

## Visits/guided tours to other fortresses in Bernese Oberland



### Artillery Unit Faulensee

Four bunkers each with a 10.5 cm cannon, linked by a tunnel, as well as living quarters and kitchen form the Artillery Unit, Faulensee – now a fortress museum.



Faulensee (Municipality Spiez).  
Opening times: April to October, first Saturday in each month (14–17 hrs.), guided tours. Alternative dates and groups on request. Tel : 033 654 25 07 (office hours) or Email [info@artilleriewerk-faulensee.ch](mailto:info@artilleriewerk-faulensee.ch)

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### Infantry Bunker Fischbalmen

The function of this bunker was to block the road on the right shore of Lake Thun at the Beatenbucht. It was accordingly equipped with machine guns, anti-tank guns and blocking elements. The bunker now belongs to a trust and shows how it looked when it was last in service.

Beatenbucht (Municipality Beatenberg).  
Opening times: April to October, third Saturday in each month from 14 to 17 hrs. (Guided tours: 14.10 and 15.40 hrs.).  
Wednesday mornings via Tourist Center Beatenberg (033 841 18 18). Alternative dates on request. Tel : 033 822 52 77 or Email [info@bunker-fischbalmen.ch](mailto:info@bunker-fischbalmen.ch)

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### Artillery Unit Waldbrand

Eight 10.5 cm caliber guns as well as hundreds of meters of tunnels, huge living quarters and immense ammunition magazines await visitors on the guided tour round the Artillery Unit Waldbrand. Constructed from 1941 onwards, it provided room for a garrison of 450 men.

Beatenberg (Municipality Beatenberg).  
Opening times: Mai/June and September/October: first and third Friday in he month. July/August every Friday. Information and registration – Tourist Center Beatenberg. Tel: 033 841 18 18 or Email [info@beatenberg.ch](mailto:info@beatenberg.ch)

[www.beatenberg.ch](http://www.beatenberg.ch)

## Guided Tours CP Heinrich

### Individual Guided Tours

✕ September to June: on Tuesday of every odd calendar week, from 17 hrs.

✕ July/August: every Tuesday from 17 hrs.

Meeting point 17 hrs. on the carpark at Inforama Hondrich. No registration needed.

### Group Guided Tours

As agreed. Contact: 079 336 86 35 or by Email [info@festung-heinrich.ch](mailto:info@festung-heinrich.ch)

### Entrance fees:

Adults	Fr. 9.–
Children	Fr. 5.–
Groups up to 10	Fr. 80.–
each further person	Fr. 7.–

**Requirements for visits:** stout shoes (forest path), torch, warm clothing (approx. 10 deg. in the fortress). Viewing at your own risk, the operator accepts no liability.



### Brochure

A 36–page color brochure (A5 format) about the history of the fortress is available from the Association (only in German). Cost: Fr. 10.– (with postal charges Fr. 12.–)

Order address:  
[info@festung-heinrich.ch](mailto:info@festung-heinrich.ch)

## Membership

### Fortress Association Hondrich

Membership (active) Fr. 60.–  
Membership (passive) Fr. 25.–  
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## Command Post Artillery Firing-Control Center Artillery Observation Post



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# History of the Fortress A1956

Preliminary excavation of the Hondrich fortress, which is situated in the upper part of the Hondrich Hill near Spiez, took place in 1941/42 and was completed in 1943 with the installation of a reservoir, WC, iron doors and loopholes. The fortress served as combat post for the Commanders of the 3rd Division, commando post of the Chief of Artillery and various Swiss heavy motorized cannon units as well as firing-control center and observation post for the surrounding batteries.

The extension in 1953/1954 to a battalion and regimental firing center improved the infrastructure (artillery telephone exchange, machine room, gas seal). The conversion of the office section, living quarters and the kitchen was carried out in 1957. The observation posts were then no longer in use. The fortress served as firing-control center for the fortress battalion 15 and as command post for the fortress regiment 21 (firing coordination) and, until 1978, as command post of the infantry regiment 75. In addition to the main tunnel of more than 300 meters long, four double observation posts, a total of eleven radio niches and two entrances each with one gun-port for close defence, offices and living quarters are provided. The fortress can only be accessed by a footpath. A new exhibition shows the tasks of the artillery observation at that time.

In 2006, the fortress was sold to two private individuals and today, the fortress is run by the Fortress Association.

# Command Post Heinrich A1956 in Hondrich



## Fortress Plan

