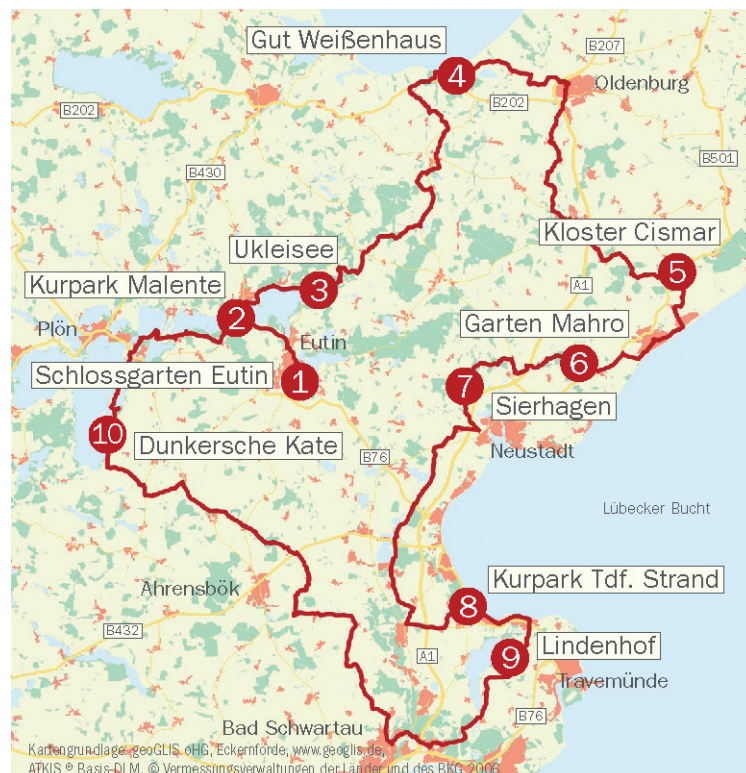




Trail 3 Ostholstein: A Philosophical Stroll in a Delightful Lake Landscape

For centuries the lake landscape of Ostholstein has cast its spell on leisurely walkers. The charm and beauty of Ostholstein's landscape are an enticement to visitors to undertake a trip through nature beautified by man. The gardens of Ostholstein encompass the spirit of 18th-century landscaped gardens right up to 20th-century spa gardens.

At the heart of the Holsteinischen Schweiz (Holstein's Switzerland) is the Schlossgarten Eutin (Eutin Castle Garden) which, with its Philosophischen Gang (Philosophical Walk), forms a perfect starting point for the trail. It is a pure pleasure to wander through the Jagdschlösschen Lustholz (Hunting Lodge Ornamental Wood) on the Ukleisee (Lake Uklei), and to cycle through the hilly landscape to the Hohwachter Bucht (Hohwacht Bay) and the Gut Weißenhaus (Weißenhaus Estate). Important garden designers left their mark on the Ostholstein lakescape. Karl Plomin designed impressive patterns of vegetation in the spa gardens of Malente, Erwin Barth created an impressive combination of trees and shrubs in the park belonging to the Lindenhof country house on the Hemmeldorfer See (Lake Hemmeldorf), and Harry Maasz employed playful geometric shapes in the Timmendorfer Strand spa gardens.



The map shows the route of Trail 3: Ostholstein.

The route is designed for cyclists, but is also accessible by car. For day trips, starting points such as Malente or Neustadt in Holstein can easily be reached by train, and the tour commences from these points by bicycle. Total length of the trail: approximately 200 km.