NATURAL SITES, BIEL/BIENNE

TAUBENLOCH GORGE

According to legend, the young miller of Bözingen once loved a girl so beautiful and lovely that everyone called her the little turtledove (La petite Colombe). The cruel knight Ingelram of Rondchâtel Castle was aware of the girl's beauty and he had his eye on her as well. The day the miller wanted to marry the girl, the knight attacked the wedding party and killed the groom. Thereupon the girl threw herself into the gorge to avoid falling into the hands of the knight. In her honour, the gorge was henceforth called Taubenloch or Gorges de la petite Colombe.

Even those who have never heard of the legend can feel the mystical atmosphere that prevails in this gorge. You can reach the animal park via a small bridge and extend the hike up to Biel's local mountain, the Bözingenberg, where a breathtaking view over the Three Lakes region and the Bernese Alps awaits you.

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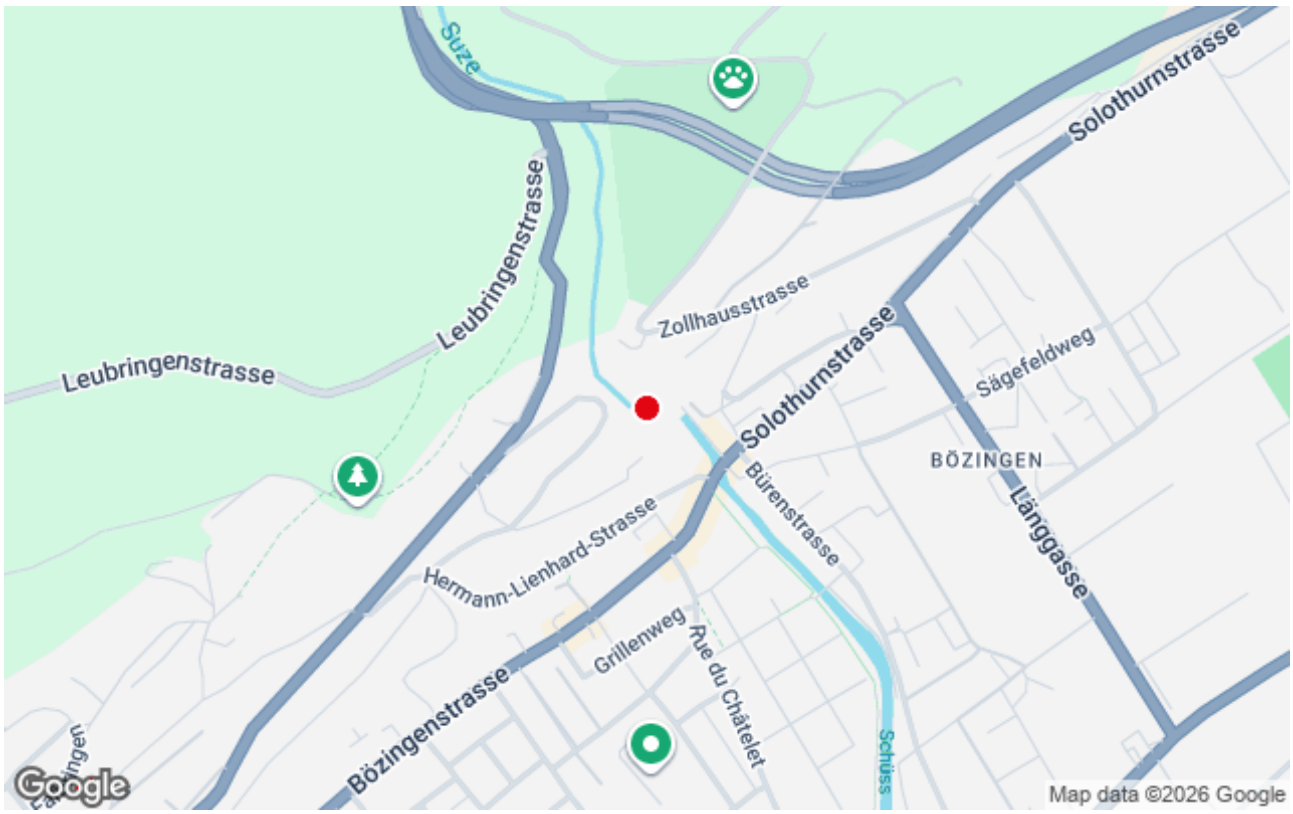
- The Taubenloch Gorge hiking trail will be closed from Monday, 28 September to Tuesday, 29 September 2026 due to tree-felling work. The trail is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, 30 September, provided the work goes as planned.
- The Restaurant des Gorges at the upper entrance to the gorge in Frinvillier offers its guests an ample choice of culinary delights, while the idyllic location on the riverbank invites to linger and relax.
- On the Bözingenberg, chef Roland Kilian and his team conjure up modern versions of regional dishes, and on the terrace, impressive panoramic views can be enjoyed.



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