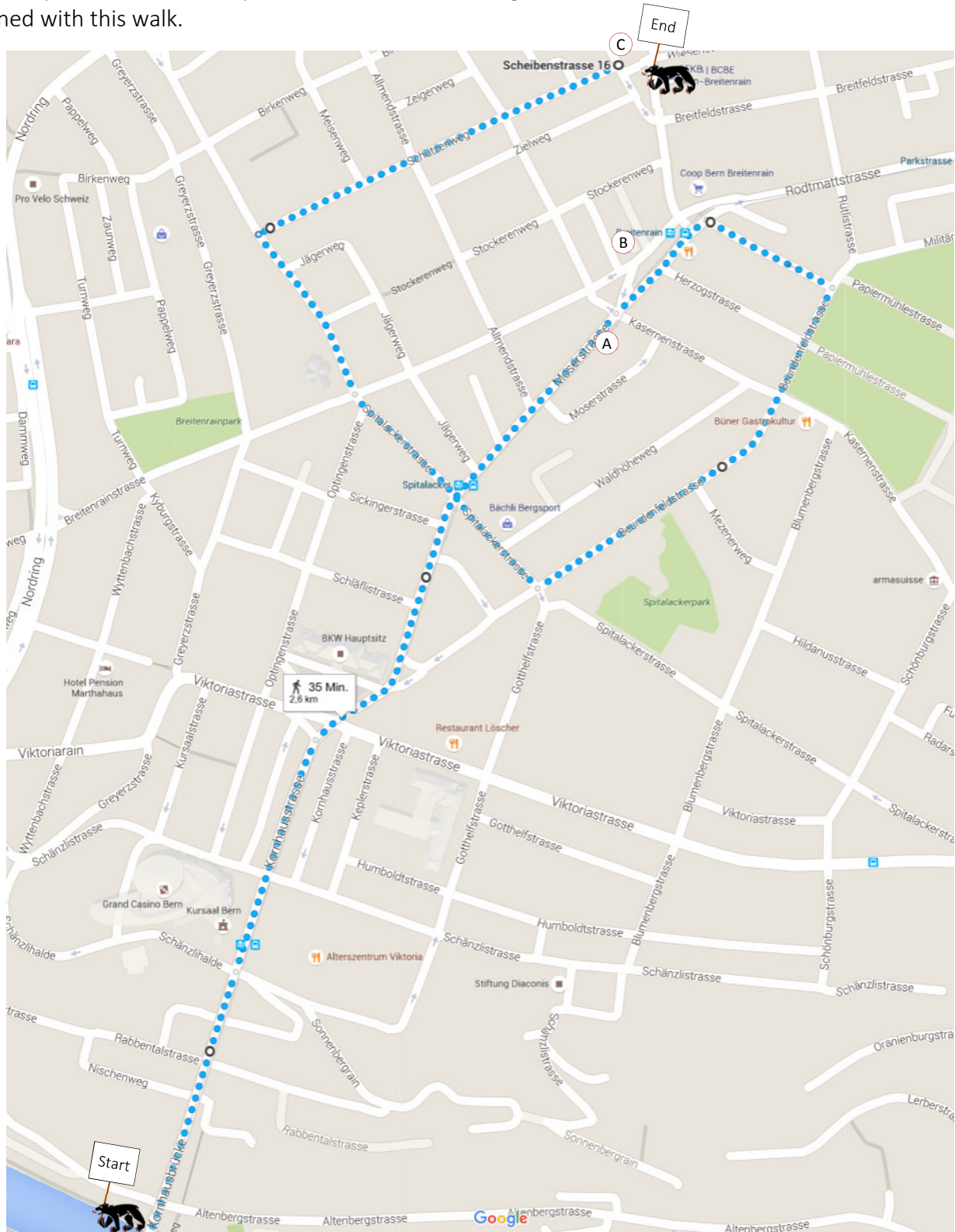


Self Guided Walking Tour – Breitenrain

The north-district of Bern, the Breitenrain, is characterised by small shops and cafés, as well as beautiful houses and it's proximity to the BERNEXPO area and the stadium of Bern (Stade de Suisse), where big sport events and concerts take place.

This walk guides you through this district. It shows where you can have a drink or enjoy a good ice-cream in summer, where you can warm-up in winter and it takes you through some of the nicest streets in the quarter. Additionally there are some optional walks to the rose garden and down to the river Aare, which can be combined with this walk.



The walk starts at the beginning of *Kornhausbrücke*. While crossing the bridge you can enjoy a nice view to the old city center, the river Aare and the rose garden on the right side. If the weather conditions are right you can see the alps in the background. In this case you see one of the most beautiful views in Bern!

When you arrive at the crossroad *Viktoriaplatz* you continue to walk along the rails of the tram through *Moserstrasse*. This might not be the nicest street of the Breitenrain because there is quiet a lot of traffic but in this street you find most of the shops, bars and restaurants of the quarter. I haven't been to all of the restaurants but I can recommend the restaurant *3dosha ayurveda* (indian, vegetarian, vegan) especially for take away lunch, because you can fill a lunchbox with everything you want from the buffet for just 13.50 Fr.

Some impressions of Moserstrasse and the view of Kornhausbrücke



At the end of *Moserstrasse* you arrive at the heart of the Breitenrain, at *Breitenrainplatz*. Here I'd like to point two places: The bakery called Bohnenblust and the bar called *Barbière*.



The bakery Bohnenblust

The bar barbière

There is a little tea-room in the *Bohnenblust*, so if you want you can go in, enjoy a cup of coffee or a hot chocolate combined with delicious pastry. It's point A on the map and the façade is pink, you can't miss it!

The *barbière* is one of the meeting points of the quarter. Besides food and drinks they serve homemade beer. If you want to check it out turn left at the grocery store *Migros* and turn right at *Breitenrainstrasse*. You should see it now (Point B on the map).



The walk continues at the end of the square. You turn right at *Militärstrasse* at a restaurant called *Tramway* (see picture on the left). If you are hungry and if you like huge Schnitzel or Cordon Bleu, this is your place to go! It takes rather a long time until you get your food and the interior is not very fancy, but you get a lot of food for your money.

At the end of *Militärstrasse* on the left there is another good bakery called *La Praline*. They have a little terrace and serve brunch on Saturday and Sunday. But the walk continues on the right side. Now we leave the streets with shops and restaurants and continue through the residential area of the Breitenrain. Walk down *Beundenfeldstrasse* until you get to the corner of *Spital-*

ackerstrasse. Right at the beginning you'll pass a big lawn which is open to the public. That's why in summer there are often people sitting there on the grass and enjoying the sun. You'll also see an Urban Gardening Project at the playground right after the lawn. If you want you can also have a look at the streets which are parallel to *Militärstrasse* (*Herzogstrasse* and *Kasernenstrasse*) because there are some really nice houses in those streets.

When you arrive at the corner to *Spitalackerstrasse* you can decide if you want to do an additional walk to the rosegarden. It takes you about 15 minutes to get there. You find a nice way on page 4. If you do so, you get back on this walk at the little church, which is described in the next sentence.

If you want to continue to explore the Breitenrain you turn right at *Spitalackerstrasse* and you walk down this street until you get to a little church. You go straight ahead into *Wylersstrasse*. If you take the second street on the right (*Jägerweg*) you'll discover a really cool playground. You can decide if you want to go through it or if you take the next street on the right (*Schützenweg*).

Then you continue to walk along *Schützenweg* until you get to *Scheibenstrasse*, where this walk ends. Here I'd like to point out one last thing: The Gelateria di Berna. It is located at *Scheibenstrasse 18* and they serve homemade ice cream, which is really good! It is point C on the map.

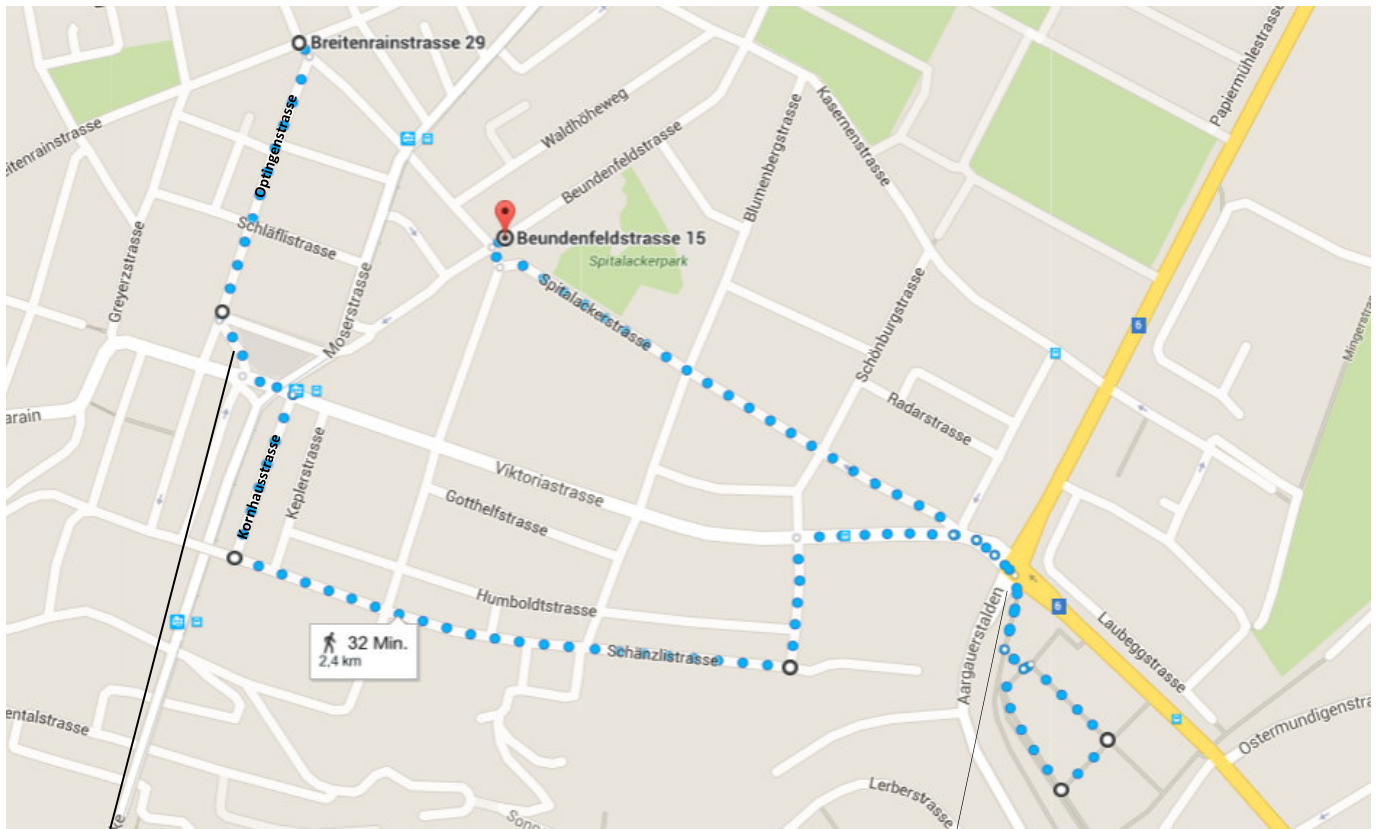


Gelateria di Berna

Now you have three options:

1. You turn right and go back to Breitenrainplatz, where you take tram number 9 back to the city centre (direction Wabern).
2. You continue to explore the Breitenrain by yourself. The streets around *Schützenweg* where you just came from are all really nice. There are no shops or restaurants, but you find many nice houses in this area. You can walk back towards the centre by using those streets.
3. You go for a longer walk along the river Aare. It takes you a bit more than 1h and it ends at the botanical garden or the *Nydeggbücke* (Nydeggbücke), you can decide where you want to stop walking. If you want to do this walk, go on page 5, where you find a map of the walk (the walk on the map ends at *Nydeggbücke*, but the botanical garden is also indicated on the map. You can go through the garden up to *Lorrainebrücke* (Lorrainebrücke), cross the bridge and then you end up close to the railway station).

Rosegarden-Walk



When you cross *Viktoriaplatz*, enter into this street.



Walk up the those stairs to get to the garden

Aare-Walk





That's how you get to the river. It's a bit different than on the map because the map doesn't show the pedestrian-ways.

