



From Bern railway station to the stone quarries at Ostermundigen
The “Paths to Klee” are themed footpaths that link the Zentrum Paul Klee on the eastern outskirts of Bern with the centre of the city in which Paul Klee spent many years of his life. Bern’s unique cityscape – inscribed by UNESCO on the World Heritage List – has found its way into Klee’s work in all manner of ways. From the Zentrum Paul Klee, the “Paths to Klee” lead further afield to the neighbouring community of Ostermundigen, site of the imposing stone quarries that, like the city, proved a formative source of inspiration for the artist.

The notice-boards

Along the “Paths to Klee” you will find notice-boards marking, in image and text, places Paul Klee visited – as a child, a walker, a resident of Bern, but particularly, as an artist.

“Paths to Klee” guidebook

This brochure details all of the notice-boards that have been placed along the “Paths to Klee”, and includes photographs of the scenery waiting to be discovered on these entertaining walks through town and country. The brochure ends with a brief biography of Paul Klee’s life.



“Paths to Klee” guidebook available here:

The “Paths to Klee” guidebook is available in English, German and French.

Price: CHF 15.00

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
Paths to Klee



Lorrainebrücke

Botanischer Garten

 Kunstmuseum

 Schützenmatte



Kornhausplatz

Meret-Oppenheim-Brunnen

Kursaal/Grand Casino

Kornhausforum

Stadttheater

Französische Kirche

Wege zu Klee



Zentrum Paul Klee
Bern

Paths to Klee

Walks through Bern to the Zentrum Paul Klee and the stone quarries at Ostermundigen

Orange Path: from Bern railway station to the Zentrum Paul Klee

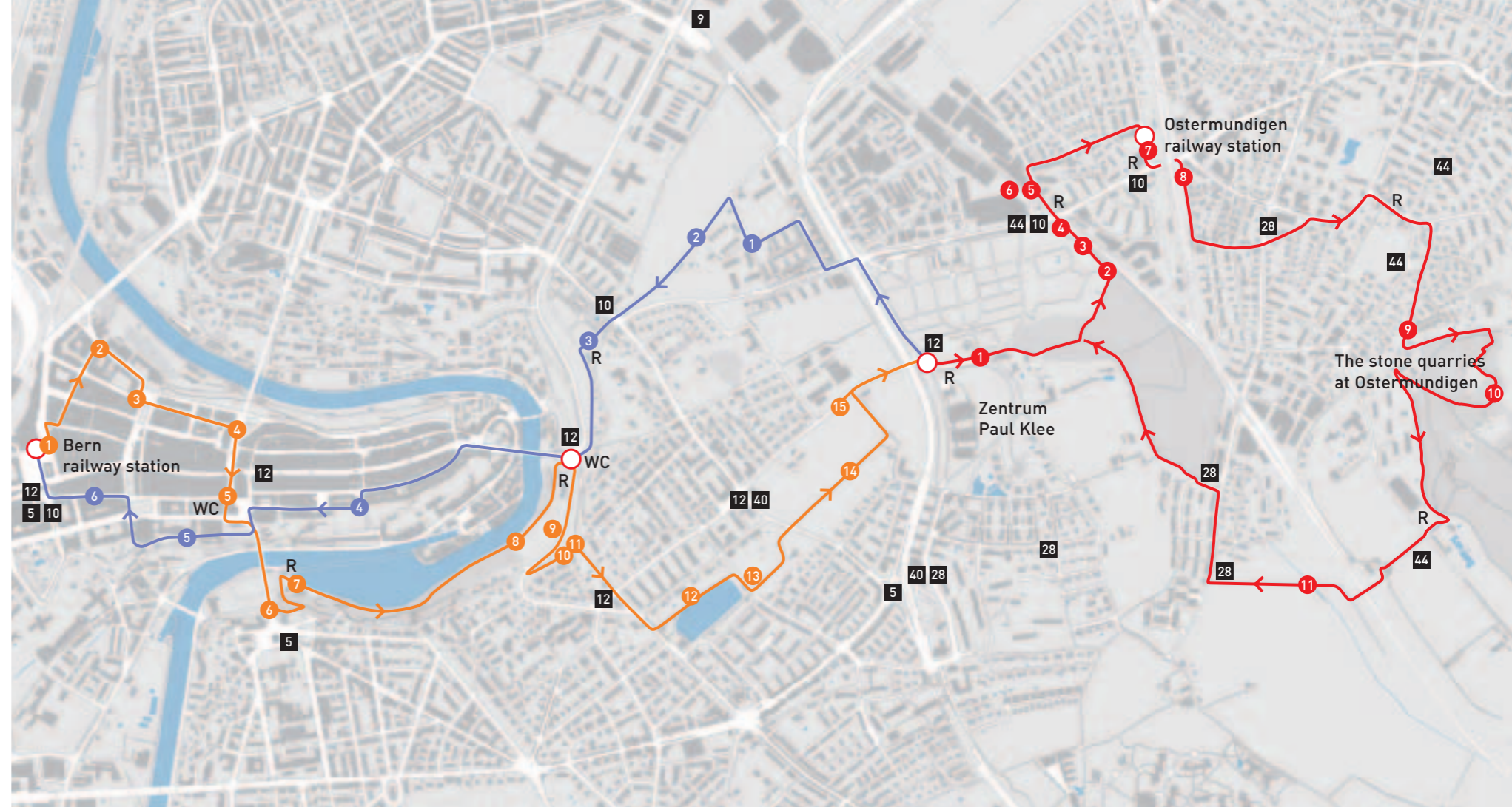
The path takes you through the busy city centre via Waisenhausplatz, Kornhausplatz and Theaterplatz. It crosses the River Aare by the Kirchenfeld Bridge and leads on from Helvetiaplatz down to the Schwellenmätteli. The route then takes you along the tree-strewn banks of the Aare, with its views over the old town and cathedral, all the way to the Bear Pits. From there it's an easy climb to the peaceful residential district of Obstberg and Paul Klee's parental home, then on to the lake of Egelsee, until you reach the Zentrum Paul Klee. Distance: 5 km
Time: at least 2 hours

Red Path: Zentrum Paul Klee – The stone quarries at Ostermundigen

The path sets off from the Zentrum Paul Klee to Schosshalden Cemetery, where Paul Klee's ashes are interred, towards Ostermundigen, past the ancient Steinhauerplatz in Waldegg to Ostermundigen railway station. After passing through the village centre, the path ascends to the vantage point and information station in the stone quarries (where you'll find reproductions of Klee's pictures at the place that inspired them, as well as a rest area and a shelter). Leaving the quarries, enjoy the views as the path leads back down to the Zentrum Paul Klee, mainly through woodland and open fields at Dennigkofen. Distance: 6.5 km, Time: at least 2 hours

Purple Path: from the Zentrum Paul Klee to Bern railway station

The path passes Schosshalden Cemetery, where Paul Klee's ashes are interred, before revealing a modern residential estate and examples of Bernese country houses dating back to the 18th century. The path arrives at Rosengarten Park, high above the River Aare and the old town, whereupon you cross Nydegg Bridge to the cathedral, and proceed through the old town as far as the Bundesterrasse behind the Federal Assembly Building; here you can enjoy views to the Bernese Alps. Then walk across the Bundesplatz and back to the station. Distance: 4 km, Time: at least 2 hours



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In the Elfenau

The peaceful, verdant district of the Elfenau lies to the southeast of Dählhölzli Wood; it can be reached by taking a No. 19 bus at Bern railway station, or by walking over Kirchenfeld Bridge or along the Dalmaziquai path on the banks of the Aare. Paul Klee had a particularly soft spot for the riverscape of the Elfenau; it remains one of Bern's most attractive recreational resources. From Schwellenmätteli: 2.8 km, Time: at least 1 hour

Key

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