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The Chriesiwäg (cherry trail) in Gipf-Oberfrick leads through the beautiful, cherry-rich landscape of the Fricktal and conveys interesting facts about cherry growing.

During the season these may be eaten directly from the marked trees. Eleven information boards complete the family-friendly hiking route. The half-way grilling area not only invites you to take a breather, but also offers a unique view over the Fricktal. The Chriesiwäg is worth a hike in every season.

In the year 2006/2007 the association Aargauer Obstproduzenten (fruit producers) set up the cherry educational path "Fricktaler Chriesiwäg" in cooperation with the Jurapark Aargau, the municipality Gipf-Oberfrick and various sponsors. It leads through a traditional, near-natural managed high-trunk population, which provides a habitat for numerous animals. Typical inhabitants are, for example, the rare garden redstart and the sand lizard.

The Jurapark Aargau is a regional nature park of national importance. Its gentle hilly landscape of the chain of Tafeljura is located between Brugg, Laufenburg, Rheinfelden and Aarau. Nature lovers and recreation seekers will find Gaumengold, natural pearls, landscape jewels and cultural treasures in the rich, green treasury.

For example, the blossoming cherry high-stem trees in Fricktal, the view from the Wasserflue or the Schenkenbergertal flanked by

vineyards are enchanting. Further, the sparse pine forests, the rare native orchid species are a natural habitat - valuable natural pearls.

The Gaumengold of the Jurassic Park are the approximately 260 certified regional products, ranging from cherry vinegar over Pinot Noir to goat cream cheese.

Information panels on the trail include: The history of Fricktal cherries; The bees; Modern and meadow orchards; The sapling; Cherry varieties; Description of the landscape; Cherry products; Modern cherry growing; From wild cherries to wood; Pollard willows, hedges and ecology.

The start and finish is from the bridge in Gipf-Oberfrick and the track is 5.5 kilometres long. This will take about two hours depending on how many stops you plan to make sampling the delicious cherries or cooking your sausages at the half-way point.

Source: aargautourismus.ch



Fricktaler Kirschtorte

(Cherry Cake from Fricktal)

180g softened butter
180g sugar
1 tsp vanilla essence
4 eggs
100g ground hazelnuts or almonds
1 tsp cinnamon
100g dark melting chocolate
125g flour
1 tsp baking powder
350g cherries – can use fresh, canned or frozen. Chop into small pieces.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Grease 24cm baking tin and line with baking paper.

Whisk butter until light and slowly add sugar, vanilla essence and eggs. Mixture needs to be light and fluffy. Mix in nuts and cinnamon. Melt chocolate in microwave or basin of hot water and add. Fold in flour and baking powder and lastly cherries. Pour into baking tin and bake for 50 minutes.

Can be sprinkled with icing sugar or cut in half and filled with cream.

Source: 200 year Aagauer Kueche (kitchen) found in Aagauer newspaper.



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