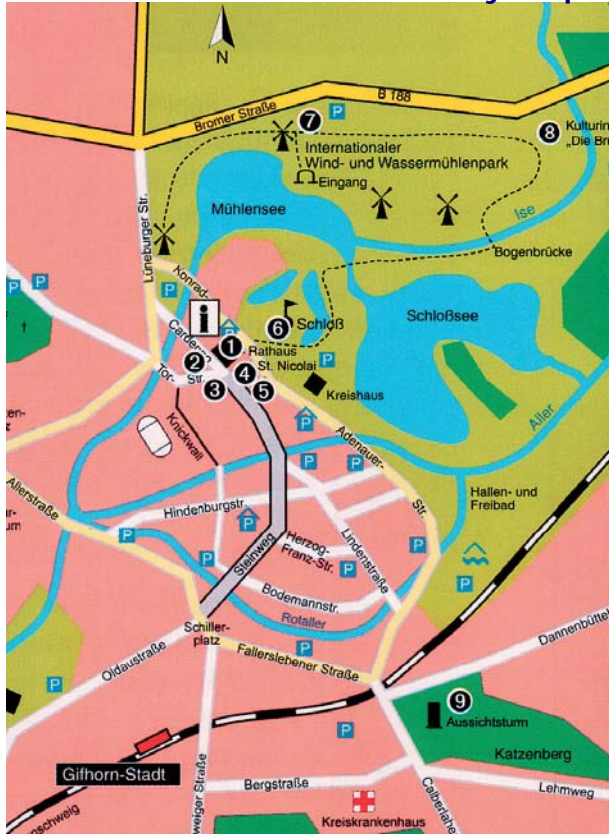




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Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to visit us at the tourist information centre. We can give you more information about current events and activities as well as brochures about places of interest located in the outer region. We would also be happy to arrange the most comfortable accommodation for your stay in the Suedheide Gifhorn.

Please contact us for the following services we offer:

- reservation service
- holiday and leisure time
- organisation of group programmes
- day trips
- individual offers
- conferences
- guided tours

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
 Additional business hours from 1 April till 30 September:
 Sat 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.



Gifhorn City Walking Trip

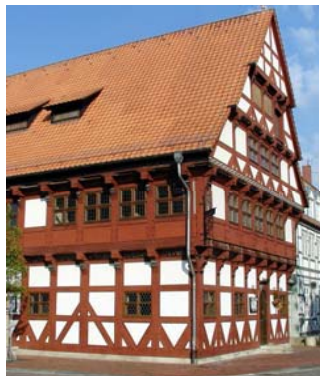


We cordially welcome you

Gifhorn – the idyllic city of mills is located at the fringes of the Suedheide. The town of Gifhorn with its 43,500 inhabitants was first mentioned in records in 1196. The attractive Old Town with its picturesque timbered houses invites you to relax, shop and stroll.

Restaurants and bistros will be pleased to serve you specialities of our region like asparagus, grey horned heath sheep meat or goat delicacies according to season.

❶ We are standing on the **market square** - a central meeting point. Right behind us is the modern town hall where you can also find our Tourist Information Centre. On Wednesdays and Saturdays there is the possibility to visit the farmers' market.



❷ Before you follow the pedestrian precinct turn right to the house on the corner (Cardenap 1-3). There you can see the **Old Town Hall** with beautiful carvings built in 1562. Nowadays the "Ratsweinkeller" accommodates the public library of Gifhorn and an excellent restaurant.

❸ Another historic timbered house with rich carvings is the **Höfer house** (Steinweg 2). Built in 1570 it was used as a department store. The house is named after the family who is in the possession of it up to the present day.



❹ The next place of interest is the **St. Nicolai church**. This beautiful baroque church was built from 1733-1744. Inside the St. Nicolai church you can adore a famous Christian Vater organ dated back to 1748 and a richly adorned pulpit altar. Now it is time for peace and contemplation. Take a seat and enjoy the silence.



❺ We walk straight on and are now admiring the **Kavalierhaus** (Steinweg 3). This renaissance house is the oldest building in town and was built in 1540. Inside the Kavalierhaus is a museum showing residential culture from the beginning of the 20th century. Right now the Kavalierhaus is closed due to redevelopments.

❻ Walk along the tiny alley called Kavalierstweete which is on the left of the Kavalierhaus. Please cross the road at the traffic lights and follow the footpath. In front of you appears the Guelph Dukes' **renaissance castle** built in 1525



where Duke Franz of Braunschweig and Lüneburg lived from 1539 till 1549. The castle is not only home to the district authorities but also to a museum of local history.

Temporary exhibitions are presented; concerts and other cultural events can be enjoyed in the appropriate setting.

Tip: The museum is open Tue to Fri from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Sat, Sun and public holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

❼ We are now heading to the **International Open-Air Mill Museum**.



Should you prefer to walk for about 20 minutes, you can stroll from the castle through the beautiful castle grounds along the river Ise to the entrance at the B 188. The museum was founded in 1990 by Horst Wrobel.



Since the opening the owner has built 16 mills in their original size. The exhibition hall displays more than 50 models from all over the world. Take your time and explore the museum with

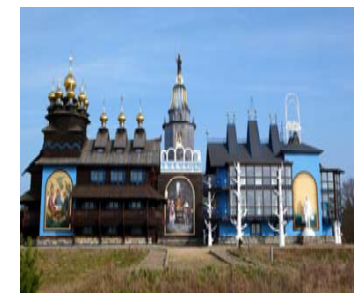
its 150,000 square metres. Ponds and lakes are scattered all over the park. In the middle of the park there is a little village where you have the possibility to relax or watch the old-fashioned bakery and taste some bread or cake.



Don't miss the **Russian orthodox wooden church** (only access from the mill grounds).

Tip: Opening hours of the museum: 10-18 h daily from 15 March till 31 October, 1 November till 14 March closed.

Please contact 05371-55466 for further information.



❽ The "**Glockenpalast**" is situated beside the mill park. With its several gold-coloured copulas it is modelled after the architectural style of an ancient Russian monastery.

Michail Gorbatschow is the patronage of this project.

❾ Be welcome to enjoy the view over the whole city from the observation platform on the **Katzenberg**. Try to find all tourist attractions you have visited before.

Tip: Open from April till November on Wed and Sun from 9 a.m. till 12 noon, Sat from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.