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Electrical Walks Basel

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Electrical Walks Basel is part of HeK's collection. The walk was developed in 2012 as number 41 of the world wide realised electrical walks since 2004. It has been redesigned in 2015.

Christina Kubisch's Electrical Walks guide you to different electro-magetical hotspots and enable you to perceive a new world of the hidden electro-magnetic fields. Equipped with custom designed headphones that translate electro-magnetic waves into acoustic signals, the visitors can explore the city space with a map that highlights the most interesting spots and experience an auditive adventure.

Stations:

1 Pickup of the headphones at HeK Info Desk. You can borrow the electro-magnetic headphones free of charge, but you will be asked to present an ID card.

1a Monitor HeK On the left side of the foyer entry is a monitor with the program of the HeK. Approach the monitor with the headphones and move your head over the surface.

2 Tram stop Walk slowly over the Freilager-Platz before the HeK to the tram stop Ruchfeld. Stop on different locations and listen to the beat frequency of the power supply lines and of the passing trams. Closely approach the touch screen of the ticket machine.

3 Tower building FHNW Enter the tower block and listen to the different screens in the entrance hall. Go to the elevators. (This building is closed on Sundays.)

3a Elevator Bow over the digital control panels before the elevators. Listen to the active elevators.

3b Media Center Take the elevator to floor 8 and step out of the elevator. Enter the media center and stand on the side of the security barriers of the entry. The sound can also be heard if the door is closed. (The media center is open Mon – Fri 9am until 6pm.) Take the elevator and exit the building.

4 Spyhole Turn left and walk along the building until you reach the small black spyhole named Carina on the outside of the entry doors. Continue to major street.

5 Traffic Wait on the corner and listen to the magnetic fields of the tramways and of the passing cars. Follow the street.

6 Parking Lot Enter the Dreispitz-areal at gate 11, Mailandstrasse, and go to the parking lot behind house 274a. Here, you will find (nearly) complete electrical silence. Go back to Mailandstrasse, cross the tracks and follow them until you reach Lyonstrasse.

7 Signals Position yourself on Lyonstrasse 5 vis-à-vis the tinsmith where you can see the tall building of the company Landi. Test different positions and you will hear different internet signals.

Pass the parking lot and proceed to Leimgrubenweg.

8 Central Parking Meter Approach the parking meter display and listen to its sound.

8a Computer Store Enter the building and approach the entrance of STEG. Attention: very loud.

9 Transformation building Cross the tracks and, next to the white pillars on the right, enter the courtyard of the building. Just on the right side you will see a small building with a sign „Vorsicht Lebensgefahr“. Slowly pass along the doors.

10 Options Now you can choose how you want to continue or end your walk.

Option Tram short trip: Take tram 11 direction Aesch and exit on Ruchfeld to get back to HeK.

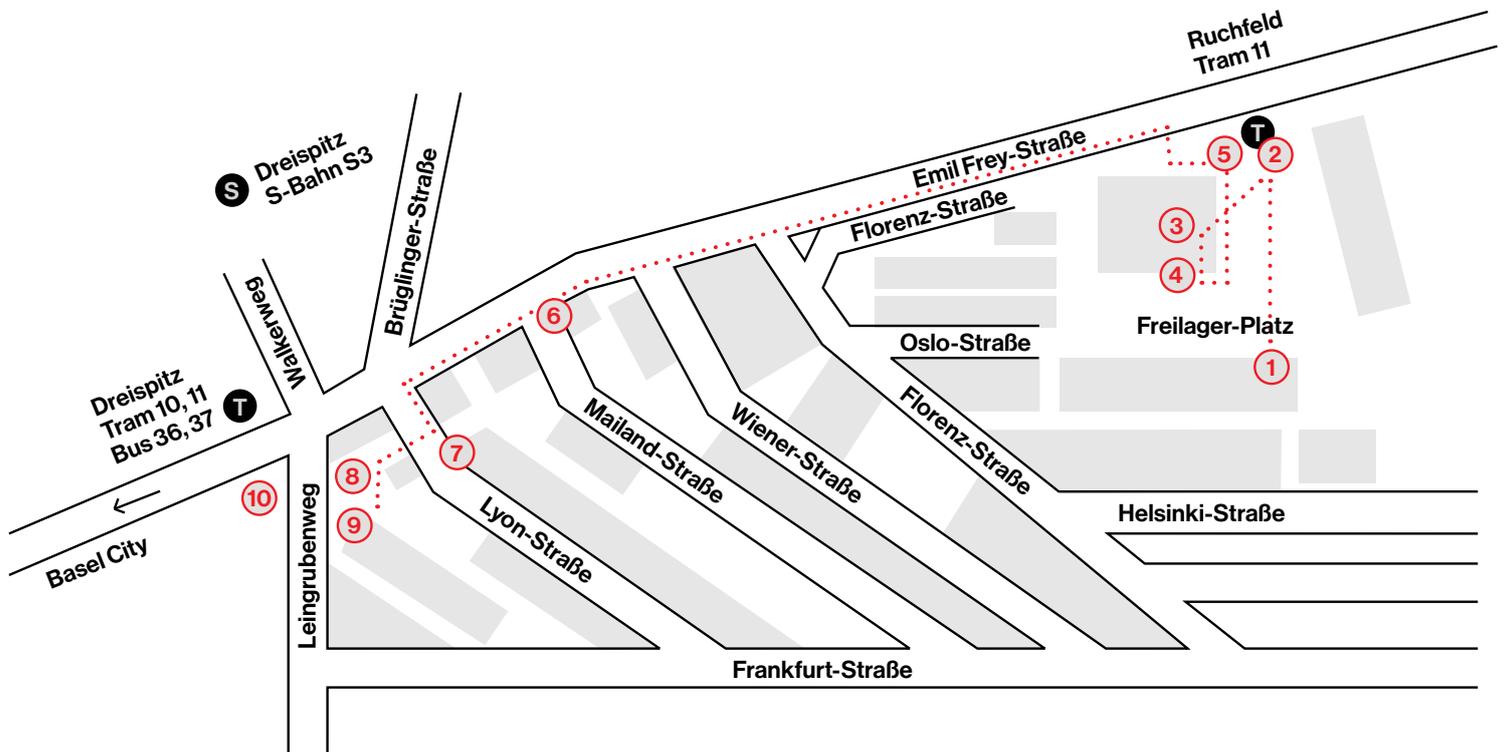
Option Hike: Turn off the headphones and walk back to HeK.

Option SBB: Take tram 11 to the train station SBB and explore the environment of

the train station, the counter area and listen to the arriving and departing trains.

Option Shopping: Take tram 11 to Barfüsserplatz and explore the security gates, the neon signs and the ATMs in the inner city.

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Wearing the headphones poses no health risk. Some hearing spots, especially security systems, could be very loud. Please approach slowly and do not pass a security barrier with mounted headphones. Be careful when crossing a street. The route on the map is a proposal, you are always welcome to explore the city on yourself. The hotspots mark particularly characteristic or special sound places

Those can sound differently during the day and may be not present during some time. Don't haste through the walk and also wait on some spots that don't have any sound on the first impression. Electro-magnetic fields often appear suddenly and the perception may even changes on slight movements of the head. Please save battery and turn off the headphones if you're not using them.