

BISINGEN - I Places

Museum Bisingen (Since November 3rd, 1996)

Address: Kirchgasse 15, 72406 Bisingen

Exhibition “Mut zur Erinnerung – Mut zur Verantwortung” (Courage to remember – courage to take responsibility) on the former concentration camp and the oil shale quarry in Bisingen.



Museum Bisingen, the exhibition

With the 10th anniversary of the association “Gedenkstätten KZ Bisingen” in October 2006, the exhibition (previously called “Schwierigkeiten des Erinnerns” = difficulties of remembrance) was redesigned, yet keeping up with the conception of Dr. Christine Glauning. (Foto: Hentsch)

Opening hours: Sunday 2-5 pm and on inquiry

Guided tours: Ines Mayer, tel. 07476-1053

Geschichtslehrpfad (historical track)

The track leads over the terrain of the former oil shale-works and to the site of the former camp. The marked tour can be accessed at any historical site. We recommend railway station Bisingen.

KZ-Friedhof (concentration camp cemetery)

In 1947 the KZ-cemetery was set up by the French military government outside the town of Bisingen. The entrance is marked, a car park is close by.

Information on the exhibition and the historical track

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Getting to Bisingen

A 81 Stuttgart-Singen, exit Empfingen, direction Albstadt/Balingen (B 463); Bundesstraße B 27 Tübingen-Rottweil, exit Bisingen Nord; town center

Literature

Juso-AG Bisingen: „Das KZ Bisingen“. Bisingen, 1996 (3.Aufl. - 1. Aufl. 1985).

Christine Glauning: Entgrenzung und KZ-System - Das Unternehmen „Wüste“ und das Konzentrationslager Bisingen 1944/1945 – Metropol Verlag, Berlin 2006

“Es war ein Bahnhof ohne Rampe” – Ein Konzentrationslager am Fuße der Schwäbischen Alb. Hersg.: Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Baden-Württemberg (LpB) Gedenkstaetten KZ Bisingen e.V. – Autorin: Hannelore Grunert

Time line

24.08.1944: First transport with 100 Polish prisoners from Auschwitz to Bisingen

01.10.1944: Transport with 1500 prisoners (Russian, Latvian, Lithuanians and Estonians) from the concentration camp Danzig-Stutthof

30.10.1944: Transport with 250 Polish Jews from the concentration camp Vaihingen/Enz

26.11.1944: Transport with 400 Hungarian Jews from the concentration camp Dachau

07.03.1945: Transport with 1000 prisoners, out of which 900 Jews from the concentration camp Buchenwald

April 1945: Evacuation of the concentration camp Bisingen

12.04.1945: Transport of 206 prisoners to Dachau-Allach

14.04.1945:

Transport of 563 prisoners from Bisingen to Dachau-Allach(in open freight cars surrounded by barbed wire). The remaining prisoners had to walk the “Todesmarsch” (death march).

Just before the end of the war then mayor Hugo Maier gave order to annihilate all documents connected with the concentration camp Bisingen, among them the name lists of the dead prisoners which had been kept in the registry-office.

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