

GUIDED TOUR of FORT HAHNEBERG

Following the Franco-German War of 1870/71 plans were drawn up to build a protective ring of four forts around the town of Spandau where armaments factories were located. In the event, only one of the forts was built because developments in the range and power of artillery shells rendered such forts obsolete for defensive purposes. Fort Hahneberg was constructed between 1882 and 1888, and was one of the last brick forts to be built during the Kaiserreich. Until 1945 it was used for a variety of military purposes. From 1961 until 1989 it lay in no-man's land on the border strip between West Berlin and East Germany and was therefore inaccessible to the public. Although Hahneberg is 66 metres above sea level the six-sided fort itself, which is approximately 450 metres long, is barely visible because it was built into the excavated hillside in order to disguise and camouflage it. Since 1991 it has been a listed building and is now preserved by volunteers. In 2009 it was used as the backdrop for filming various scenes of Quentin Tarantino's film *Inglourious Basterds* (sic).

- DATE:** Saturday, 27 June 2026 at 1100 hrs.
- VENUE:** Fort Hahneberg, Hahnebergweg 50, 13591 Berlin
- MEETING POINT:** Entrance to the Fort (see attached map)
- MEETING TIME:** **10.40 hrs**
Please check in with the on-duty *BHA* Board member.
- REGISTRATION:** Please reserve places by 18.00 hrs on Thursday 25 June, preferably by e-mail to this address: EventsRegistration@bha-ev.org or call 030 8431 6659 (Answerphone).
 - For this tour we shall need to ask for a nominal contribution. The cost(s) will be: Members €5. Members' guests €10. Non-members €15.
 - Priority will be given to *BHA* Members.
- GETTING THERE:** • S-3 or S-9 to Heerstr., then Bus-M49 (direction Heerstr./Nennhauser Damm) to Berlin/Hahneberg. See map.
- NOTES:** • If you are travelling by car, do not enter "Fort Hahneberg" into your sat-nav; instead, enter "Naturschutzstation Hahneberg" or "Reimerweg" and walk the rest of the way (600–1000 metres). The attached map shows where parking is available.

Forthcoming *BHA* dates:

- 18 Jul - Sehittlik Mosque Columbiadamm.
- ?? Aug - Guided tour of former KGB locations in Karlshorst.
- 29 Aug - Blücher Kaserne.
- 19 Sep - Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

Members: Please wear your name badge if you have one. Children welcome.

Suggestions from members are always welcome
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