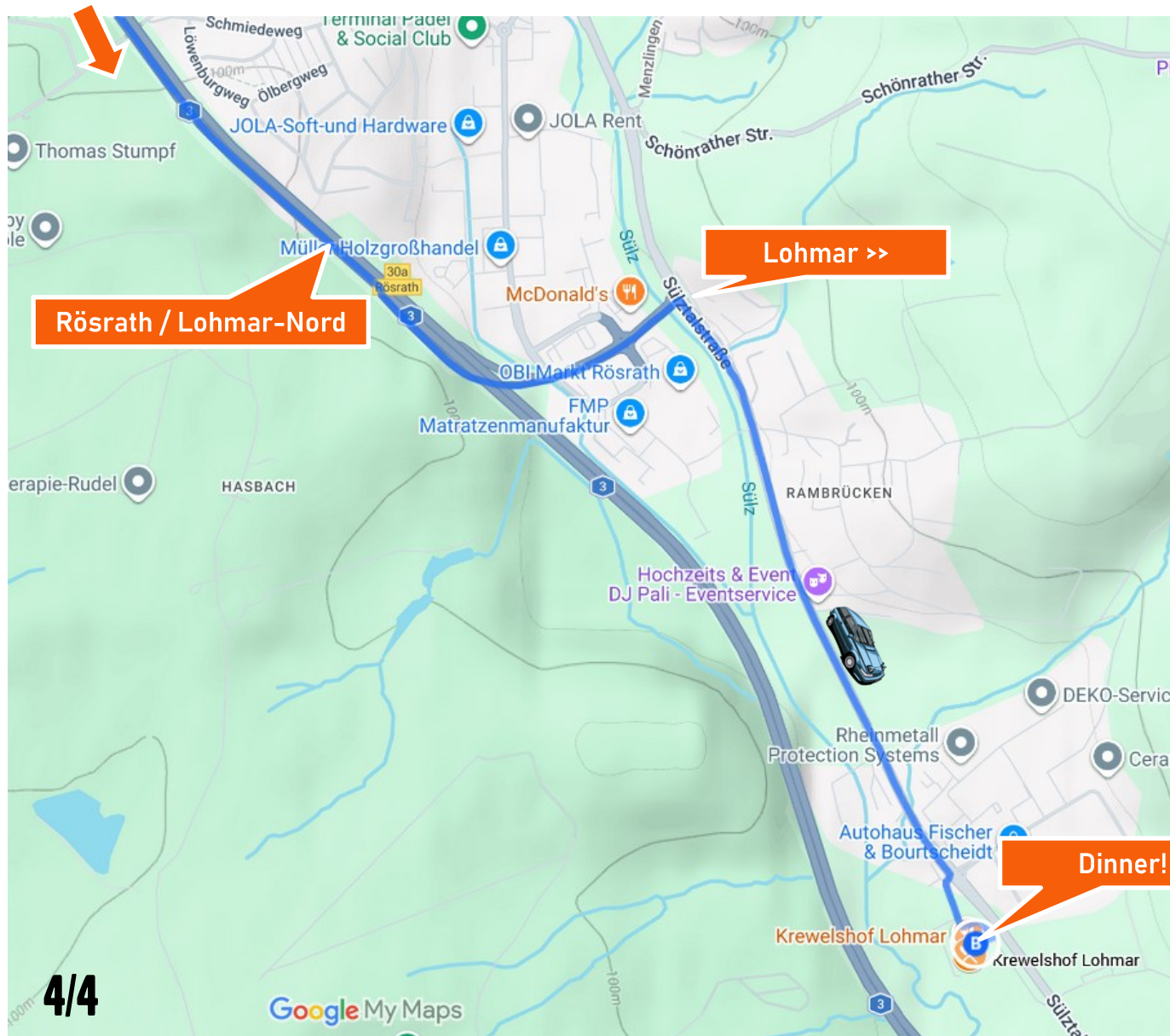
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Airport!

LET'S HAVE DINNER TOGETHER

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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. 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)

Payment for the dinner is taken at the entrance of the restaurant; there may be a bit of delay, so please be patient. (Card + cash)

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.

We have booked the Buffet service for 286 participants, we received feedback from.

If you decide to join us at the last minute, please let us know.



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Krewelshof Lohmar

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



Krewelshof

Natur. Genuss. Lebenslust.
EVENTLOCATION KÖLN & EIFEL

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Since we are a very large group of over 280 people, here is some information to answer potential questions in advance:

Food and drinks must be paid for at the entrance. At the cash desks, all guests will receive a wristband for dinner, as well as vouchers for drinks (Drink Tickets).

Buffet: € 35 per person

Drinks: € 3.50 = 1x Drink Ticket

Three cash desks will be available at the entrance. Payment accepted in cash or by card. Debit cards and credit cards: Mastercard, VISA (no American Express, no Apple Pay or PayPal) There may be a bit of delay, so please be patient.

Additional drink tickets may be purchased at the cash desks at any time. Purchased drink tickets are non-refundable.

Please take a seat wherever you like.

Indoors (Hofcafé) approx. 80-90 seats available
Outdoors (Terrace / covered outdoor area / Beer Garden) approx. 250 seats available.



There are three buffet stations for the dinner

Located in the covered outdoor area, in the beer garden, and in the Hofcafé.

The salad buffet and the dessert station

located exclusively in the Hofcafé (due to temperature considerations).

beverage station featuring the following drinks

Soft drinks, 0.33l bottle	= 1 Drink Ticket
Water / Sparkling water, 0.75l bottle	= 2 Drink Tickets
Wine (Pinot Gris dry / off-dry), 0.20l glass	= 2 Drink Tickets
Beer (Gaffel Kölsch regular / non-alcoholic), 0.33l bottle	= 1 Drink Ticket
1 Drink Ticket = €3.50	

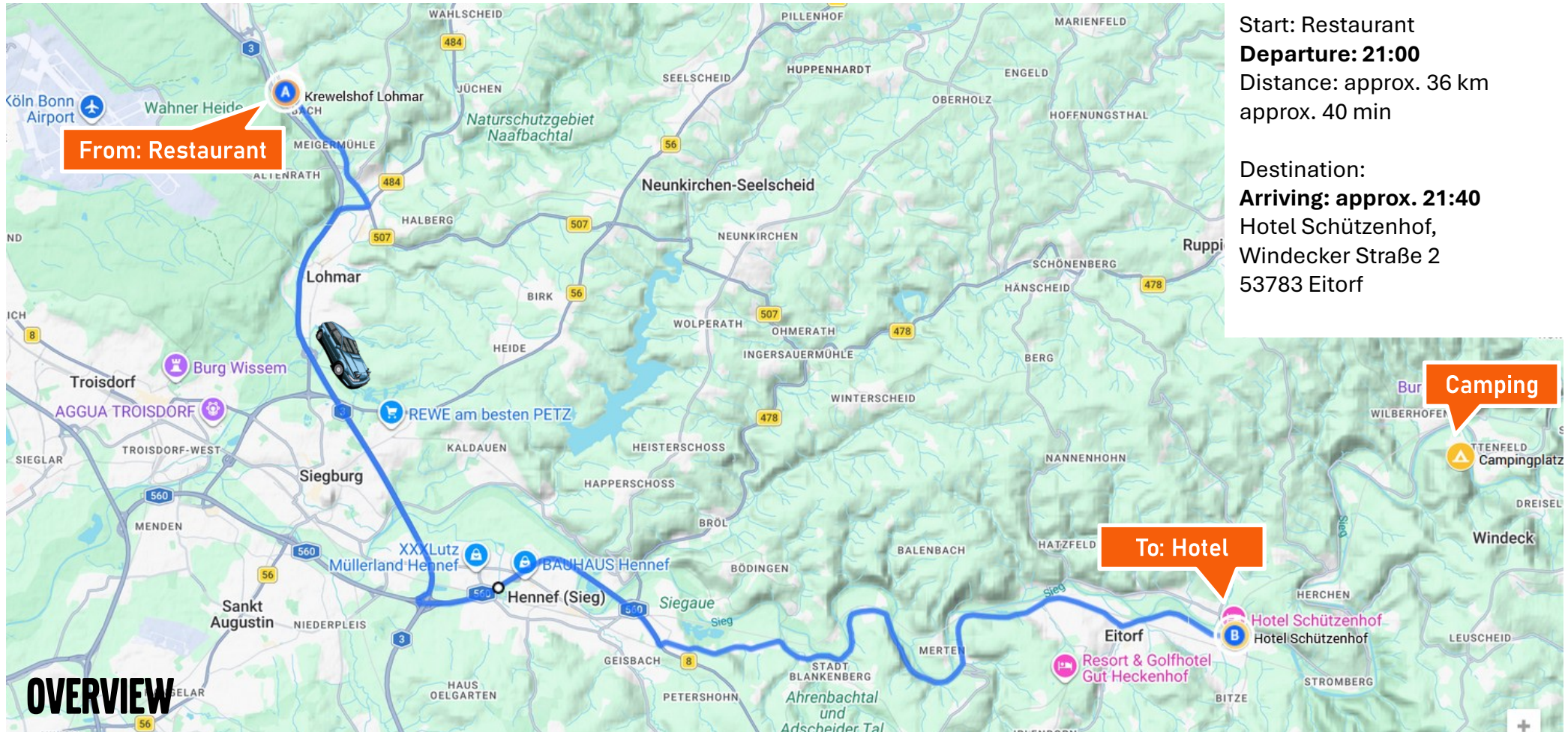
Coffee station

in the Hofcafé (specialty coffees are paid for directly at the counter there, using a credit card or EC card).



TRIP BACK TO THE HOTEL „SCHÜTZENHOF“

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Start: Restaurant

Departure: 21:00

Distance: approx. 36 km
approx. 40 min

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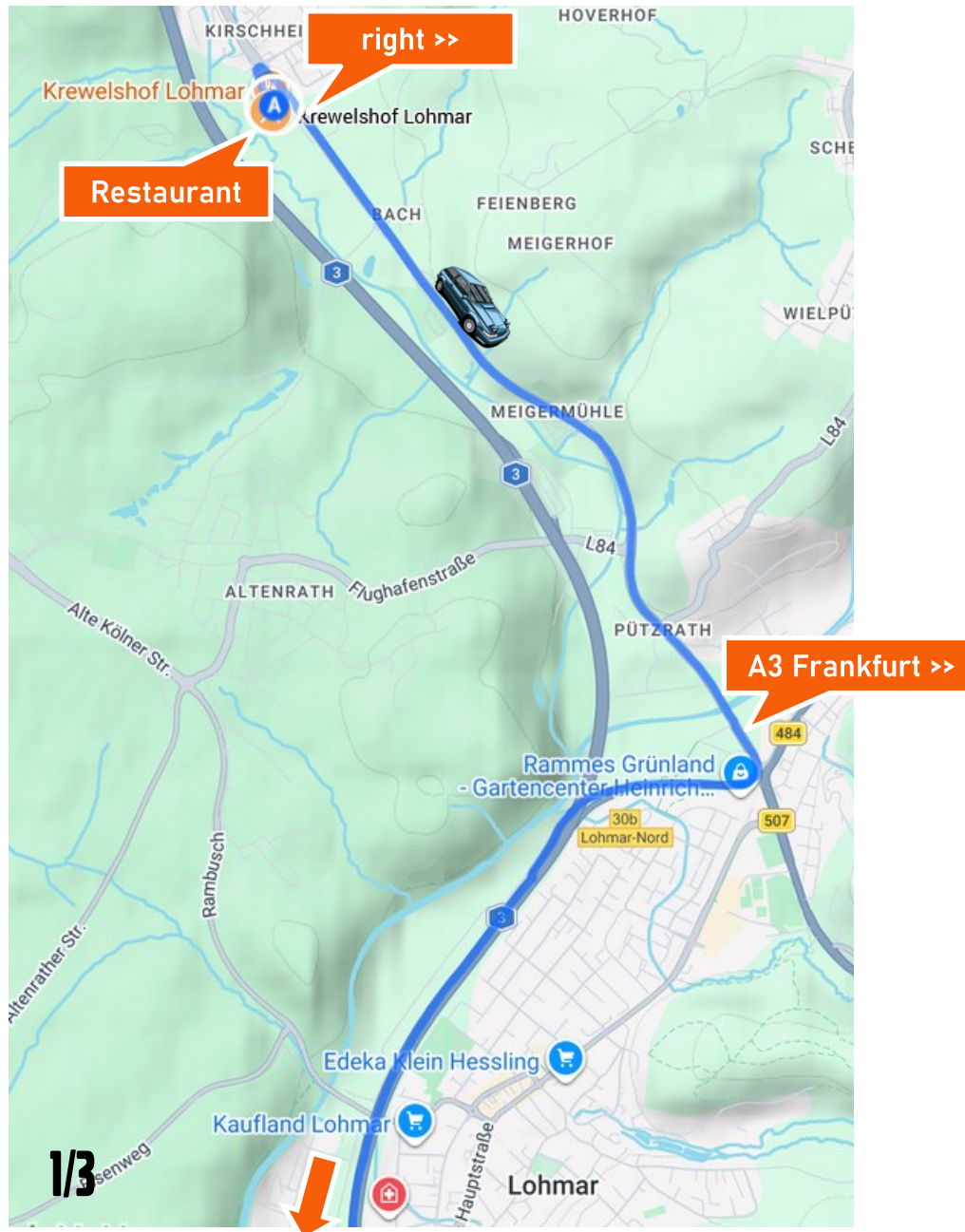
Arriving: approx. 21:40

Hotel Schützenhof,
Windecker Straße 2
53783 Eitorf



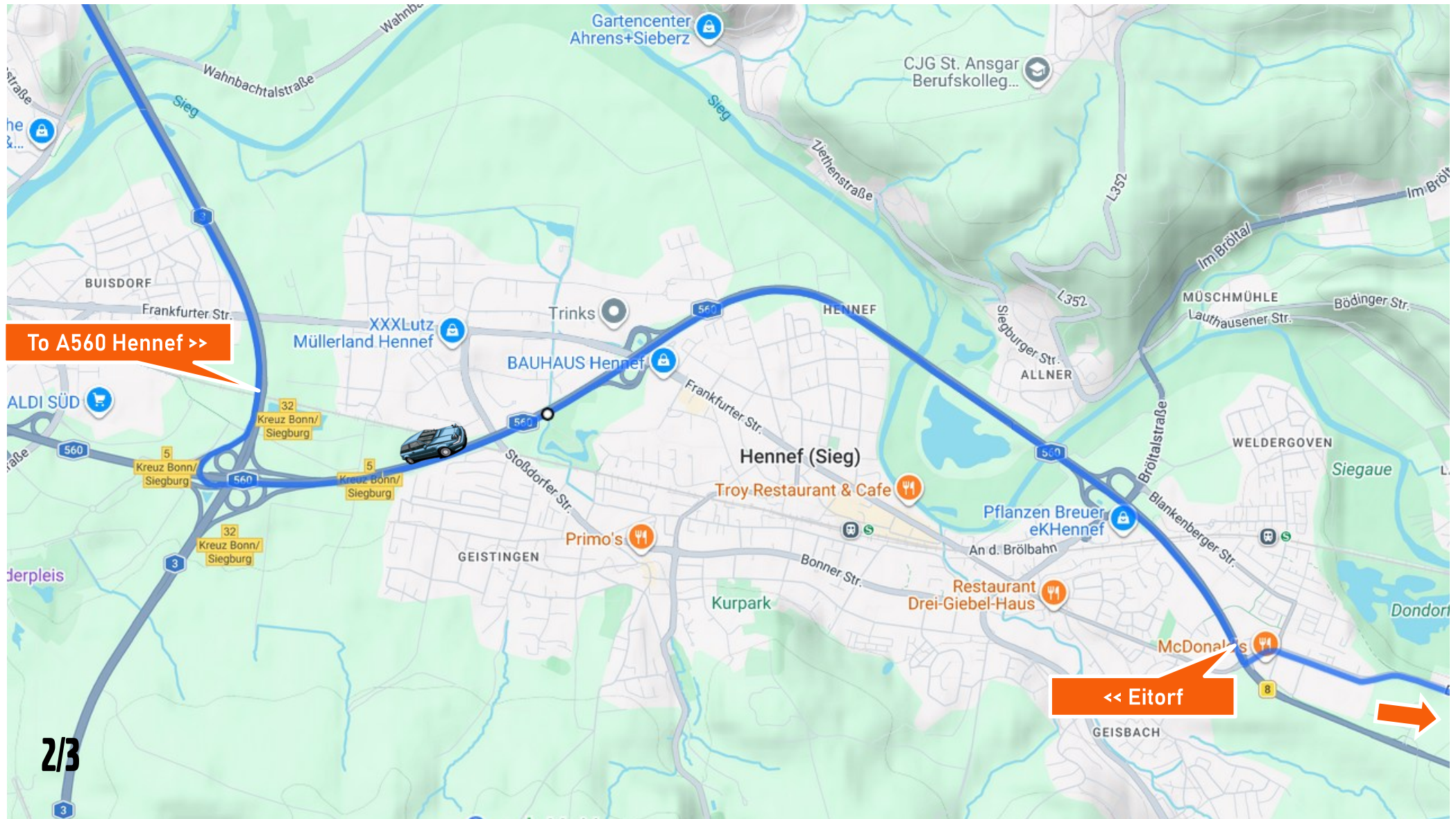
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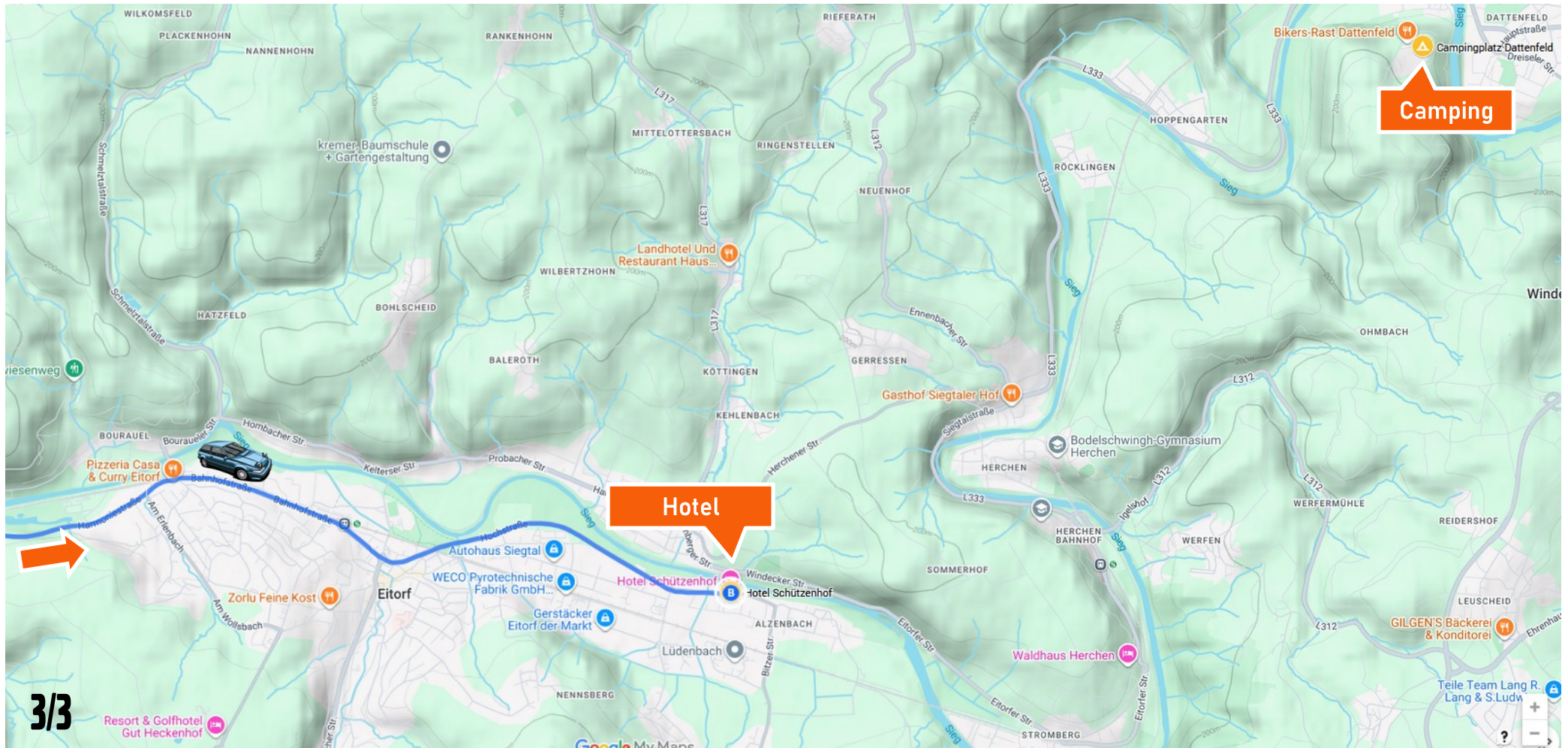
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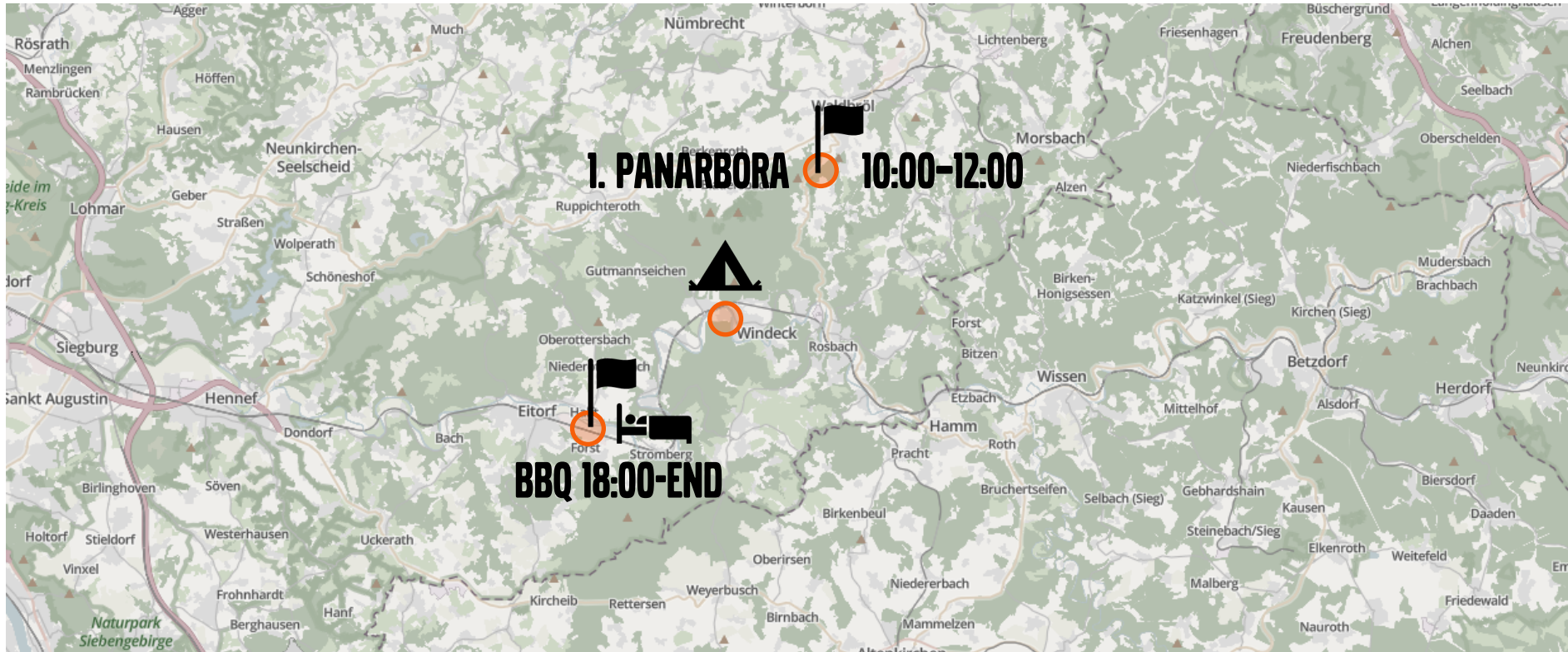
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ROAD TRIP WITH THE 480S

- 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
 - 80s-90s-Party

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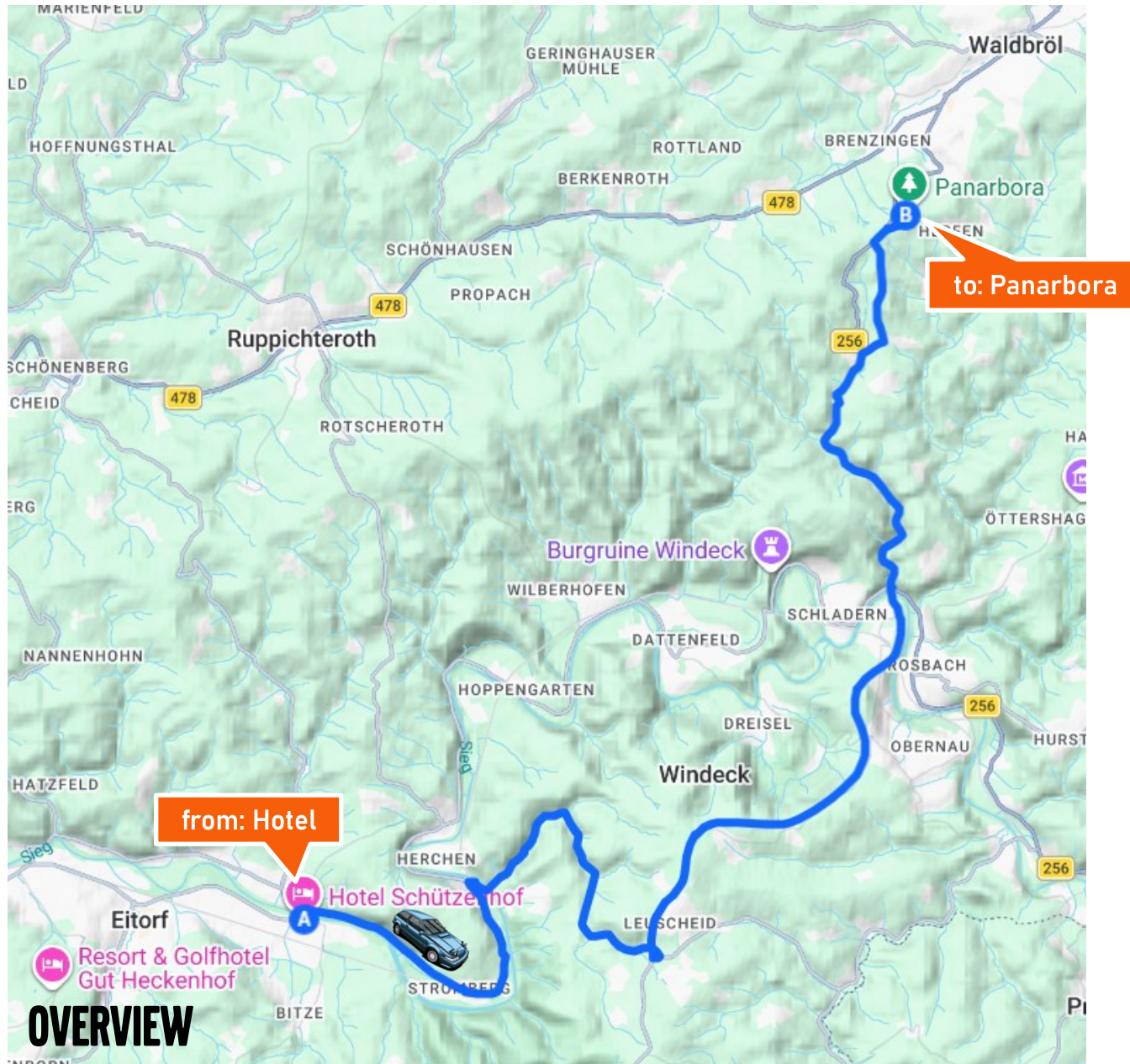


To ensure greater safety for us (and other road users), we will be escorted on Sunday by two motorcycles from the “Johanniter Accident Aid” motorcycle squad.



TRIP FROM THE HOTEL TO “PANARBORA”

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Start: Hotel in Eitorf

Departure: 9:15

Distance: approx. 25 km
approx. 35 min

Destination:

Arriving: 10:00

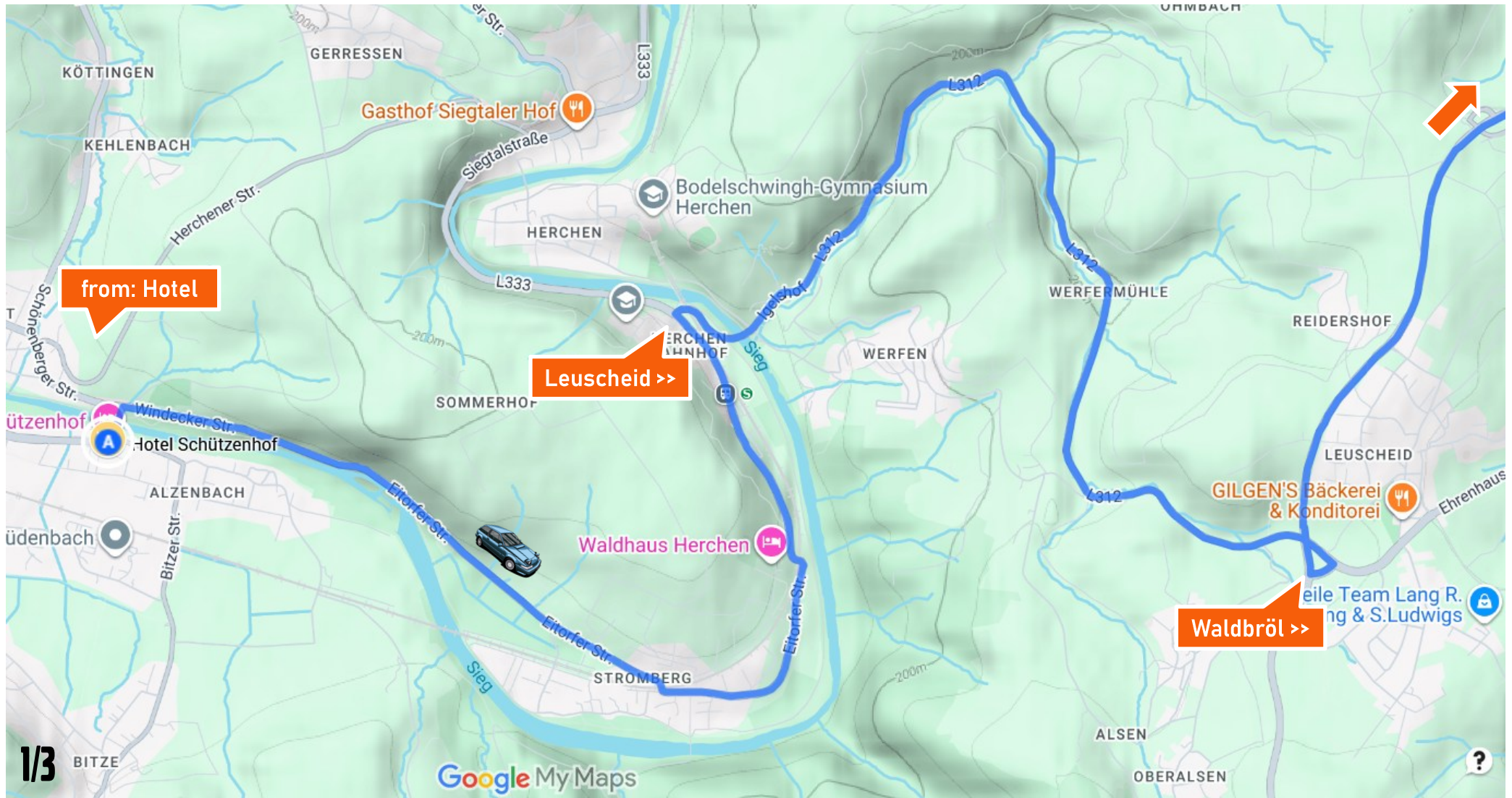
Panarbora
Nature Discovery Park
Nutscheidstraße 1
51545 Waldbröl
car park

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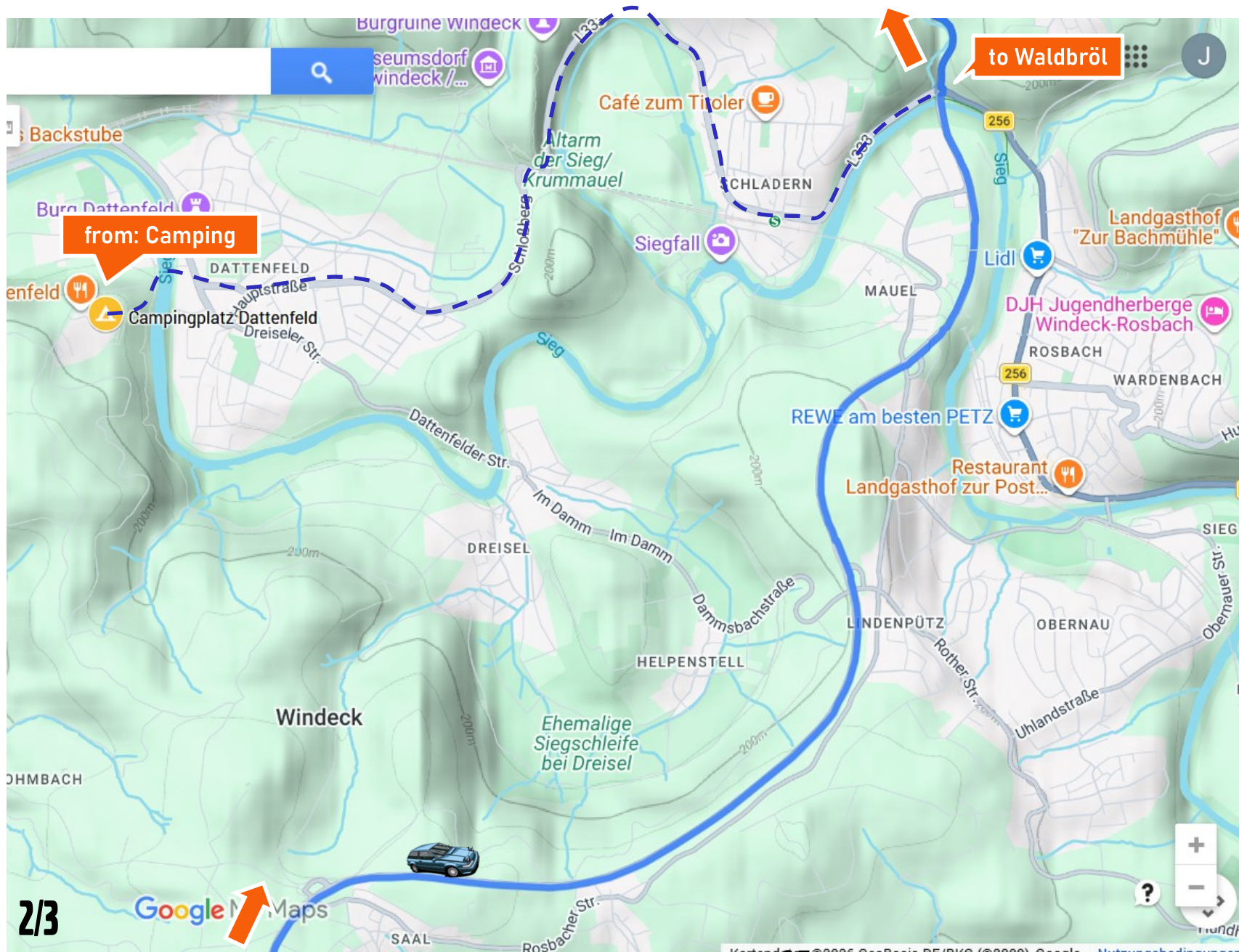
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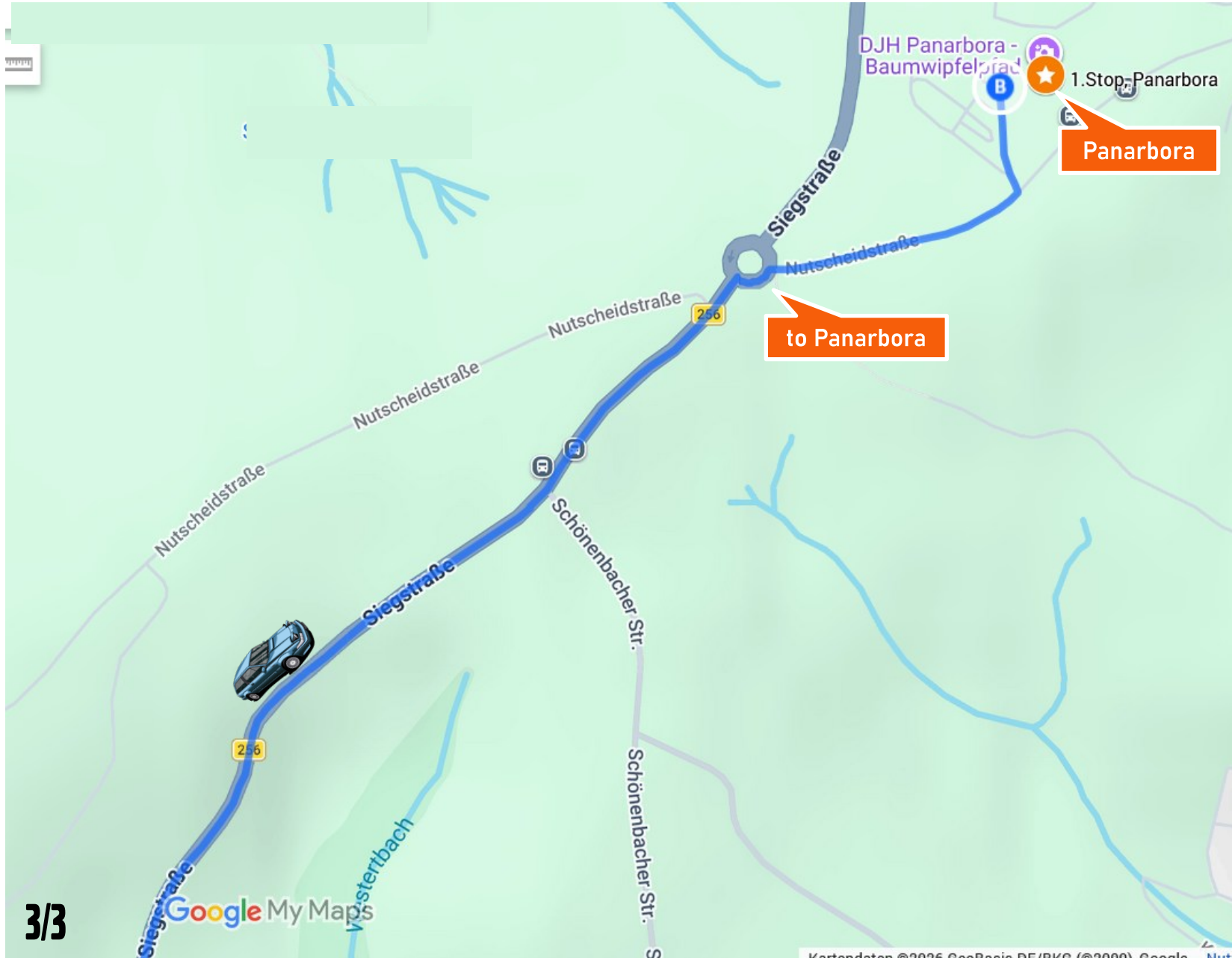
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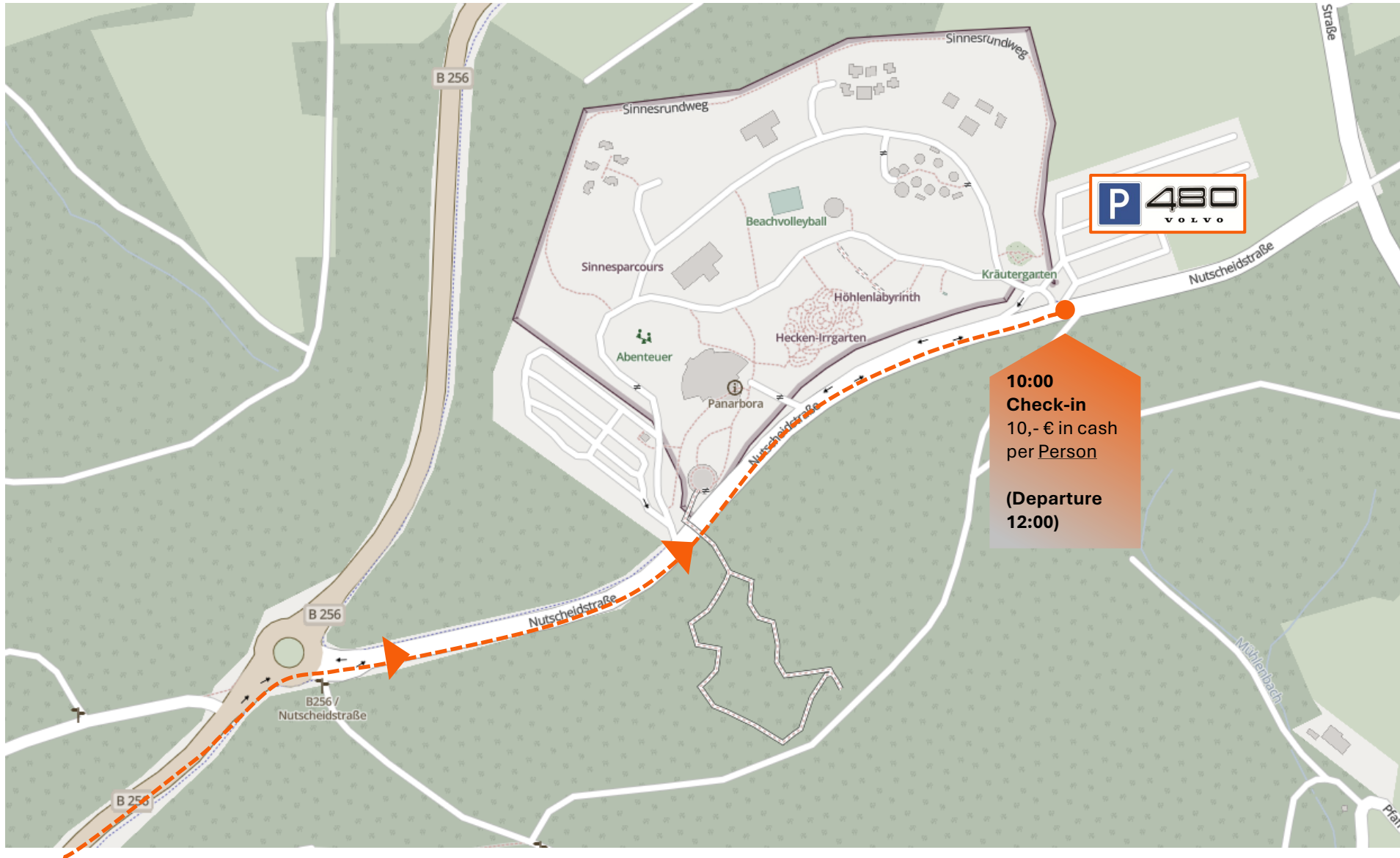
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MEETING POINT "PANARBORA"

SITE PLAN: CHECK-IN AND PARKING



MEETING POINT “PANARBORA”

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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 – Breakfast, Snacks, Drinks, coffee, cake,... (to be paid for on site)



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Panarbora

WALDBRÖL IM BERGISCHEN LAND

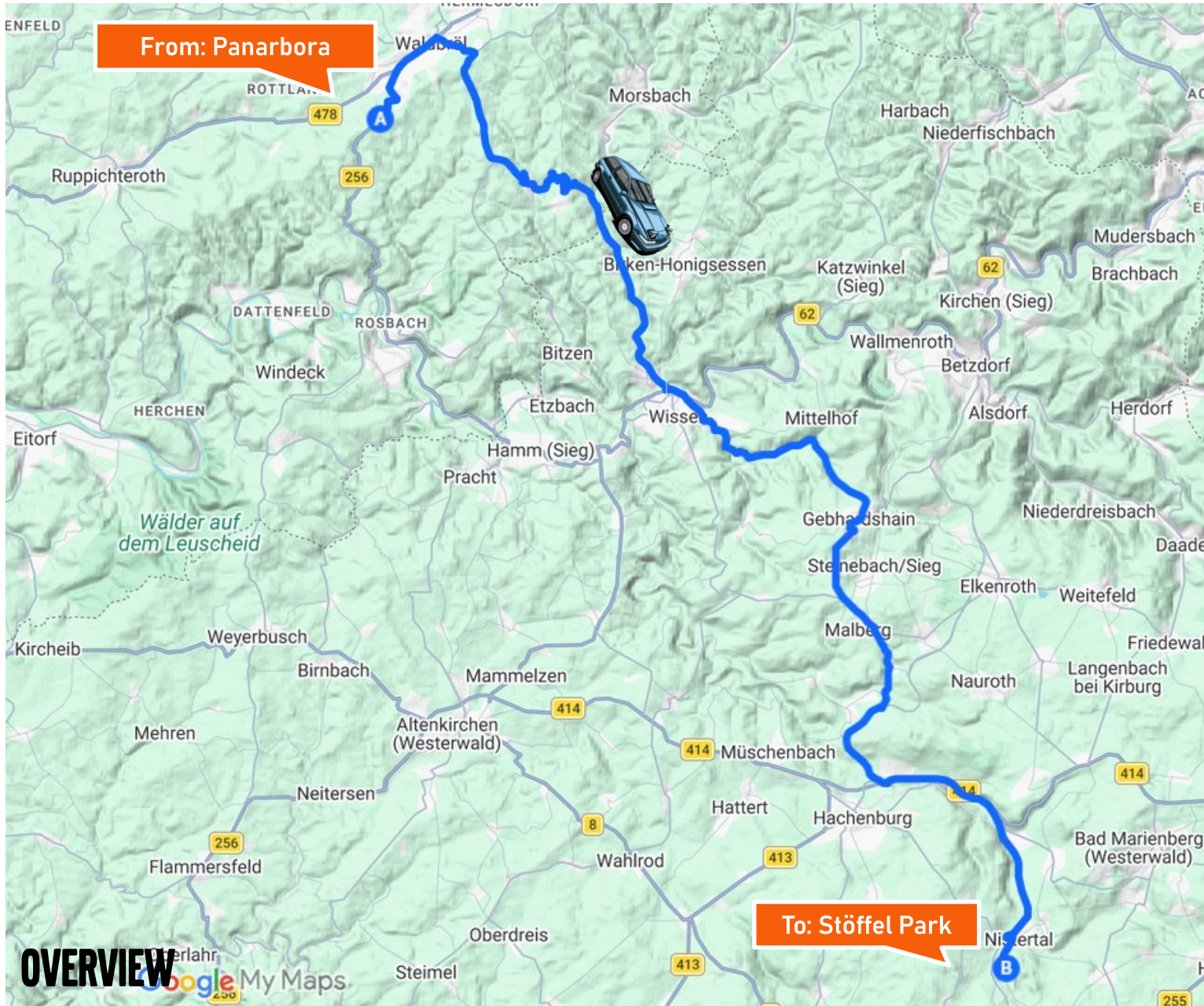
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SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



TRIP FROM "PANARBORA" TO "STÖFFEL PARK"

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Panarbora
Departure: 12:00
Distance: approx. 53 km
approx. 1 h

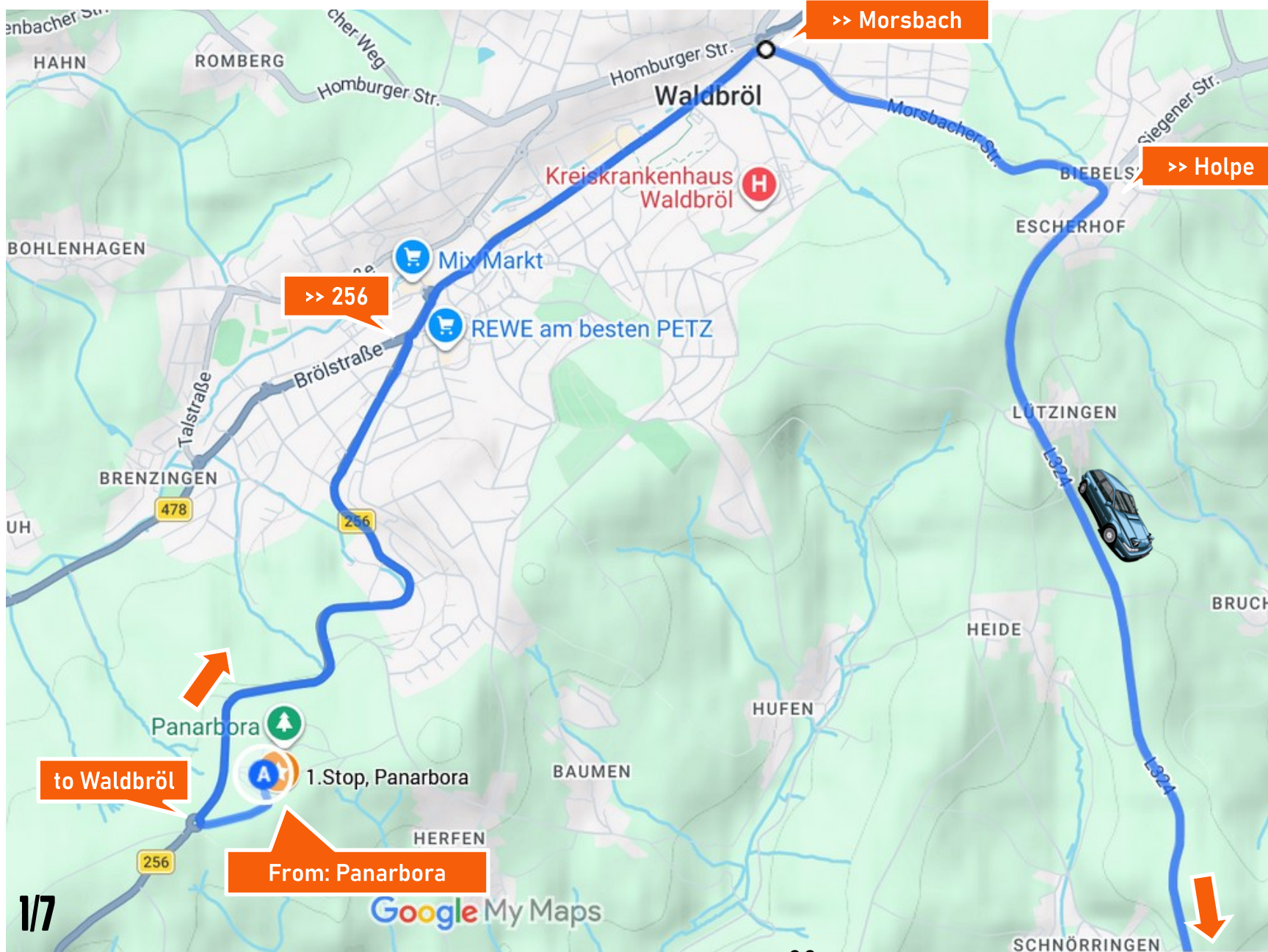
Destination:
Arriving: approx. 13:00
Stöffel-Park
Stöffelstraße
57647 Enspel
car park

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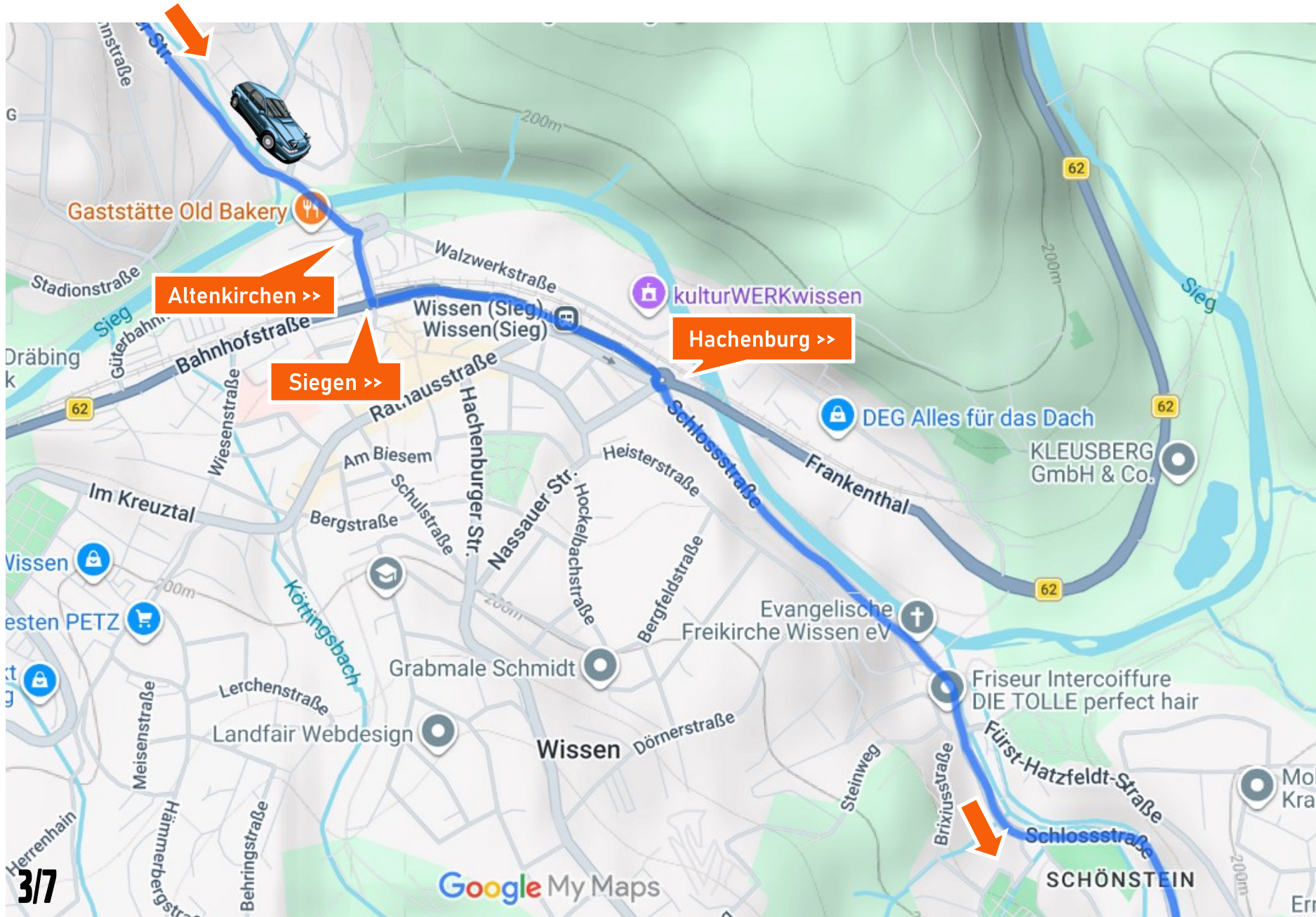
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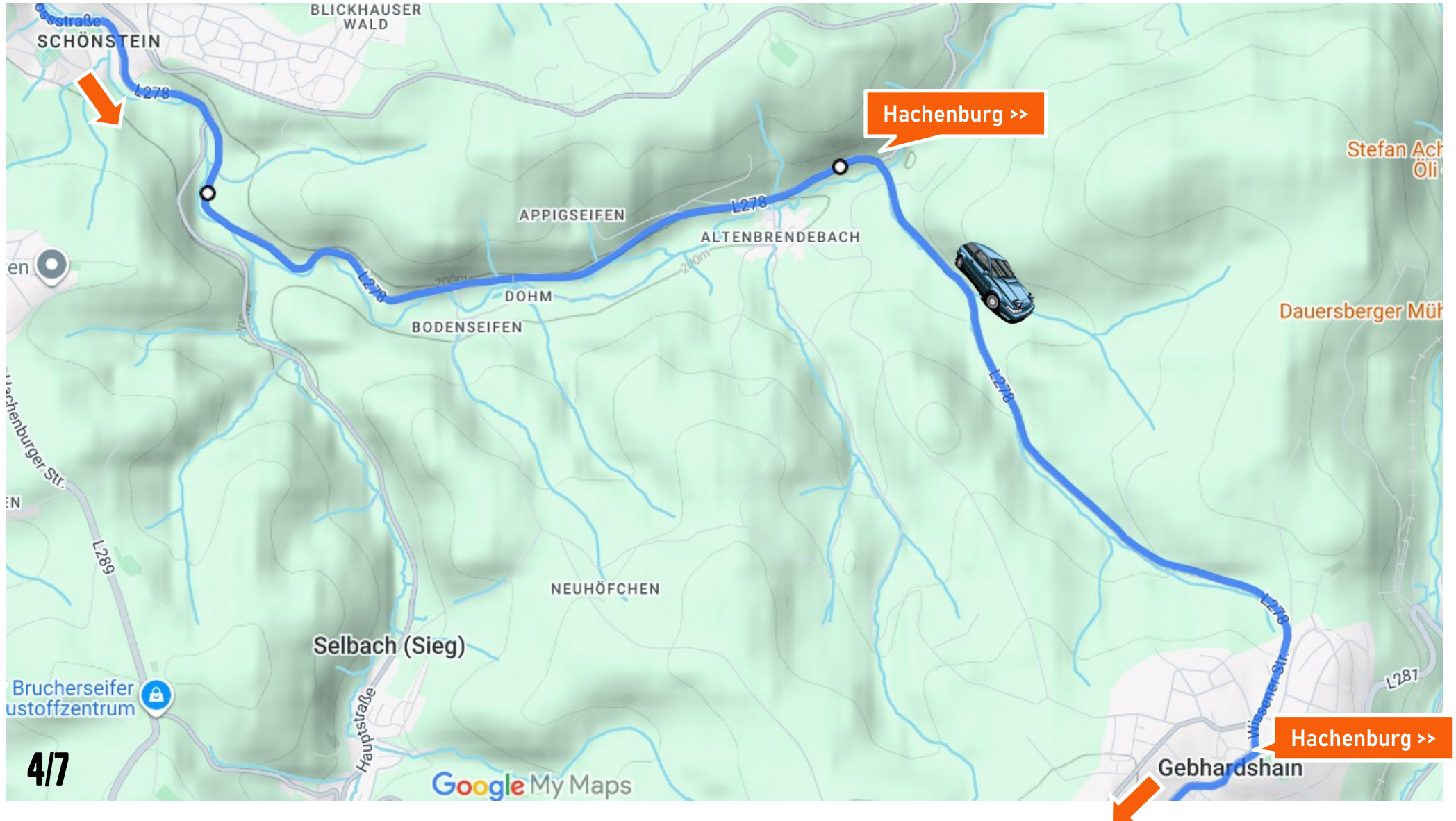
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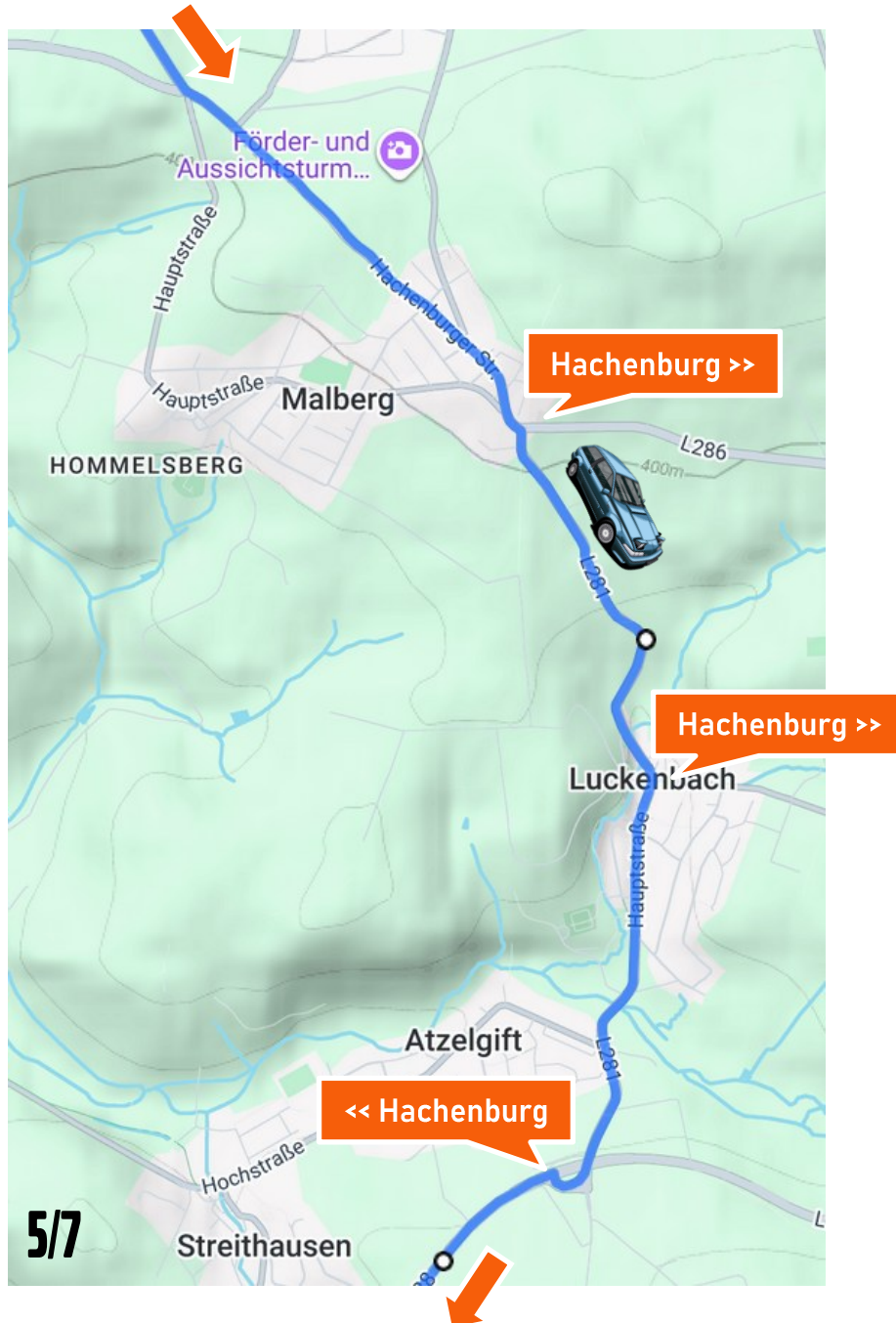
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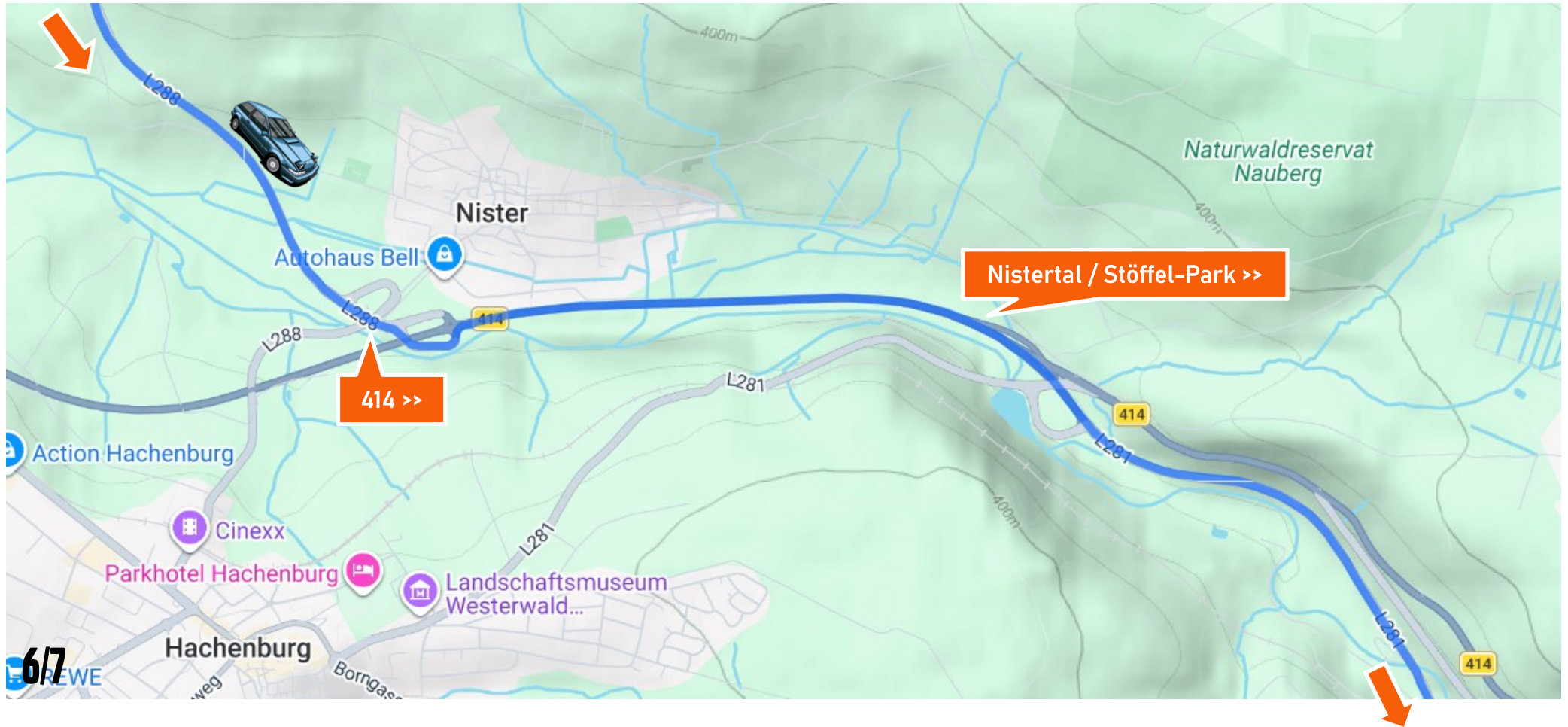
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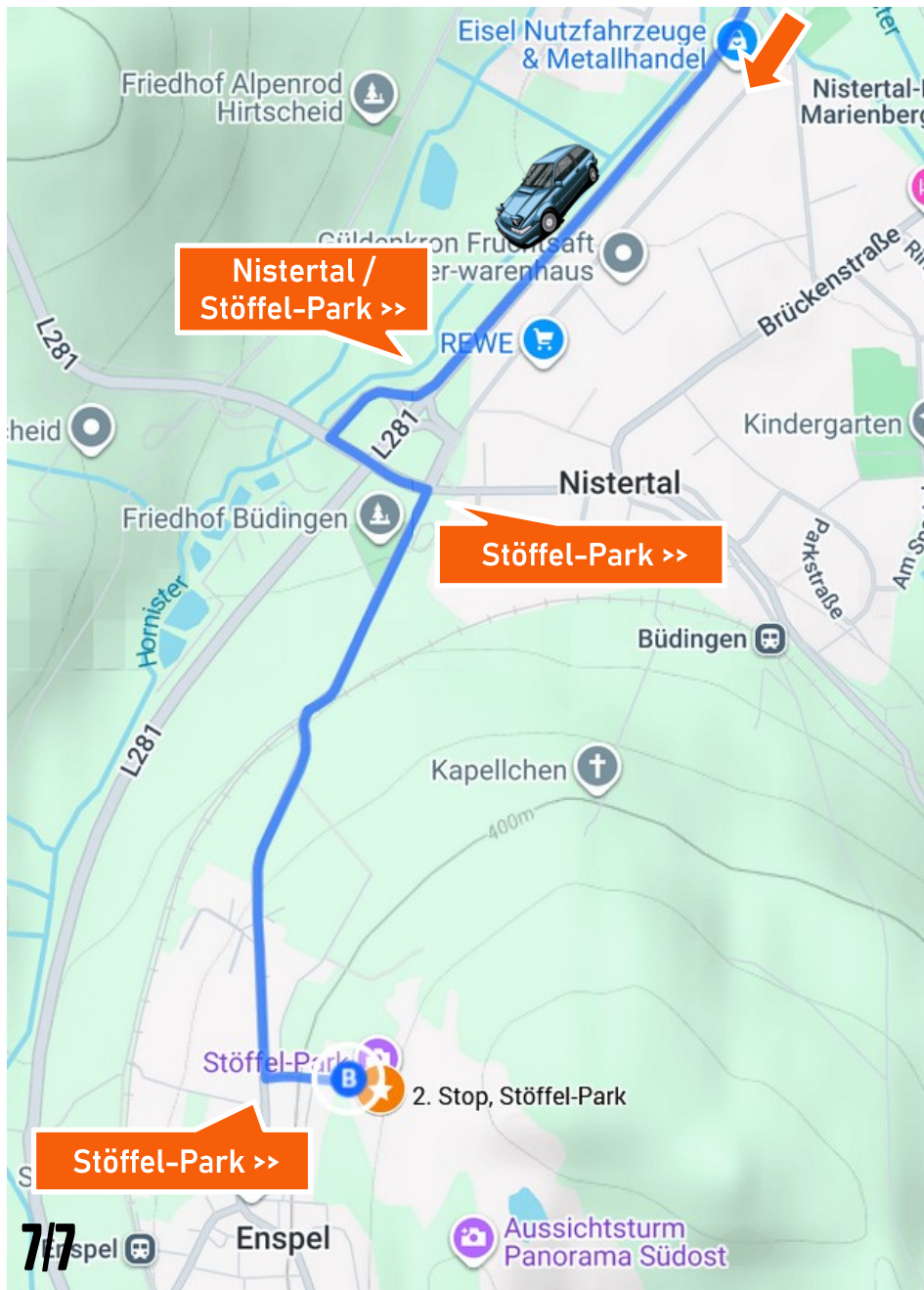
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MEETING POINT "STÖFFEL PARK"

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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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 only)
(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



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STÖFFEL PARK
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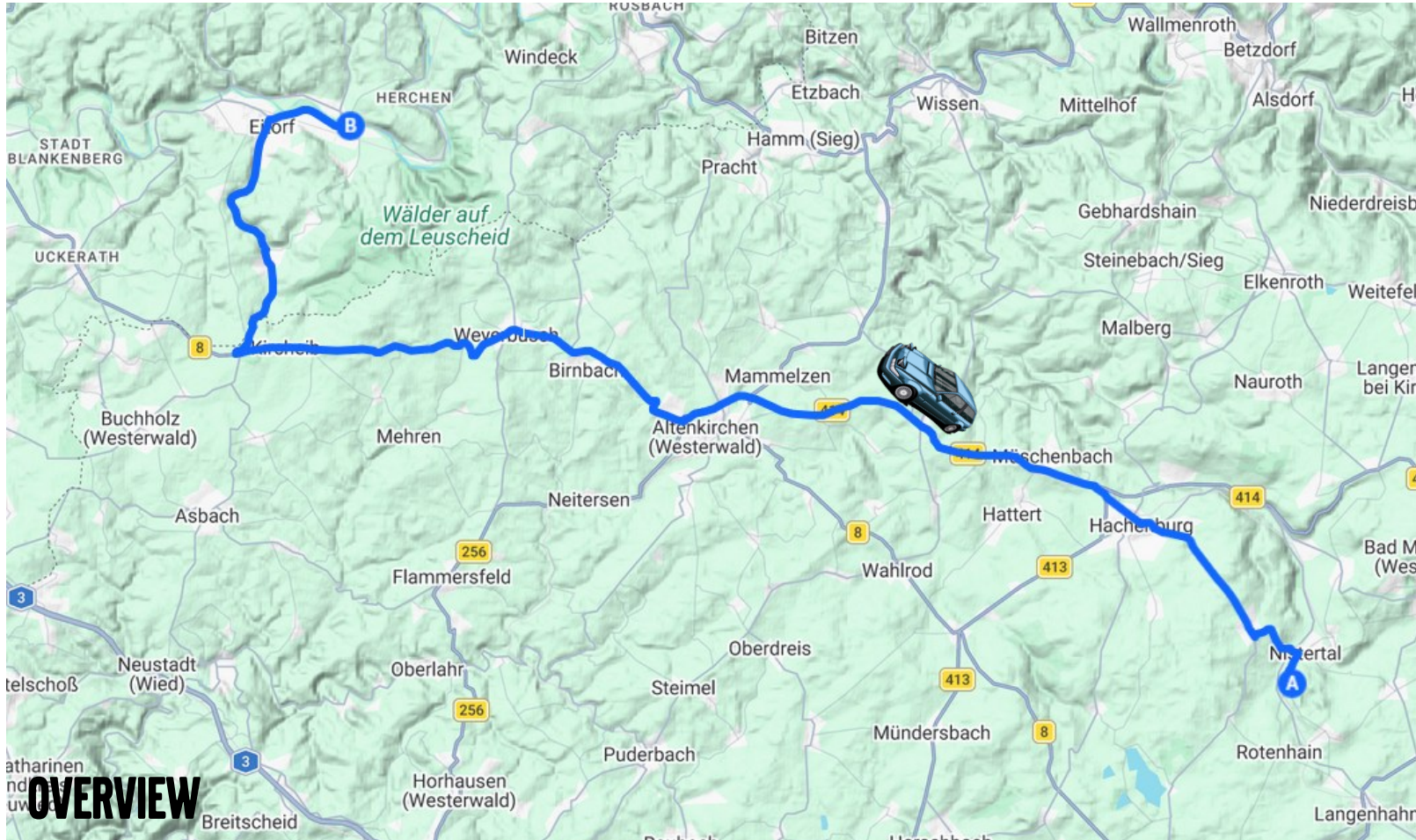
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SOME PHOTOS OF THE LOCATION...



TRIP FROM "STÖFFEL PARK" TO THE BARBEQUE AT THE HOTEL

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Start: Stöffelpark
Departure: 16:00
Distance: approx. 60 km
approx. 60 min

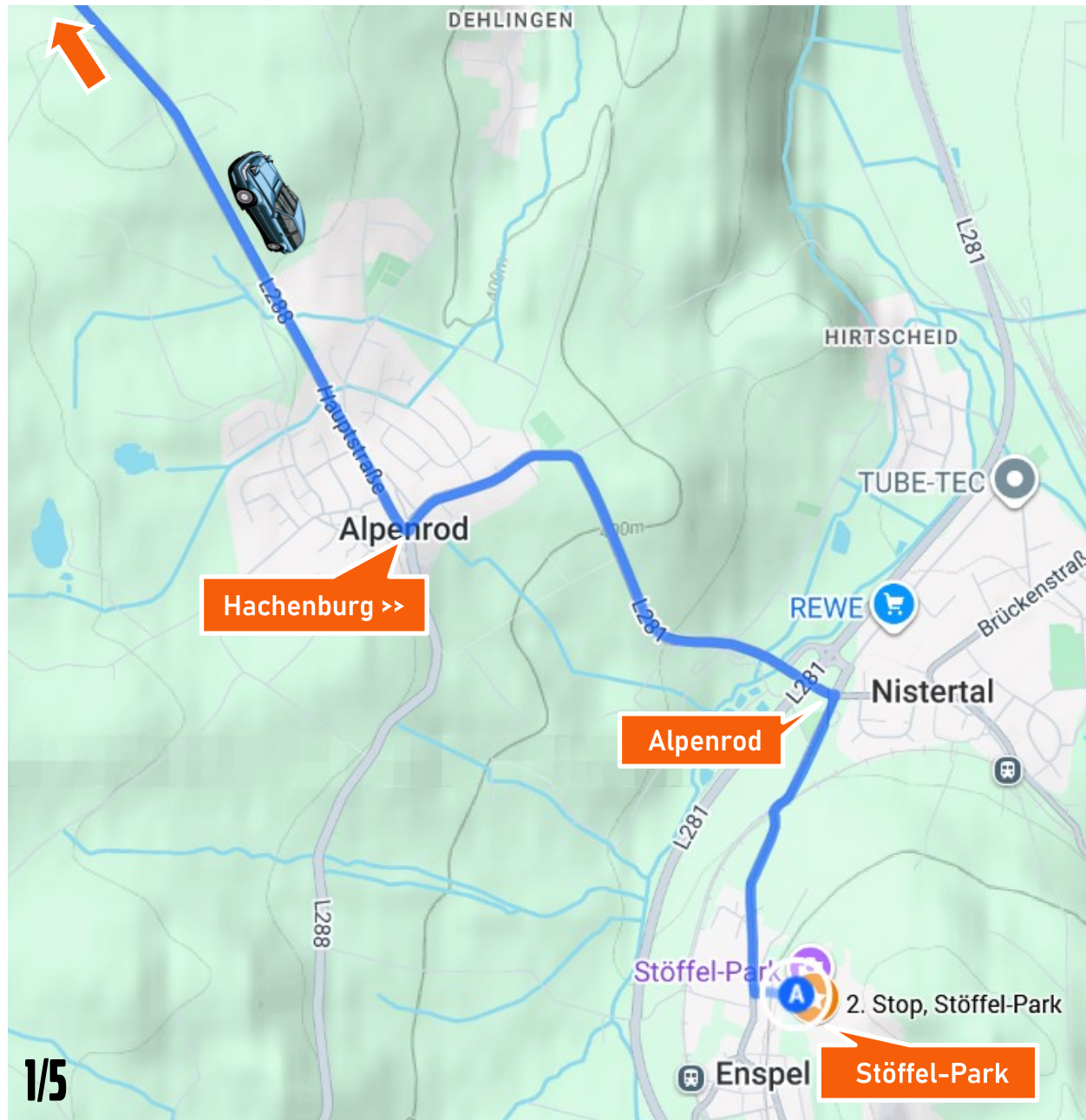
Destination:
Arriving: approx. 17:00
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Windecker Straße 2
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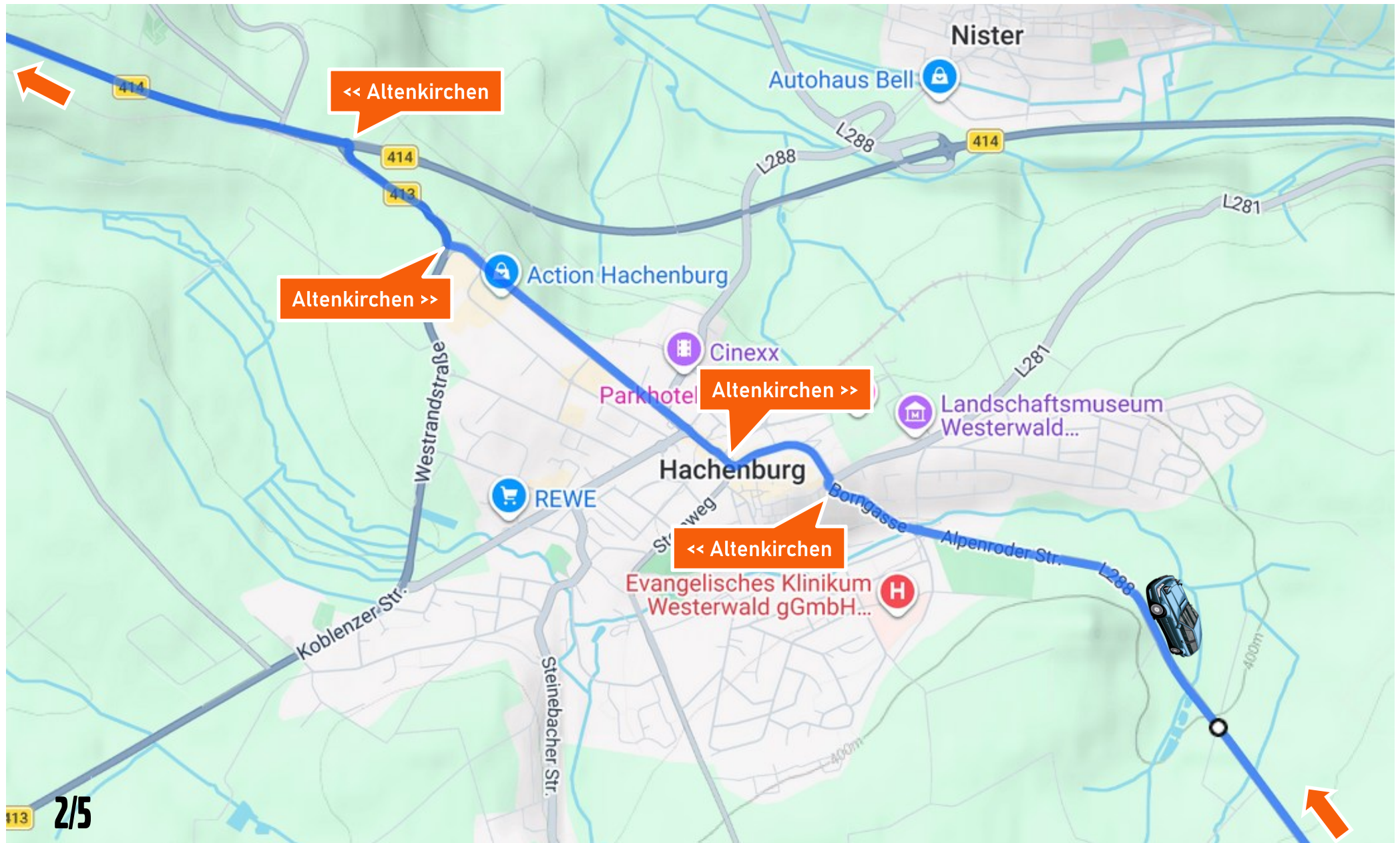
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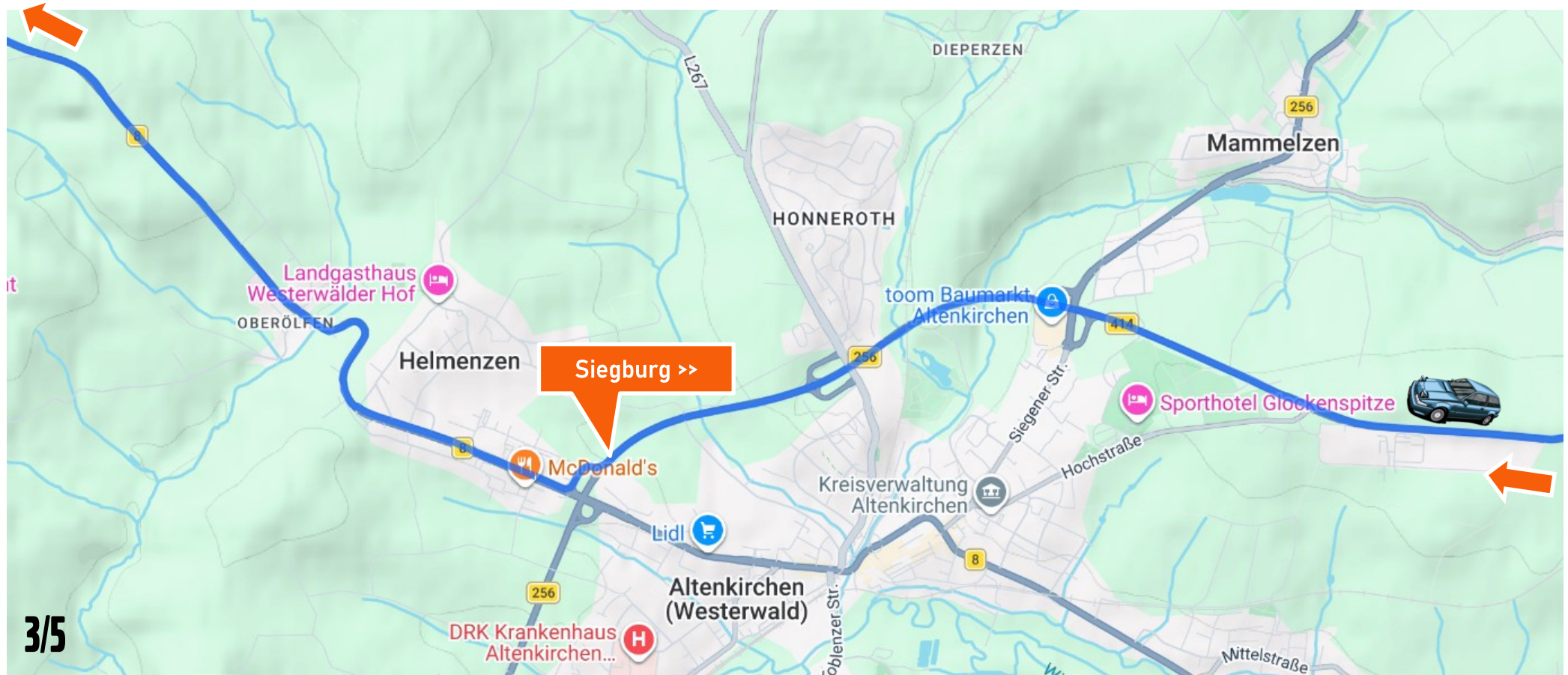
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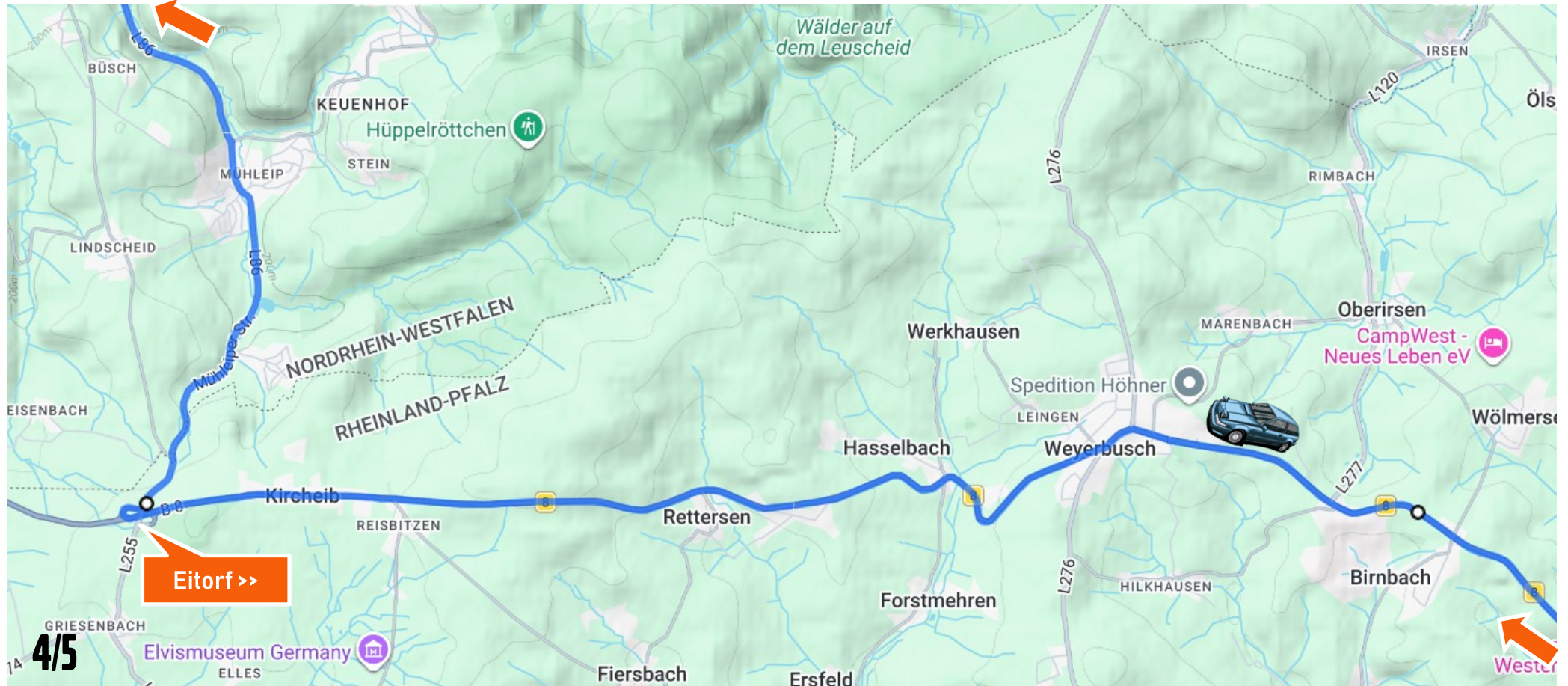
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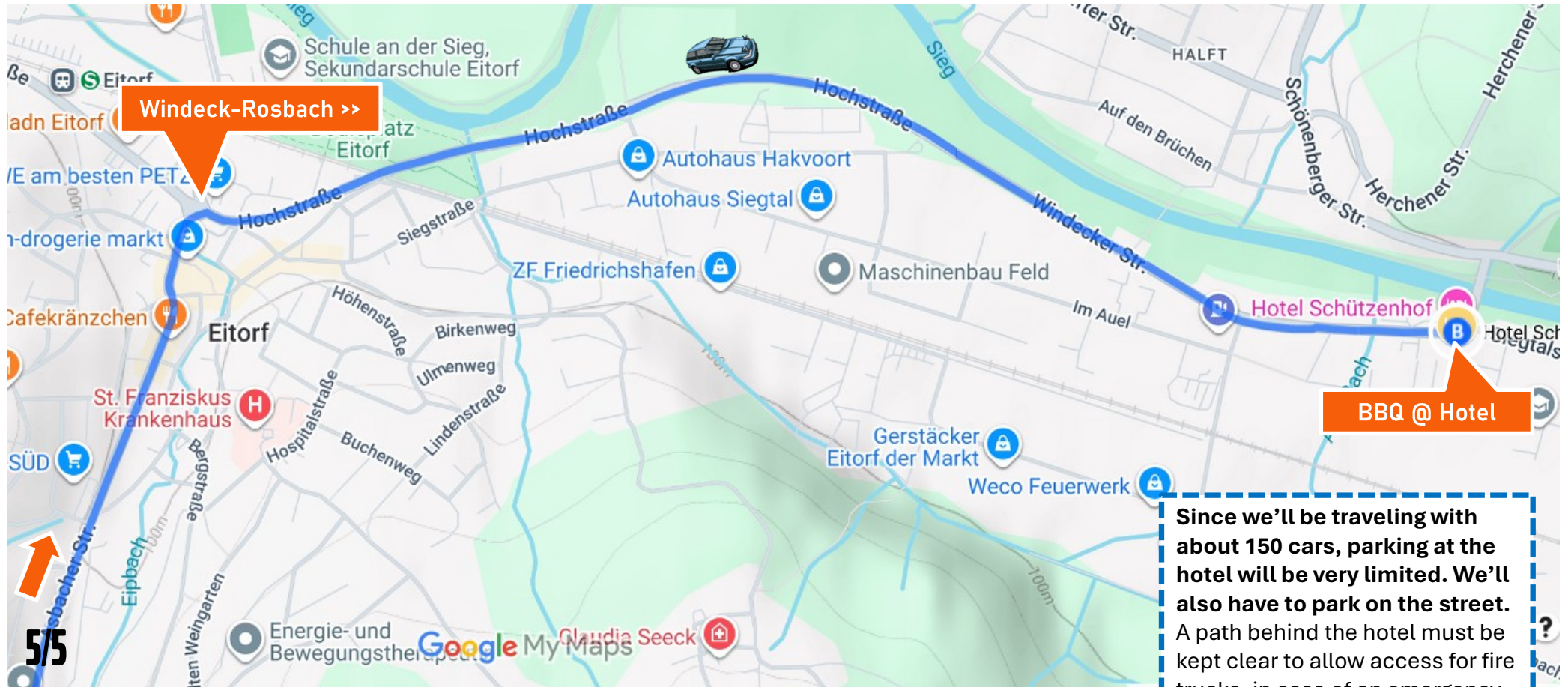
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LET'S HAVE BBQ TOGETHER

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 entire Hotel 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 Eitorf,

Costs: € 35,- + drinks extra (to be paid on site)

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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.



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.

NEWS + UPDATES



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 an 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, ...



CHAT + LIVE LOCATION



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Humuyp8DCTI5KIE8nmeo MM>



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.

HELP!



Remon has made his Volvo 440 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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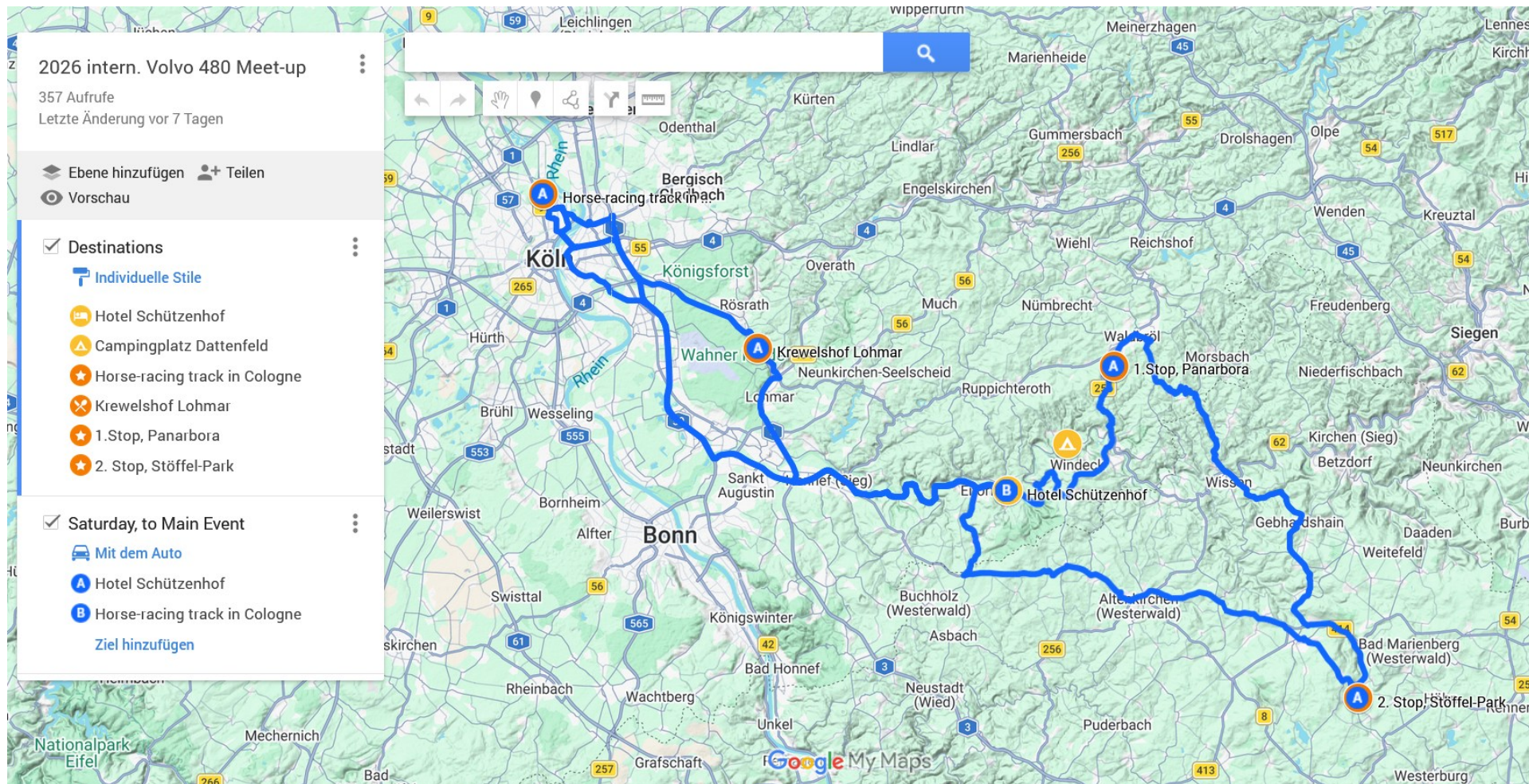


GENERAL INFORMATION

SUNDAY 24. MAY 2026

The detailed Routing you have online on Google MyMaps

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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 and sunglasses and with you.

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



Please remember that supermarkets are closed on Sunday and Monday. Be sure to pack enough drinks for the trip.

Fuel stations are open.

Of course, you can buy drinks at our destinations.



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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.

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 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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