

Short Report



Thuringian Mountain Railway valley station – Oberweißbach | ©Paul Hentschel

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Welcome!

A real treasure lies hidden in the wild and romantic Schwarzta Valley: the Thuringian mountain railway. It is the only mountain railway that can transport standard-gauge passenger and freight cars and not only makes the hearts of railway fans beat faster, but also nature lovers get their money's worth. In the summer months, you can enjoy the 1.4 km long route with a 25% gradient in an open carriage, let the fresh air blow around your nose and listen to the lively chirping of birds.

TEST RESULT

for

Thüringer Bergbahn – Oberweißbach

98744 Schwarzatal, Certificate-ID: PA-19986-2025



This offer was classified according to
the criteria of the nationwide label

»Tourism for All«

and, in the period from

March 2026 – February 2029

is entitled to use the label

»Accessibility checked«

and the associated pictograms

in accordance with the contract.



Cabin "Bergbahn"

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Flat section
"mountain railway"

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Overview

- The world's steepest funicular railway for transporting standard-gauge railway carriages covering a distance of 1.4 km with a 25% gradient
- 'Maschinarium' with a look behind the scenes of the mountain railway
- 'Die Talstation' restaurant with snacks
- Arrival by car or train (from Erfurt or Saalfeld, change in Rottenbach)

Accessibility at a glance

- Parking spaces for people with disabilities
- Almost all rooms and facilities accessible to guests are step-free or accessible via an elevator
- 80 cm minimum width of all passageways/doors
- WC for people with disabilities
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Wheelchair transport every half hour from Obstfelderschmiede and every hour from Lichtenhain

Information for people with walking difficulties and wheelchair users

All areas relevant for testing meet the quality criteria of the label "**Accessibility certified – partially accessible for people with walking disabilities**".

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- There are five parking spaces for people with disabilities.
- There are several bus stops located 50–250 metres away from each stop.
- The width of the manoeuvring spaces along the platform is at least 200 cm.
- All rooms and facilities that can be used by guests are step-free/at ground level or accessible via a ramp or elevator. Access to the train Lichtenhain – Cursdorf via a mobile ramp, which is set up by staff.
- There are no slopes with a gradient of more than 8%.
- All doors/passages and paths that can be used by guests are at least 80 cm wide.
- Seating is available.
- There are two public toilets for people with disabilities, which are accessible from one side (at least 80 cm). There is a foldable grab rail on at least the accessible side of the toilet.
- Wheelchair transport every half hour from Obstfelderschmiede and every hour from Lichtenhain.

Information for people with hearing impairments and deaf people

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- Written stop information is available.
- In the event of an acoustic alarm, there is no additional visual flashing signal.
- There is no audio induction loop system.
- An outgoing emergency call in the elevator is only confirmed acoustically. Alternatively, stairs are available.

Information for visually impaired and blind people

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- Assistance dogs are welcome.
- The entrance area is designed with high visual contrast.
- The signage (for orientation) is designed in easily legible, high-contrast font.
- All elevated areas accessible to guests are brightly lit without glare.
- An outgoing emergency call in the elevator is confirmed acoustically.
- Information is not available in relief or Braille.

Information for guests with cognitive impairments

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- The name of each station is clearly visible from the outside.
- There are several bus stops located 50–250 metres away from each stop.
- The destinations of the paths are within sight, or there are signposts at regular intervals.

Comfort for all generations

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- Parking spaces are available.
- There are several bus stops located 50–250 metres from the individual stops.
- The name of each station is clearly visible from the outside.
- The entrance area is designed with high visual contrast.
- All rooms and facilities that are accessible to guests are step-free/at ground level or accessible via a ramp or lift.
- There are no slopes with a gradient of more than 8%.
- All doors/passages and paths that are accessible to guests are at least 80 cm wide.
- All areas that are accessible to guests are brightly lit without glare.

- Seating is available.
- In the event of an acoustic alarm, there is no additional visual flashing signal.
- There is no inductive hearing system.
- An outgoing emergency call in the lift is only confirmed acoustically. Alternatively, stairs are available.
- The signage (for orientation) is designed in easily legible, high-contrast lettering.
- Public toilets – also with grab rails – are available at the valley and mountain stations.

Image Gallery

We have put together some photos from the company / offer for you. You can find more photos in the detailed reports.



Access to the cabin –
steep section towards
Lichtenhain

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Toilet at the
car park of the
"Obstfelderschmiede"
valley station

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Car park at the
"Obstfelderschmiede"
valley station

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Entering the cabin –
flat stretch towards
Cursdorf

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"Maschinarium"
exhibition at the
mountain station

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Toilet at the mountain
station

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Information on the "Tourism for All" labeling system

All establishments and locations certified with the label "Tourism for All" meet the following quality criteria:

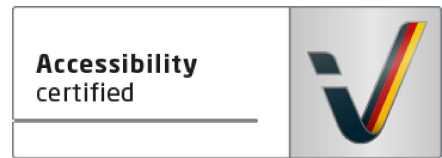
- Data and information on accessibility are collected and checked on site by **external, specially trained evaluators**. The method is not based on self-assessments.
- Data on accessibility is available **in detail** and can be viewed by the guests.
- At least one staff member has successfully passed a **training on "Accessibility as a comfort and quality feature"**.

The labeling – explanation of the logos and pictograms

The label "**Information about Accessibility**" indicates that detailed and verified information on accessibility is available for all groups of people.



The label "**Accessibility certified**" is based on "Information about Accessibility". It means that the quality criteria defined for specific groups of people are met partially or completely.



The label "**Accessibility certified**" is available in two requirement levels:

"Accessibility certified: partially accessible".

The quality criteria are partially fulfilled for the pictured group of people, i.e. the establishment/location is partially accessible for wheelchair users. The "i" in the pictogram indicates that it is recommended to read again carefully whether the offer meets all (your oder the guest's) individual requirements.



"Accessibility certified: accessible".

The quality criteria are fulfilled for the pictured group of people, i.e. the establishment/location is accessible for wheelchair users.



There are defined quality criteria for **seven groups of people** and a **specific pictogram** for each group.

People with walking disabilities



Wheelchair users



People with hearing impairment



Deaf people



People with visual impairments



Blind people



People with cognitive impairments

