



From Kassel to Oberweser the path is known as The Sleeping Beauty Route. This is because of the Sababurg Castle, widely known as the Sleeping Beauty Castle. The castle is located in the forested range of hills known as the Reinhardswald. This area is known for its many myths and fairy tales. Other points of interest along this route include Rapunzel's tower, located in Trendelburg, and Oberweser, home to the well-known fairytales "Snow White" and "Puss in Boots."



Our story begins in Hanau, Germany, the birthplace of Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm.

In the college town of Marburg, Jacob & Wilhelm followed their father's footsteps and studied law.

In Steinau you can visit the Grimm House, where the brothers grew up.

Alsfeld to Fritzlar is known as Little-Red Riding-Hood country. The story was originally published under the name "Rotkäppchen." Unlike the modern popularized story, in the original Grimm tale the wolf's belly is filled with stones after Little Red is saved and he falls into a trough and drowns.

From Kassel to Bovenden, the path is called The Mother Hulda Route. The hill Hoher Meissner, located in the area, is fabled to be where Mother Hulda lived. In the Grimm story, a lazy girl finds herself at Mother Hulda's home (known as Frau Holle in German) after she runs away in fear of punishment from her stepmother for losing a spindle. At Mother Hulda's she is praised for her work ethic. However, when the stepmother sends her own biological daughter there, Mother Hulda is appalled by her laziness and sends the girl away.

Bremen and Buxtehude are home to the fairytales "The Town Musicians of Bremen" and "The Hare and the Hedgehog." In "The Town Musicians of Bremen" four domesticated animals are mistreated by their owners and decide to run away to become musicians in Bremen. However, they never make it there because on the journey they trick a group of robbers and steal their home. In "The Hare and the Hedgehog" the hare makes fun of the hedgehog's legs and challenges him to a race. The hedgehog has his wife, who looks very much like him, to go to the finish line in his place. After the hare learns of his defeat, he seeks revenge and does the race 73 times, but each time he loses to the wife. On the 74th race he dies from exhaustion.

Travel through Germany with the Brothers Grimm

