

# Climbing in Bad Bentheim

## at the open-air stage



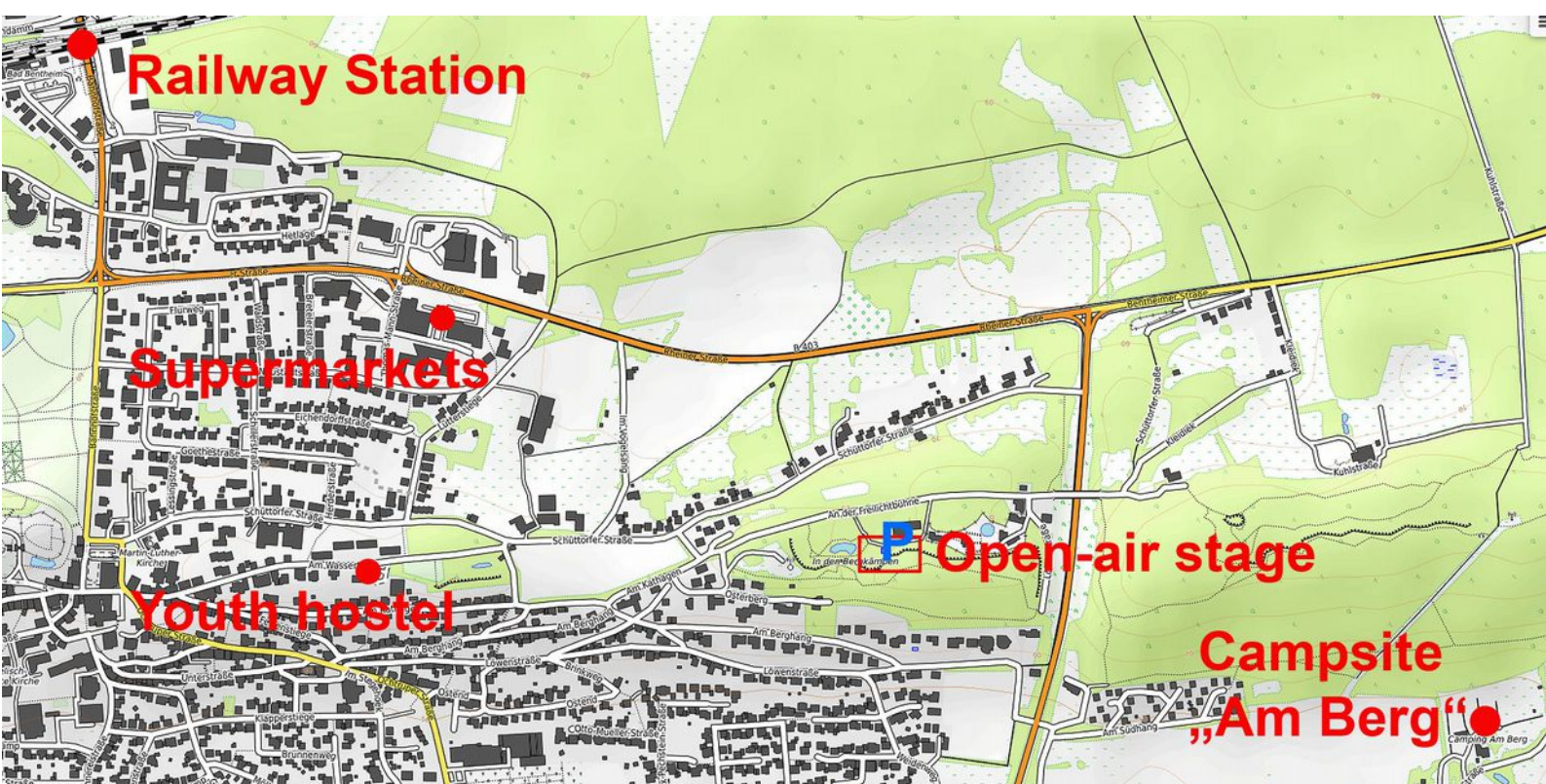
Bad Bentheim is located 10 kilometres east of the Netherlands near the A30 and A31 highways. The town with about 16,000 inhabitants is located on a ridge and dominated by a castle complex whose history dates back to the 11th century. The hills of the "Bentheim Mountains" east of the city, the first ones in this expansive region, are popular recreation areas. In Bad Bentheim and in the western town of Gildehaus, high-quality stone has been mined in sandstone quarries for centuries.

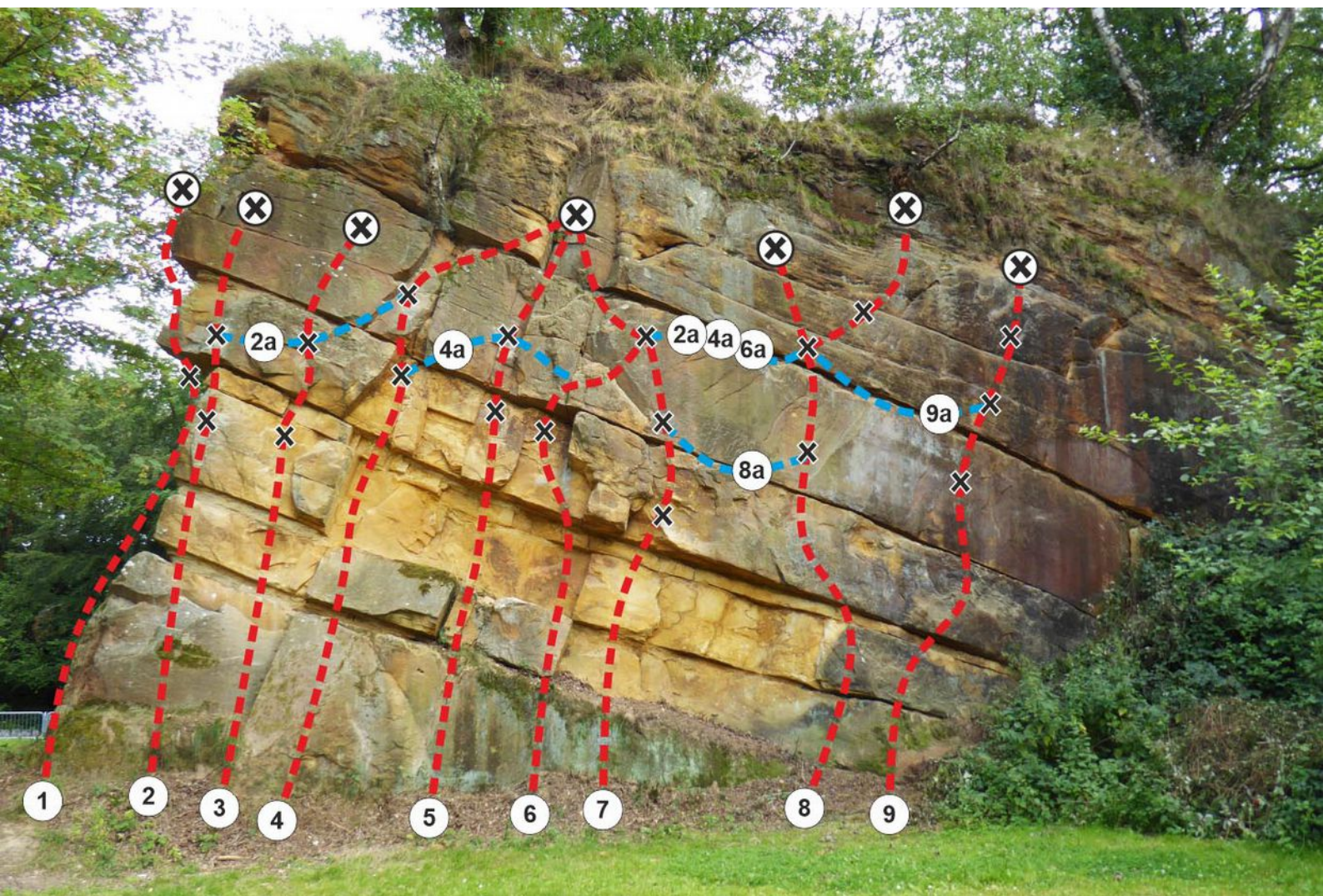
East of the city centre is a quarry that is used by the city's open-air stage. The climbing routes on the approximately 12-metre-high rock walls range from 5 to 8 (UIAA scale) and are technically demanding. The wall is exposed to the southwest and protected from the wind, so it is also well-suited for winter days.

In 2024, Axel Hake from the German Alpine Club and Jürgen Wessels from IG Klettern Niedersachsen set up 19 climbing routes with some variants on these former quarry walls with the permission of the landowner, the Fürst-zu-Bentheim Domain Chamber, and with the support of the city of Bad Bentheim.

**How to get there:** Bad Bentheim is easy to reach by train. The 2.3 kilometre walk from the train station to the open-air stage takes about half an hour. Access via the A30 (east-west) or A31 (north-south) is also easy. A parking space is located directly next to the climbing wall.

**Overnight stay:** Bad Bentheim has restaurants, supermarkets, hotels, guesthouses, holiday apartments, a youth hostel and a caravan site with toilet and shower. The campsite "Am Berg" is located south of the Bentheim Mountains. The beautiful walk from there through the forest over the bridge of the "Franzosenschlucht" to the open-air stage takes about 20 minutes.



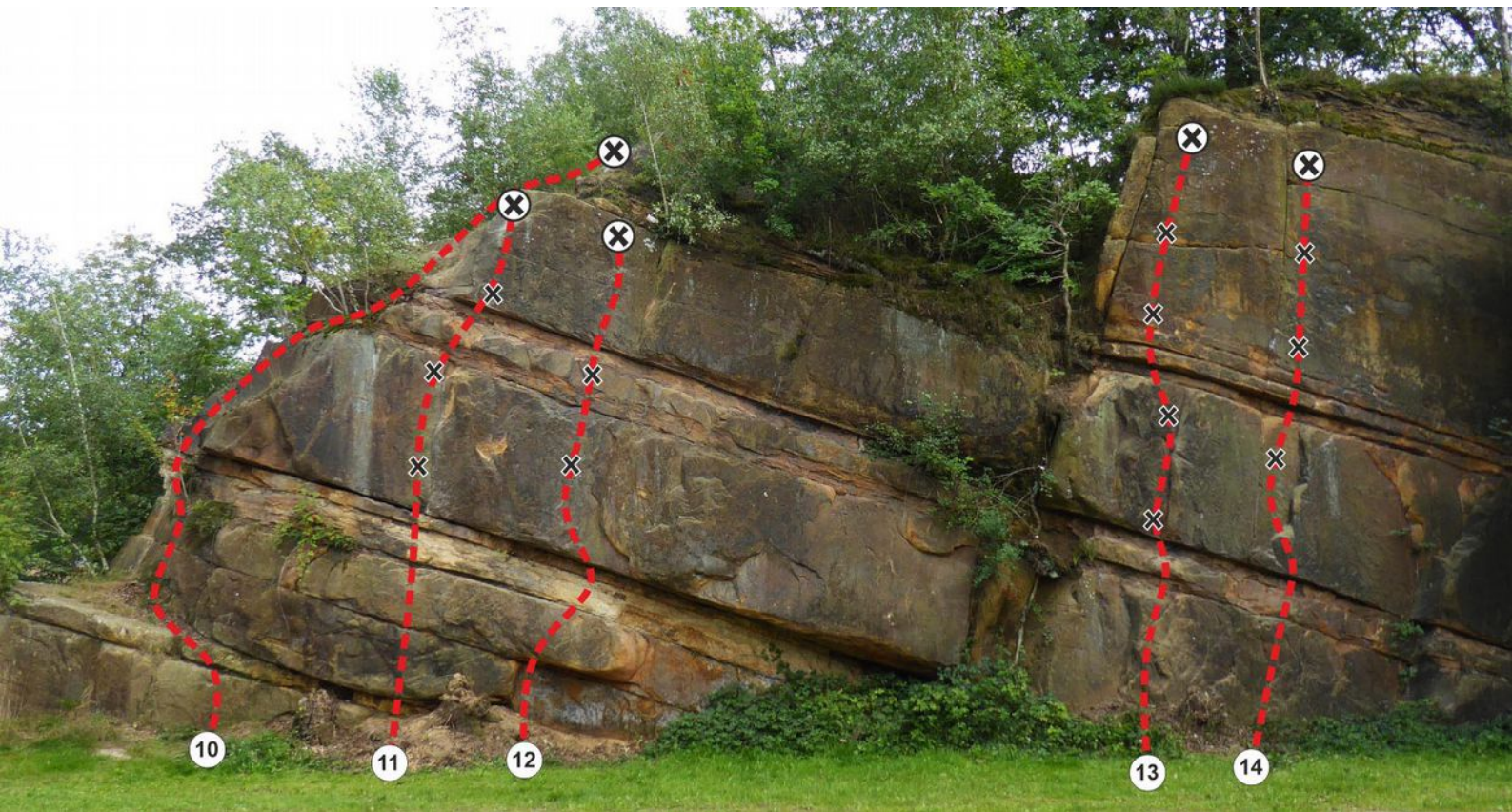


### Routes

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| <b>1 Kantenrätsel 6/6+</b>         | It's harder than it looks. Already climbed in the mid-1990s.  |
| <b>2 Galeonsfigur 5+</b>           | Steeply up the bow.   |
| <b>3 Zwergenaufstand 6+</b>        | Strange move to the top bolt.                                 |
| <b>4 Kleine Hangel 6-</b>          | Nice little shimmy.   |
| <b>5 Kraftprotz 7-</b>             | Hold on to it for a moment.                                   |
| <b>6 Block links 6-</b>            | Shorter climbers have to add a grade.                         |
| <b>7 Tapferes Schneiderlein 6-</b> | This is really nice!  |
| <b>8 Freies Projekt</b>            | Please do a first ascent if you can. The top moves are great! |
| <b>9 Sternstunde 8-</b>            | Super; small holds and a high foot.                           |

### Traverses

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| <b>2a Fürstentraverse light 5</b>   | Nice easy route, ends at the top of route 5. "Fürstentraverse long" (6+) extends to the top bolt of route 8. |
| <b>4a Fürstentraverse premium 7</b> | Hard for a moment, then enjoy to the top bolt of route 8.  |
| <b>6a Fürstentraverse 6+</b>        | Perhaps the most beautiful route here.   |
| <b>8a Quasimodo 6+</b>              | Traverse to the left. Should the feet be on or under the edge?   |
| <b>9a Völkerwanderung 5-</b>        | On large holds to the left. Ends at the top bolt of route 5.   |



**10 Alter Weg 1**

Child-friendly climb. There is a bolt at the top to belay from the top.

**11 Kobold 7-**

Don't take a detour!

**12 Froschkönig 7+**

The task is to take off from the ledge.

**13 Blitzableiter 7**

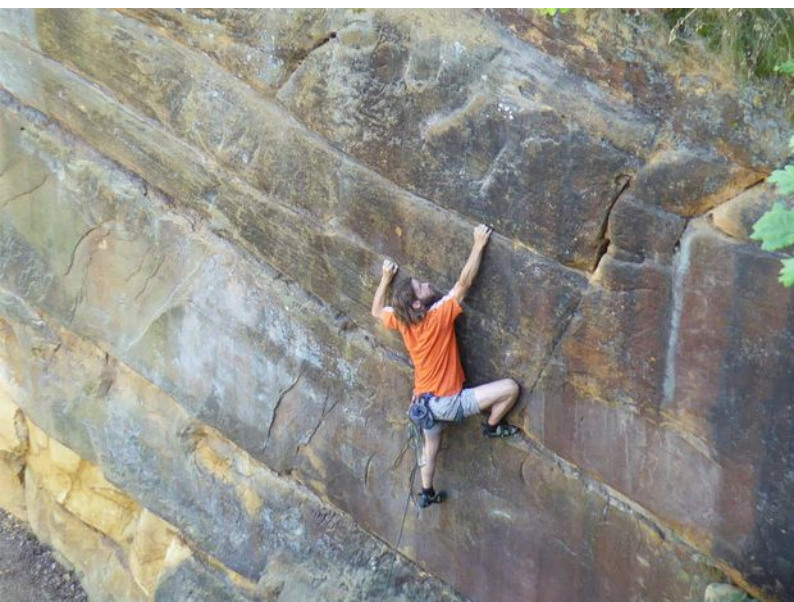
To reach the edge left from the corner is surprisingly difficult. Then stay on the crack, or use the left edge to make it more easy.

**14 Projekt**

Please don't climb yet!

All routes are well-bolted and have a top bolt. Trad gear is not needed.

9 Sternstunde 8-



9a Völkerwanderung 5-

