

Kölsches Urgestein

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This multi cache leads you to the city center of Cologne. Since there are next to no parking possibilities, I recommend the car park in the Marspfortengassen, which is open 24/7 and has reasonable prices.

The coordinate given in the cache header (N 50° 56.326 E 006° 57.450) is the coordinate of the car park, but due to the surrounding buildings, GPS reception and accuracy will be, as for the rest of the way, reduced. Because of this, I will not only give the coordinates for the various stages, but also some hints about the route.

Waypoint 1: N 50° 56.399 E 006° 57.438

Starting point is the most famous and most popular fountain in Cologne the "Heinzelmännchenbrunnen" close to the Cologne Cathedral.

The carvings show the busy "Heinzelmännchen" (a sort of helpful pixies from a German fairy tale), working through the night on various tasks. High above them is the tailor's wife, spoiling everything by putting peas on the stairs to make the pixies stumble. They left in anger and from that time on, people in Cologne had to do their work themselves (if they are not partying, which happens fairly often 😊).

Before they run away, count the pixies (little people) in the relief and calculate the sum of the digits to get C.

Walk down to the shore of the Rhine and turn right until you get to the Fischmarkt.

Waypoint 2: N 50° 56.307 E 006° 57.739

This is a memorial for the market women. One of them has a number of fishes in her hand.

The number of fishes (a fish without a tail also counts as a fish) is A.

From the fish market (Fischmarkt) turn into Lintgasse and then turn into Am Groß-St.-Martin to visit Tünnes and Schäl.

Waypoint 3: N 50° 56.293 E 006° 57.646

There is not much that needs to be said about these Cologne Originals. (Well, if you're from outside Germany, you probably won't know about them. Wikipedia has a short article, but you don't need the background information for the cache: Tünnes and Schäl)

How many cobblestones separate them (half cobblestones are rounded up)? The result is II.

Backtrack a short distance and use the alley with the heading "MartinsBad". You will now reach the Ostermann-Fountain.

Waypoint 4: N 50° 56.270 E 006° 57.652

Willi Ostermann has written a large number of well known local tunes in Cologne. Hence, the fountain depicts many characters from his Songs: et Schmitze Billa, de Tant mit dem Regenschirm, et Stina and many others. Count the number of musical instruments that are carried in the hand (half depicted music instruments count as full instruments). This is B.

If you want to, you can go to one of the gastronomic places nearby, have a "Kölsch" (a local type of beer) and think about Ostermanns "Ach wat wor dat fröher schön doch en Colonia" ("Oh, how nice did it used to be in Cologne." Refreshed and with the Ostermann Motto "Ich möch zo Foß noh Kölle jon" ("I want to travel to Cologne on foot"), continue through the door with the gate, leaving Columbus to the left. Follow the signs to "Puppenspiele", where you will find Willy Millowitsch, who was the most famous actor from Cologne.

Waypoint 5: N 50° 56.225 E 006° 57.705

Subtract the house number of the "Puppenspiele" (please use the higher house number) from the number of struts in the back rest of the bench to get X.

Unfortunately the monument of Willy Millowitsch was brought to another place on April the 25th. The number of the struts in the back is 8.

Go back to "Heumarkt" and then to the right to Altermarkt. Roughly in the middle of Altermarktes you will find the Jan-von-Werth-Brunnen.

Waypoint 6: N 50° 56.316 E 006° 57.599

A cavalry general from the 30 year war does not really fit the series of Cologne memorials. That he is included in the line of carnival personalities, local singers and other Cologne originals has to do with this story: In a Cologne poem by Karl Cremer, the story of Jan-von-Werth is told as follows: Jan is a simple farmhand, who fell in love with Griet, a simple maid and proposed to her. But she considers Jan below her, so he leaves in frustration and joins the military and returns as a general on his horse. He meets Griet, who still sells apples and chestnuts and the following exchange occurs: "Wä et hätt jewoss", to which Jan answers "Wä et hätt jedonn!" (Translation: "If I only had known it" - "If you only had done it.") Traditionally, this scene is reenacted on a specific day in the Cologne carnival and it ends next to this memorial on the Altermarkt.

To find the cache, you need the number of water spitting lions (the lions are clearly recognizable as such). This number is I.

Continue left, in front of the "Rathaus" (city hall) towards Marsplatz. There you turn to the right until you reach the Fastnachtsbrunnen (carnival fountain) at GÜlichplatz in front of "Haus Neuerburg", a former tobacco house.

Waypoint 7: N 50° 56.252 E 006° 57.479

Here you see four dancing couples from carnival societies of Cologone and the Cologne "Lotterbov" in the middle, beating the drums and smoking a pipe (that this is in front of a tobacco house is probably no coincidence).

Calculate the sums of digits of the number of water-spitting fish = Y.

Follow the "Obenmarspforten", until you can turn right into the Farina-Passage.

Waypoint 8: N 50° 56.285 E 006° 57.466

In this idyllic oasis in the middle of the city, which, unfortunately, doesn't have a single bench to sit and relax, you will find the women fountain, showing important women from cologne throughout the ages.

How many children are show there (dolls don't count as children, but the maidens of the holy Ursula count, due to their likely ages, as children). The result is III.

Leave the inner court, so that you are right in front of the next memorial.

Waypoint 9: N 50° 56.292 E 006° 57.416

This memorial is dedicated to the local singer Jupp Schmitz. Educated as a classical piano player, his first song was "Wer soll das bezahlen" ("Who will pay for this"), which alludes to Cologne in the year 1949, which was still mostly destroyed from the bombings in the war. It turned into one of the popular songs of these years and was know well beyond the Cologone area. Other songs, such as "Es ist noch Suppe da" ("There is some soup left") and "Am Aschermittwoch ist alles vorbei" ("It's all over on Ash Wednesday") also become popular outside the region, so that the citizens of Cologne erected a memorial for "Schnäuzer" in 1994, showing Jupp Schmitz at his piano.

How many dogs are represented at the memorial = Z.

The cache is located at

N 50° 56.ABC and E 006° 57.XYZ

If you act appropriately, there won't be any problems during the search.

Since the coordinates jump a lot, it is probably better to trust the text more than the GPS. If you read carefully, you have a big advantage 😊.