



Willisau - in the round!





# Welcome to Willisau

Willisau is a well-rounded affair. As solid and complete as its trademark biscuit, the famous Willisauer Ringli. Situated at the foot of the extensive Napf mountain region, Willisau is its commercial and cultural centre. Whether you come to Willisau as a visitor or to take up residence, it has plenty to offer.

The charming old town with its historic buildings, the many shopping choices, the specialised museums and the welcoming restaurants beckon you to discover, indulge and enjoy. Willisau also offers many attractive recreational options. The generously sized facilities of Schlossfeld will set the heart of any sports and exercise lover racing, and the roughly 100 sports and social clubs offer activities for all tastes and ages. The wonderful Napf landscape will envelop you in its mystical magic as you go hiking or biking.

A broad range of educational opportunities – from the cantonal high school to the commercial and vocational colleges or the school for therapeutic pedagogy – make Willisau a particularly attractive place of residence. Young families also appreciate the diverse childcare facilities. To round it off, excellent transport infrastructure and good connectivity, as well as a multi-faceted cultural calendar all add to the high quality of life.

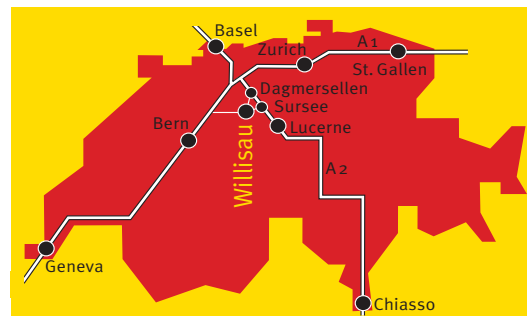
There's always something going on in Willisau, be it the legendary jazz festival, the atmospheric Christmas market, the unique carnival, or the many sports and social club events. Come and let us surprise you, come and enjoy the diversity and openness of Willisau. We look forward to seeing you!

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## How do I get to Willisau?



### By car

A well-developed network of motorways and good roads connects Willisau with all major centres within Switzerland and outside the country.

Basel–Willisau (A2)	75 km	1 hr
Bern–Willisau (A1/A2)	90 km	1 hr 15 min
Lucerne–Willisau	35 km	35 min
Zurich–Willisau (A1/A2)	80 km	1 hr

### By train and bus

Willisau is connected to the national railway network with the BLS rail service via Wolhusen–Lucerne and Huttwil–Langenthal; and by bus via Nebikon and Sursee.

Bern–Willisau	1 hr 05 min to 1 hr 40 min
Basel–Willisau	1 hr 10 min to 1 hr 40 min
Lucerne–Willisau	30 min to 40 min
Zurich–Willisau	1 hr 25 min to 1 hr 55 min

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# History

## Name

The name “Willisau” first appeared in records in 1101 as Willineshōwo; in 1234 as Willosowe; and in 1491 as Wilisow. The farmstead Gesserswil – Cozeriswilare – was mentioned in a deed of gift to the Fraumünster in Zurich in 893.

## Early traces

Humans came to Willisau in pre-historic times. In 1946 turfcutters in Ostergau unearthed a flint axe, and in 1963 a Neolithic flint axe-head was found in Rossgassmoos. Later, the Celtic Helvetii, who preceded the Romans, panned for gold in the Wigger river. Finds from the Roman era suggest that the Romans stayed in Willisau, at least for a short time while passing through. Towards the end of the fourth century the Alemanni put an end to Roman rule and settled in the floodplain between the Buch- and Enziwigger rivers.

## Establishment of the town

From the 11th century at least, Willisau belonged to the Earls of Aar-Gau, the last of whom gave his entire possessions to his friend, Kaiser Frederick I of Staufen, who in turn ceded the Lenzburg properties in the south of Aar-Gau, including Willisau, to the Earls of Habsburg. At the beginning of the 14th century the Habsburgs were forced to hand over all their land in Willisau to the Barons of Hasenburg (who came from Asuel in the Swiss Jura mountains) in order to pay off their debts. The Hasenburgs, along with other landlords, had owned considerable amounts of land in the Willisau region since the 12th century. The Hasenburg castle on the slopes of Wellberg (north-east of the open-air swimming pool) served as their administrative centre. Jurisdiction however (for serious cases, such as murder, robbery, theft, libel and disputes over land) and sovereign authority over the Willisau region, lay in the hands of the Habsburgs, whose fortified castle stood on



St Niklaus-Berg. In 1302/1303, as a demonstration of their power, the Habsburgs established a fortified centre, the town of Willisau. To begin with, its municipal status was rather uncertain, as this small rural community had a population of only 150 souls. Willisau survived only because of the considerable agricultural wealth of the surrounding land and because it lay on the most direct route between Lucerne and Bern. In 1330 Willisau received the right to hold markets and developed gradually into a commercial town and trading centre of daily commodities.

## Willisau comes under the power of Lucerne

The Willisau line of the Barons of Hasenburg died out in the middle of the 14th century, and from the last of the line, Markward, ownership passed through his only surviving daughter, Ursula, to her husband, Count Gerhard of Aarberg. From 1343 to 1364 Ursula's second husband, Count Heinrich of Nellenburg, held the title of Lord of Willisau. He was succeeded,

on his death, by Ursula's son from her first marriage, Count Johann of Aarberg-Valangin. On 15th January 1407 his widow, Maha, sold the town of Willisau, and all sovereign rights, to the city-state of Lucerne. This included the town and fort, the people and goods, courts, services, interest payments, and the administration of all rights, laws and customs. For almost 400 years the patrician bailiffs, or reeves, of Lucerne controlled the highly lucrative bailiwick of Willisau. The town mayor and council of Willisau, however, retained several rights and privileges in the large parish of Willisau. From 1651 the reeves lived in Willisau, and here they built their castle between 1690 and 1695.

## Government of the town

In the extensive parish of Willisau – consisting of the former communities of Willisau-Stadt, Willisau-Land as well as Hergiswil – forestry rights came to have a special importance. The right to use the timber forest in the parish of Willisau passed from the local landlord to

the town citizens at the foundation of the town, or soon after. The use of the Willisau timber forest led to frequent arguments and acrimony between the town and those living outside the town boundaries. This contributed to the later separation of town and country. Gradually the town achieved a position of authority in the parish of Willisau. The mayor and town council exercised a kind of policing power in the name of the Lucerne authority. The town council also administered the lower courts (judgements concerning minor crimes such as assault, slander, illegal trading, gambling or carrying weapons). The town citizenry occupied a special position in private law. They had forestry rights, from which the farmers were excluded. The town citizenry had other economic advantages (labour laws, market rights, customs revenues) over those in the country, as well as cultural and social privileges, such as the school, hospital and infirmary.

### Taxation and provision for the poor

In order to finance provision for the poor, the so-called “Steuerbriefe” (tax districts) were set up during the 16th and 17th centuries. In 1605 Hergiswil formed its own tax district, and split from the old parish of Willisau. The town and the surrounding countryside combined to form a separate district, but this did not function well, as the relationship between town and country was so strained. Furthermore, the town had additional revenues through its hospital and infirmary and already owned these facilities of care and support for needy citizens. As the town citizens were exempt from taxes for the poor they showed little interest in cooperating with the parishioners from outside the town. In 1763 these were forced to form their own tax district in order to provide for their poor.

### Willisau-Stadt and Willisau-Land (Willisau town and Willisau country)

In 1798 the Helvetii began propagating the notion of equal rights for all citizens, according to the ideas of the Enlightenment and the



French Revolution. The dominance of the city-state of Lucerne was ended and the bailiwicks disappeared. The new Canton of Lucerne was divided into districts and municipal councils largely along already existing lines. In the former “Stadtban” of Willisau the tax districts of Hergiswil, Hilferdingen (later to become the community of Ufhusen), the town of Willisau, the rural parish of Willisau and the “Twinggenossenschaft” of Ostergau were given the status of municipalities. Ostergau became a part of Willisau-Land in 1800. In 1803, after the break-up of the Helvetian centralised state, Willisau-Land was granted the legal status of autonomous political community in its own right, separate from Willisau-Stadt. This situation lasted until 1st January 2006, when the two communities merged again. The unified Willisau now covers an area of 41.15 km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of 7,500 (as of the beginning of 2014).

### Modern times

After the collapse of the old order as a consequence of the French Revolution and the influ-

ence of France, the industrial era began gradually in Switzerland after 1798. The rural countryside, and especially Willisau, was intended to profit from this as well. This is why the emerging trade and commerce association wished to put Willisau on the map as an economic centre with a trade and industry exhibition, which took place in the castle in Willisau in 1855. However, the desired economic boom did not occur. People from outside were reluctant to settle in the countryside and set up new businesses, and the people of Willisau itself feared that they would lose their traditional forms of employment and were against innovations. Both the authorities and a large section of the population were even against the development of the railway, fearing the possible consequences of what it might bring. In 1850 the construction of the Swiss Centralbahn railway from Basel via Zofingen, Willisau and Wolhusen to Lucerne was planned, but in the end the cheaper variation via Sursee was opted for, as Willisau showed no interest in the original scheme. The trade association then tried to have a horse-drawn railway built



to connect with the central line via Nebikon, hoping that this would eventually become a steam railway. However, this plan was also rejected, and the resulting lack of a modern rail infrastructure delayed Willisau's industrial development considerably. It was not until 1895 that the first train reached Willisau, after the Langenthal–Huttwil–Willisau–Wolhusen line was built. The establishment of larger industrial concerns only began at the beginning of the 20th century. Some of the present-day industries include wood and metal working, graphic design, and the production

of foodstuffs and spirits. Industry still plays a relatively minor role in Willisau's economy, which features mainly commercial and service enterprises as well as a large array of shops and sales outlets.

#### **Town fires**

Four great fires have devastated the town. In 1375 the Austrian Duke Leopold III set fire to the town so that the Guglerscharen (French and English mercenary soldiers in the service of France) could find no hiding place there. In 1386 Leopold stayed in Willisau for a week before the battle of Sempach and despite having a treaty with Countess Maha von Neuenburg, the ruler of Willisau, he ransacked the town, looting and burning it on his departure. After the battle of Sempach the Hasenburg fort was also destroyed. Between 1471 and 1704 Willisau suffered several more devastating fires. The last major fire in 1704 quickly reduced 117 roofs in the town to smouldering ashes. Only the houses above the Town Hall (today's Städtli Drogerie), the parish church and the castle remained undamaged.

#### **Markets in Willisau**

A document exists from 1330, in which Ursula of Hasenburg described the mortgage conditions of the weekly and annual markets in Willisau. In the following decades there were ever increasing problems with the market laws; either the townsfolk were not abiding by the regulations, or the lords of Lucerne were amending the laws. These disputes are recorded in various documents. One from 1642 set out new regulations concerning the weekly market. The markets were to be held on Saturday and they were permitted to trade in cereals of all kinds, cheese, butter, fresh and dried fruit, eggs and domestic and wild fowl. At first there were also two annual markets: one in August and the other in December. In the 18th century this figure rose to eight. On the Saturday after Gallus (16th October) was the market for horses, cattle and pigs. On the occasion of the Lorenzi market, in August, "Knights Festivals" took place until 1798. These were, however, forbidden by the town council "as they would only corrupt the youth". In 1817 licence was granted for a market to be held on the third Wednesday of every month. The "Katharinenmarkt" was held at the end of November – and this still holds an important position in the calendar of Willisau even today – marking the end of the farmers' year. Nowadays the monthly markets usually take place on the last Thursday of the months March–June, August, October and November.

#### **Regional hub Willisau**

The district court has its seat in Willisau's Menzbergstrasse, and the Department for the Protection of Children and Adults (KESB) is located in the castle. Willisau also hosts the regional taxation, debt enforcement and civil registry offices as well as the cantonal high school, technical and vocational schools, the school for therapeutic pedagogy, the sports centre, various cantonal education services, the library and other institutions. Willisau's role as a regional hub is also manifest in the presence of its many supermarkets and retail shops.

# Places of historical interest

## Town site

The late mediaeval small town of Willisau forms a rectangle some 250 metres long, from the Schlosshügel (castle hill) in the south to the Enziwigger river in the north. The east and west ends are bounded by the tower gates. The present configuration of the town is that of 1704, when it was rebuilt after the last great fire, although there are no authentically constructed or decorated houses remaining from that period. Nevertheless, the modest houses of Willisau today, with their uniform height and proportions, combine to create a harmonious and aesthetically pleasing old town. The oldest buildings, which were not damaged in the last fire, are to be found in the western part of the town and in Müligass. In 2013 the main lane was rehabilitated and transformed into a meeting zone. Its creative surface, the absence of sidewalks and its atmospheric lighting give Willisau's centre a modern touch.

## Gates and towers

The lower gate, first mentioned in 1347, was rebuilt after the fire of 1704 and was pulled down again in 1854, as it had fallen into disrepair. It was not rebuilt until 1980 – to the original design, although with a wider entrance to accommodate today's traffic. The upper gate bears the date 1547 on its inner side and survived the 1704 fire. The Kutzenturm (the tower of the reeve's residence) dates from the end of the 14th/beginning of the 15th century and stood as a defence tower in the town wall.

## Town wall

Already mentioned in 1417, the town wall originally led from the rows of houses on the east and west sides of the town – whose rear walls formed part of the town wall itself – up, and across the top of the castle hill. The



only large remaining free-standing section of the wall is on the west side of the hill.

## Archaeology cellar

While renovating the Schlossschür (the castle's barn), archaeologists discovered a 700-year-old cellar of the old administration complex and expertly restored it. They also exposed parts of the old town wall. A slide show that visitors can activate themselves shows and explains the different elements. The entry is at the western face of the barn near the town wall's small archway.

## Town fort

In the 14th century, the lords of Willisau, the Hasenburgs, constructed a fort that was probably two or three storeys high, on the south-east corner of the town wall. This marked the Hasenburg presence and it was here that legal and financial matters were decided upon. The main fort of the Hasenburgs lay to the north-east of Willisau. Nowadays the regional registry office stands on the site of the town fort. Inside the building you will find some exposed remnants of the town wall. The outlines of the former town fort have been recreated in the forecourt, where you can also peer into a newly uncovered well.

## Town wells

The spring supplying the water in the town wells lies inside the town wall, on the castle



hill. The three wells date from 1600 and are of a highly unusual seven-sided shape. In the 1950s the three dilapidated wells were demolished and rebuilt to their original design. The statues of the two patron saints of the church, Peter and Paul, and the Madonna and Child, are from the 1960s. St Paul is by the artist Rolf Brem, St Peter by Eugen Häfelfinger, and the Madonna by Franco Annoni. In 2007 Willisau was awarded the "Fountain Prize" of the Ernst + Hanna Hauenstein Foundation.

## Rathaus (Town Hall)

The Rathaus, in the middle of the town, was built in 1720 after the last great fire. The ground floor served as a shop selling meat and the upper floors as a draper's shop, where cloth could be displayed and sold. Still today, a reminder of those days can be seen in the "Willisauer Ellenmass" (a standard measurement of 63 cm), displayed on the left-hand side of the entrance of the building. In 1811 the Society of Theatre and Music Lovers was able to install the late baroque school theatre, probably dat-



ing from 1720, from St Urban Abbey, on the second floor. In the 19th century the building gradually lost its function as a shop and was taken over by the corporation council, and extensive alterations followed in 1911. The meeting hall on the first floor was renovated and on the ground floor an abattoir was built. At the same time the building received a new façade. The grand, dressed stonework on the ground floor and the sgraffito decoration gave the building a more imposing appearance. From 1989 to 1991 the Rathaus was renovated and enlarged. The theatre is now on the top floor and serves as a small stage for performances of all kinds. The theatre curtain, painted by the Willisau artist Xaver Hecht, is particularly fine. The first and second floors are occupied by the offices of the education services and the large ground-floor room – the Bürgersaal – serves for concerts, exhibitions and lectures etc. The open square in front of the Rathaus emphasises the significance of the building and gives the old town an increased sense of spaciousness.



### Müligass

The restored wooden house at No 5 Müligass (now the Wehrle pottery studio) was built in 1590, and is an example of the construction method of vertical posts and horizontal boards common at the time. The greater part of the present façade dates from the 16th century. The first floor has richly moulded beamed ceilings, door frames and panelled walls. The façade of No 2 Müligass contains sections dating from the Middle Ages, and the interior has remains of a mediaeval defence tower. The Gothic ceiling on the first floor is particularly fine. The top floor actually dates from the 12th century and the present-day rebuilding is a fine example of the synthesis of old and new.

### Stadtmühle (town mill)

The old town mill alongside the fort wall – operational for some 700 years – was thoroughly renovated and expanded in 2001/2002 by the Albert Köchlin Foundation. The current structure was erected between 1584 and 1600. Its length of 11 metres distinguishes it from



the row of houses around it. The two projecting upper floors are composed of once visible, exposed brickwork. The walls are from several different eras, the oldest parts being from the 12th century. The roof truss is from 1605 and is completely intact, and the old classical façade was preserved by inserting a glass wall behind it to insulate the building. The large water wheel and its transmission have also been fully restored.

### Parish church

The parish church of St Peter and St Paul was designed by the well-known church architect, Josef Purtschert of Pfaffnau, and was built between 1804 and 1810. The proportions of the large new building did not sit well with the adjoining 13th century Romanesque tower on the western side. As the swinging of the bells was putting increasing strain on the aged tower walls, a new copper-clad bell tower was built on the nave in 1928/1929. The tower was designed by the well-known architect Gaudi, and was a controversial addition to the church. The interior of the church was renovated between 1995 and 1997. The ceiling frescoes and the altar decoration are by the Willisau artist Xaver Hecht (1757–1835) and the stucco work on the ceiling is by Johann Josef Moosbrugger. Of particular interest are the wooden figures of the twelve apostles against the walls and columns. The patron saints of various

guilds (Crispin, of the guild of shoemakers, Eligius, of the blacksmiths, Severin, of the weavers) are a reminder of the importance of craftsmen in Willisau in the Middle Ages.

#### **Late Romanesque bell tower**

Dating from the early 13th century, the tower is the oldest building in Willisau. It actually predates the establishment of the town, and shows that the town settlement developed from the original site of the parish village. The roof of the tower has undergone many alterations. It was originally a low pyramidal shape, then a “Welsche Spitzhaube” (a pointed cupola), and since 1647 the tower has had a so-called “Welsche Haube” (bulbous cupola). The tower is the best preserved and most richly decorated Romanesque tower in the Canton of Lucerne.

#### **The group of crosses in the cemetery**

In the chapel of rest in the town cemetery hangs a group of late Gothic crosses by an unknown master. The almost two-metre high group dates from between 1510 and 1520, and originally stood in front of, or inside, the “Elenden Kreuz” chapel, in front of the lower town gate, and is considered to be of great value today. In 2014 the original group of crosses was reassembled against the backdrop of a mural by Urs Mattmann. Death also stands for resurrection.

#### **Heilig-Blut-Kapelle (Chapel of the Holy Blood)**

In 1392, according to legend, the devil came and took the gambler Ueli Schröter, after he had blasphemed against God. Five drops of blood then fell from heaven onto the table. The other two gamblers could not wash these away and the drops of blood were then cut out of the table by the local priest and are still kept in the monstrance of the Holy Blood Chapel today. Every year, on the second Sunday after Whitsun, an atonement procession – the “Willisauer Ablasstag” – takes place in the town. Around 100 years later, the wooden chapel was replaced with a Gothic construction, and today's chapel dates from 1674. The three early



baroque wooden altars date from a few years later. Eight oil paintings depicting the Holy Blood legend decorate the chapel's walls. The ceiling was painted by Anton Amberg, from Dagmersellen, in 1854, and contains 70 pictures showing biblical scenes, the apostles and the patron saints of the chapel. The chapel was restored inside and renovated outside in 2012.

#### **Kapelle St. Niklaus auf dem Berg (Chapel of St Nicholas on the Hill)**

The Chapel of St Nicholas on the Hill is part of the mediaeval fort which once stood on the hill outside the town. It was built in the late 12th or early 13th century, and when the fort was destroyed in 1386 the chapel remained untouched. It contains the oldest bell in the Canton of Lucerne (end of 12th century). The present-day roof was put on in 1497 and the chapel itself attained its present form



after extensive alterations in 1655. The interior contains various wall paintings from the original building. Over time, the windows and doors have undergone various alterations, evidence of which can be seen today. The chapel was last restored in 2010.

#### **Kapelle St. Jakob auf Bösegg (Chapel of St Jacob on Bösegg)**

The Bösegg chapel lies on the western edge of the parish of Willisau in the shade of a mighty beech tree. The present-day chapel, built in 1949, occupies the same site as the original, which was erected by pilgrims to give thanks for their safe return from their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. The story of this pilgrimage is depicted on panelling inside the chapel. The nut tree by the chapel is said to have grown from a sapling cut by a pilgrim somewhere on his return journey.

#### **Landvogteischloss (reeve's castle)**

After the purchase of Willisau in 1407, the city-state of Lucerne appointed a reeve, or bailiff, to administer its affairs in Willisau. At first, the





paintings are by Francesco Antonio Giorgioli, from Ticino. In a side chamber on the ground floor is a collection of the personal effects of the songwriter and singer Hans Roelli, who was born in Willisau in 1889. The rooms on the first floor are adorned with exquisite panelling – particularly the east-facing room. In the corridor is a series of paintings depicting the Holy Blood legend. These are also original paintings, but of a smaller format than those in the Holy Blood Chapel itself. The façade, with its sgraffito decoration, is reminiscent of the grand Mediterranean style of building. Here we can see the influence of the artists from Ticino. The castle adjoins the Kutzen tower, a part of the old fortifications and dates from the end of the 14th/beginning of the 15th century. After the collapse of the old order in 1798 the castle lost its importance as residence of the reeve. It then underwent many changes of ownership and use. Between 1808 and 1810 it housed the teacher training college of the Canton of Lucerne. In 1833 the educational reformer Friedrich Fröbel opened a reformatory there, but after severe criticism from conservatives was forced to close three years later. The municipal administration used the building for more than a century and it housed various departments of the town school and the lower secondary school until 1959. Today the castle houses the offices of the Department for the Protection of Children and Adults (KESB).

#### **Banner, crest and seal**

The banner of the town of Willisau shows a red lion, rampant, with blue claws, on a yellow



(gold) background. This motif came originally from the crest of the previous counts and barons of Habsburg. The seal was used in the 14th and 15th centuries by both the county of Willisau, and Willisau town. The town came to have its own seal in the second half of the 17th century. The circular seal shows a seated St Peter with crown and key, and at his feet, the escutcheon with lion rampant. A red lion, rampant, with blue claws on a yellow background is also on the crest of Willisau.

#### **Inns and their signs**

Willisau has long been situated on an important east-west transport route, which has been used since the time of the Romans. Even in the Middle Ages the Ostergau-Willisau-Mühletal-Lochmühle-Ufhusen-Huttwil route was protected by watchtowers. Willisau's position on a busy main thoroughfare naturally led to the appearance of several inns and guesthouses in the town. In the 16th century the town boasted 12 such inns, several of which still have fine old inn signs.



reeves resided in Lucerne and came to Willisau when the courts were in session or when there was particularly important business to be carried out in the region. From 1651 they were permanently in residence in Willisau, and between 1690 and 1695 a castle was built for the then reeve, Franz Bernhard Feer, on the hill to the south of the town. The castle is one of the most important secular baroque buildings in Central Switzerland. The two lower floors are particularly impressive, with fine examples of stucco work, wood panelling and painting. The sumptuous plasterwork in the courtroom is by the Lugano artists, August Giacomo and Pietro Neurone, and the magnificent ceiling

## Cultural events

Further information concerning times, venues etc. can be found at [www.willisau.ch](http://www.willisau.ch)

### **Abendmusik Willisau concerts**

Each year around five high-quality musical performances are organised by “Abendmusik Willisau”. Regional and internationally known singers and instrumentalists perform in mostly small formations.

### **Library**

The regional library of Willisau lends fiction and non-fiction works from its selection of about 10,000 books.

### **Ludothek**

Games and toys, for children and adults alike, can be rented here for a small fee.

### **Rathaus (Town Hall)**

The Rathaus stage regularly puts on performances by established, and also unknown, performers in the fields of theatre, comedy, cabaret, dance, literature and music. Exhibitions are frequently held in the main hall.

### **Flaschenmuseum (bottle museum)**

The museum is located in the former cheese dairy in Käppelimmatt and contains Josef Stadelmann's collection of over 20,000 bottles, almost all made of glass. You will find bottles of every conceivable size, shape and purpose in this fascinating little museum.

### **Musikinstrumentensammlung (collection of musical instruments)**

Two collections have found a new home in the former printing premises of the Willisauer Bote (the local newspaper) at Viehmarkt 1 – the Patt Collection and the museum pieces of Heinrich Schumacher. The valuable mediaeval musical instruments of the Schumacher Col-



lection were once showcased in the Richard Wagner Museum in Lucerne. The Patt collection of musical instruments consists of more than 260 replicas of original instruments from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. The instruments are not only there to be looked at, but can be heard and played on.

### **Volkshochschule (adult education centre)**

During the winter months well-known academic figures present talks on a range of themes from culture and science to politics and society. The centre also has various continuous education courses on offer.

### **Markets**

Markets have been held in Willisau since the establishment of the town, and a weekly and yearly market was mentioned in records as long ago as 1330. Today the market is usually held on the last Thursday of every month, exceptions being the “Kilbi” market on the Monday of the autumn fair, and the Christmas market. The most important market, the “Katharinenmarkt”, is held at the end of November. During the summer months, farmers from the region sell their fresh and home-baked products in front of the Rathaus every Saturday morning.

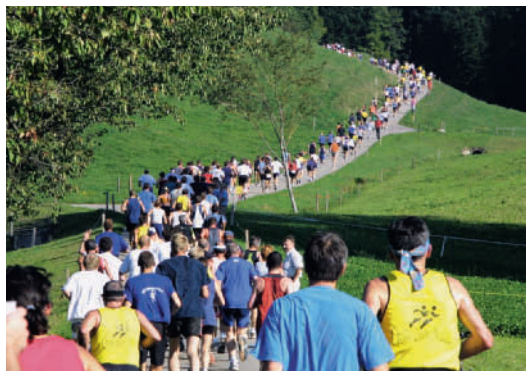
### **Annual concerts and theatrical performances**

The Willisau brass bands and wind orchestras (some of whom are from the very highest echelons of Swiss music competitions), male voice choirs, yodelling clubs, traditional dance groups and sports clubs put on annual concerts and productions. Performances by the Willisau theatre group and youth theatre are attended by theatre lovers from all over the region.



### **The Agrovision experience**

Agrovision Burgrain in Alberswil views itself as a seminal example of modern and future-oriented agricultural enterprises. It produces strictly organic foodstuffs on 44 hectares of land. Visitors are encouraged to roam the farm to observe, learn, gain insights, share impressions, or simply enjoy the restaurant or the children's playground.



## Calendar of annual events

### **Fasnacht (carnival)**

The carnival period begins on the Friday after 6th January with a large parade featuring the carnival guild and the traditional figures of the Enziloeh men, the town beast, the washer women, the “Moorsträggele” and the Willisau carnival bands. The high points of the carnival are the Städtlifasnacht, which takes place on the Sunday before Schmutzigen Donnerstag (Fat Thursday), when the whole town is closed

off to traffic and is devoted entirely to carnival; the children’s parade on Schmutzigen Donnerstag; and Sprüchlimontag, when carnival is celebrated in various inns and restaurants around the town.

### **Opening of the athletics season**

A highlight of the sporting calendar is the athletics meeting at Schlossfeld, to mark the start of the open-air season. Internationally renowned athletes also use this as a chance to test their early form.

### **Corpus Christi and Holy Blood processions**

The two processions on Corpus Christi and on the Sunday afterwards are established events in the church calendar. The Herrgott Grenadiers in their historical uniforms and the Herrgott Cannoneers, with their artillery, add colour to the celebrations. The traditional procession is accompanied by a marching band as it passes through the town.

### **Bluegrass in Willisau**

For a few years now, Alberswil (a neighbouring community) has been a meeting point for bluegrass fans, and the festival is slowly evolving from an insider affair to a mainstream event. It takes place each year in the second half of May.

### **Jazz in Willisau**

The end of August always marks the beginning of the five-day jazz festival in the Festival Hall. Jazz fans and residents alike crowd the hall and its surroundings throughout the event.

### **Willisauer Lauf (Willisau run)**

At the end of September serious athletes and fun-runners alike compete over a challenging course around Willisau. There is a special course for youngsters in the town itself.

### **Kilbi (autumn fair)**

The great autumn fair takes place on the weekend of the third Sunday in October. The event attracts young and old from near and far, and has something for everyone. Experience all the fun of the fair on Sunday, or visit the market on Monday for a memorable experience.

### **Sankt-Nikolaus-Einzug (St Nicholas procession)**

Around 6th December St Nicholas enters the town in a colourful procession with his entourage of wild men, accompanied by coloured lamps and flaming torches and the sound of giant cow bells and the cracking of whips.

### **Christkindlimarkt (Christmas market)**

Around 8th December Willisau hosts a unique three-day Christmas market. The fairy-tale atmosphere is complete with decorated market stalls and the aroma of mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, scented candles and spices.

# Activities

Willisau offers the visitor an enormous range of things to do – from strenuous outdoor activities, to sightseeing and visiting places of historical interest, to simply relaxing in beautiful, natural surroundings.

## Walking and hiking

In this unique, varied and still largely unspoilt, hilly landscape around Willisau you will find an extensive network of hiking trails and footpaths. There are also countless other opportunities for exploring this fascinating countryside or simply relaxing in the peace and quiet of the forests. The Jubiläumsweg – developed on the occasion of the anniversary marking “700 years of town and country Willisau” – is a 10 km trail around Willisau. A wealth of further trails and footpaths are signposted around the town. The Jakobsweg also leads through Willisau.

## Mountain biking

For the serious mountain biker nothing sets the pulse racing like the wild, steep Napf mountain trails. Glorious views and breathtaking descents are the reward for the tough climbs. Less experienced mountain bikers will also find a wealth of suitable trails leading out of Willisau.

## Swimming

On hot summer days, cool down at the Hasenburg outdoor swimming pool and enjoy its many attractions. During the winter, the heated indoor swimming pool with its outdoor area and its special attractions is a meeting point for all sports and water enthusiasts.

## Cycling

For cyclists the region offers everything from gentle rides through the Wauwilermoos nature reserve to the challenging ascent to the top of Menzberg. If you want to go easy on your legs and see more of the landscape, rent an e-bike



at the railway station. You will particularly enjoy the unique “Herzroute” (heart route), Switzerland’s most-travelled flyer route.

## Vita-Parcours (woodland exercise courses)

There are several of these fitness-training courses in the woods around Willisau, where you can exercise in the peace of the forest and fill your lungs with fresh air.

## Horse-drawn carriage rides

Take a trip in a horse-drawn carriage. The relaxing, leisurely pace will allow you to fully experience the beauty and tranquillity of the region and to reach your chosen landmark stress-free.

## Picnic and barbecue areas

If you fancy a grilling party with family or friends in the forest or by a tranquil stream, you will find a wealth of beautiful spots in the countryside around Willisau. Get your list of picnic and barbecue areas at [www.willisau-tourismus.ch](http://www.willisau-tourismus.ch).

## Hirschpark (deer park)

The deer park is a nearby recreation spot – you reach it from the town on foot in just minutes – and very popular with all ages. Built in 1963, it features a herd of fallow deer in an 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> enclosure. Pygmy goats, geese and various duck species are also denizens of the park and can be watched up close. The most diverse



ornamental birds make their home in a huge aviary. An adjacent playground with picnic facilities rounds off the recreation area.

#### **Waldlehrpfad (woodland nature trail)**

What's the name of that tree with the serrated leaves, or that thorny bush over there? You can refresh your knowledge or make new discoveries on the woodland nature trail.

#### **Panning for gold**

Experience gold fever and the thrill of prospecting. Sifting through gravel and sand and suddenly coming upon glittering flakes of gold is a truly special experience.

#### **Sports heaven**

Willisau is a paradise for sports lovers. The sports centre at Schlossfeld offers, in addition to its sports halls, a 400-metre running track, an athletics complex, and grass and hard pitches for every kind of sport. It also features an outdoor tennis court and three indoor courts, as well as squash courts, weight training and gymnastics rooms. There is an underground small-calibre shooting range, and a mini-golf course etc. The recreation centre offers fitness courses from aerobics to yoga. After a well-balanced workout you can relax in the bio-sauna, the steam-bath, the whirlpool or the solarium. You can also enjoy a professional

massage. For those in search of more exotic pursuits you can try crossbow shooting and Hornussen nearby.

#### **Tours and visits**

Willisau is not just for sports lovers. You can sample the delicious schnapps at the Distillerie Willisau SA or take a guided tour of the HUG AG biscuit factory, producers of the famous Willisauer Ringli biscuits. You won't, however, discover their closely guarded secret recipe! The Regional Tourist Office (Regionales Verkehrsbüro) in Willisau also offers guided tours of the town.

#### **Excursions in the surrounding region**

As Willisau lies on a major traffic intersection it is the perfect starting point for excursions to the surrounding region – either on foot or by public transport. You will find many museums and fort sites which are always well worth a visit. We hope this brochure will give you some ideas, and we are always delighted to offer further suggestions at the Regional Tourist Office.

#### **Hornussen – Swiss to the core**

Try your hand at Hornussen, a traditional sport unique to Switzerland. With expert guidance, whatever your ability, you are guaranteed a great day of fun, either with your club, your work colleagues or your family.

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-  Street / Path
-  Footpath / Track
-  BLS railway line
-  Way of St James footpath
-  Jubilee footpath
-  River, stream
-  Altitude line
-  Public building, local administration office
-  School, sports facilities, kindergarten
-  Homes / Foundations / Retirement homes
-  Hotel, restaurant, cafe
-  Place of worship
-  Tourism / Culture / Museums
-  Sports area
-  Public recreational area, playing field
-  Woodland, hedgerow
-  Car park
-  Park & Ride
-  Tourist Information Office
-  BLS railway station
-  Playground
-  Bus stop
-  Indoor swimming pool
-  Outdoor swimming pool
-  Lookout point
-  Animal park
-  Campervan pitches
-  Recycling / Waste collection point



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## Town Hall – the special location for selected events

The impressive Town Hall in the middle of the little town is an ideal location for your event. The large hall on the ground floor is very suitable for cocktail receptions, cultural events and exhibitions. For concerts, meetings etc. the room can be hired complete with seating as well. The theatre of the late baroque period, on the top floor, has its distinctive ambience.

Its curtain, painted by Xaver Hecht, is an astonishing treasure for those interested in history. Theatre or cabaret performances take place here, but the venue is also suitable for readings or conferences. A slide show on Willisau is at your disposal (in German only). You can also rent the forecourt of the Town Hall for your own event.





## Festival Hall – attractive and multipurpose

Willisau as a multipurpose venue is well known and popular, not least because of its excellent infrastructure. The Festival Hall is ideally situated in the centre and lends itself to a great range of events. Its infrastructure is good with the huge and distinctive hall, the smaller hall upstairs and the two kitchens. It may be used for exhibitions, concerts, conferences, general meetings, staff parties, conventions, club events, bingo or for private occasions such as wedding and birthday parties or similar celebrations. The forecourt of the Festival Hall and the adjacent asphalt and lawn area are suitable for additional constructions such as tents or for open-air activities. There are enough parking spaces next to the Festival Hall and in its vicinity. Information on the



infrastructure, plans, seating possibilities and hire charges can be found on the internet: [www.festhalle.willisau.ch](http://www.festhalle.willisau.ch).



## Schlossschür – the barn for special occasions

Features banquet-style seating for up to 200 guests and suits the most diverse events. Weather permitting you can also use the terrace.

For further information and bookings contact the booking platform of the town of Willisau: [www.event.willisau.ch](http://www.event.willisau.ch)



## Sports facilities to set your heart racing

The generously sized sports facilities at Schlossfeld – among the largest in Switzerland – are uniquely situated, just minutes above the old town of Willisau. Not only do all the pupils and students and the many sports clubs of Willisau use the facilities, but also thousands of elite and amateur athletes from all parts of Switzerland. Training camps, courses and competitions can be held under the best of conditions.

### In a beautiful and ideal location you find

- 2 triple gymnasiums (one seating 1,000 spectators)
- 3 single gymnasiums
- 5 grass fields/pitches, 2 hard courts (Tartan)
- Track and field facilities (with a 400 m running track)
- Room for gymnastics or aerobics with mirror
- Weight training room (20 stations)
- Wrestling halls
- Beach area (4 volleyball courts)
- Bouldering wall, 10 m shooting range
- Finnish racetrack, Vita-Parcours (exercise trail)



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Indoor swimming pool with a large sunbathing area  
Open-air pool with many play areas (10 minutes' walk away)

The greatest advantage of this extensive sports complex – beside the friendly and helpful staff – is the close proximity of the various facilities. All are within a radius of 300 m.



Groups that don't do their own cooking have a choice of efficient restaurants in close vicinity. Bikers, cyclists and skaters will find plenty of attractive roads and paths around Willisau. For social evenings or events, Willisau with its historic centre and its many pubs and restaurants offers a lot. Drop by and be nicely surprised – we look forward to welcoming you!

Sportzentrum Willisau  
Schlossfeldstrasse 2  
6130 Willisau  
[www.sportwillisau.ch](http://www.sportwillisau.ch), [sport@willisau.ch](mailto:sport@willisau.ch)



## Horse-drawn carriage rides

### We make the journey unforgettable

You tell us where you want to start and where you want to go. We pick you up and cart you cosily and safely to your destination.

Whether we take you sightseeing or to a picnic spot, whether you are a wedding or birthday group eager to leave the frenzy behind, whether you want to recreate the good old times on your school's field trip or whether you and your work colleagues want to enjoy the scenes at a leisurely pace and with plenty of time for interaction – our rides will always be special and unforgettable.

Our carriages take you along romantic streams, across tranquil valleys, past nature reserves or across the typical ridges of the Napf region. We look forward to giving you a few ideas for an ambience-packed ride.

### Information and bookings

Rössligemeinschaft Willisau  
kontakt@rg-willisau.ch  
www.rg-willisau.ch  
Anton Mehr, phone +41 41 970 13 39  
Mobile +41 79 469 47 39



## Restaurant Sonne

### We are known for our home-style cuisine!

Right after entering the little town, on Hauptgasse 4, you find our cosy restaurant (accessible by wheelchair). Our "Stübli" seats 25, while the small hall on the first floor accommodates 45 guests.

Irene and Franz Koch-Felder  
phone +41 41 970 11 16

Closed on Sundays (from 16.00) and Mondays

## Ristorante Italiano da Fusco

in the former Gasthof zum Schlüssel



We welcome you to our restaurant with its wood-burning pizza oven, our quiet small dining hall or, for larger events up to 60 persons, to our grand hall with its fabulous views of the town fountain and the parish church of St Peter and St Paul. On summer days we serve our Italian specialities also on the patio. We use only fresh ingredients for our delicious dishes and we also have gluten-free versions. Nadia Fusco, Hauptgasse 46, info@dafusco.ch, www.dafusco.ch, phone +41 41 970 01 00



## Ringlichäs – now that's a shapely cheese!

Right in the heart of Willisau you find the dairy lover's dream where you can taste and buy fresh milk from the region and cheese specialities from here and around the world. No 10 Hauptgasse is not just a venerable building, it also houses a dairy shop rich in tradition. It has been run for decades by more than 100 farmer families from the region who formed a co-operative, the Regio Chäsi Willisau, to process their own milk. They have two dairies in Schülen and Kottwil. Their products range from the traditional Swiss cheeses Sbrinz and Emmentaler to such local specialities as the ring-shaped Willisauer Ringlichäs. Vreni Huber and Gisela Zihlmann look forward to treating you to a delicious taster in the "Chäs Chäller Willisau". Find out more on [www.chaes-chaeller-willisau.ch](http://www.chaes-chaeller-willisau.ch).

Chäs Chäller Willisau is almost always there for you: Monday to Thursday, 7.30–12.00 and 13.30–18.30; Friday, 7.30–12.00 and 13.30–20.00 (late shopping) Saturday, 7.30–16.00.



## Chäs Chäller Willisau

Hauptgasse 10\_6130 Willisau\_041 970 33 50\_www.chaes-chaeller-willisau.ch



## Collection of musical instruments

(Musikinstrumentensammlung Willisau)

Two very different but equally fascinating collections of musical instruments have come together in the former printing premises of the Willisauer Bote (the local newspaper). The

Musikinstrumentensammlung Willisau is not just music to your ears, but plays to your every sense. It is far more than your average museum. The musical instruments of Christian and Leonie Patt from Malix, Canton of Graubünden, are replicas of originals from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. They are playable and the public, under guidance, can try them out and find out how they sound. In 2010 valuable original instruments from the Schumacher Collection, once on display in the Richard Wagner Museum in Lucerne, joined the Patt Collection. This harmonious coexistence of originals and replicas is unique among the museums of musical instruments. Tours are our speciality. Because music is so diverse yet so essential to all of us, we also tailor tours to your special needs and wishes. Our concerts are a regular event and allow you to get acquainted with rarely played instruments and music. Courses and special shows round off our programme.



### Information

Musikinstrumentensammlung Willisau  
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www.musikinstrumentensammlung.ch  
info@musikinstrumentensammlung.ch

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## Restaurant Sternen

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You can also choose one of our two vaulted cellars for a special occasion. The wine cellar accommodates up to 25 guests for pre-dinner drinks, or up to 12 for an atmospheric meal. The à la carte dining cellar seats up to 26 guests. If you just want to relax after work, visit our comfortable lounge for a pint or two.



Naturally, on beautiful summer nights you can enjoy it all on our terrace, which seats 60.

### Catering to your personal taste

We also offer catering services – from rustic to gourmet – at your home, in the woodland cabin or at the castle. Our able and well-

rehearsed catering crew manages banquets for up to 1,000 people.

Sternen AG Willisau, Restaurant/Catering  
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sternen-restaurant-catering.ch



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# Welcome to the mecca for encounters!



The recreation centre Schlossfeld, with its splendid views and close proximity to the sports facilities, the exercise trails and the indoor swimming pool, cordially welcomes you.

The restaurant accommodates 70–100 guests; the hall, which can be partitioned into two rooms of equal size, seats up to 50 and is ideal for meetings, conferences and banquets. The generously designed garden terrace, which seats 130, is said to be one of the most beautiful spots around the Napf region. Special events, sports camps, banquets of all kinds and our regular Farmer's Sunday Breakfast buffet all contribute to the essence of this mecca for encounters.

The comfortable indoor tennis facility with three courts cries out for game, set and match. You can book a court for a one-off game or for regular use, take part in a tournament, or book lessons with our qualified tennis instructors. We also have two courts each for badminton and squash lovers. Outside, young and old can test their accuracy on our beautiful 18-hole mini-golf course.

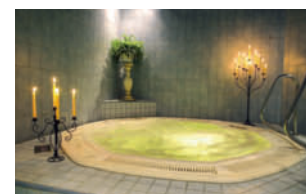
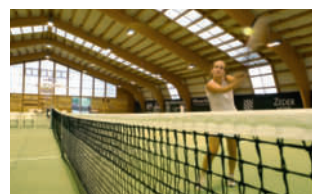


The fitness centre will help you gain strength, stamina and mobility – the three pillars of well-being and health. Qualified fitness coaches will assist you in working out your individual training plan.

We focus on exercises that are easy on your joints, stimulate your circulation and also are fun. An extensive course programme rounds off the choices.

Regeneration and recreation are the perfect match for a well-balanced exercise programme. Here you can choose between Finnish sauna, steam bath, solarium and whirlpool. Or maybe you fancy a massage to rekindle your spirits?

We also have a playground and a children's corner – with nanny service upon request – to make sure you can make the most of your visit here. We cordially welcome you!



## Freizeitzentrum Schlossfeld AG

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Phone +41 41 970 37 14 (fitness/wellness)

fitness@freizeitzentrum-willisau.ch

www.freizeitzentrum-willisau.ch

## Opening hours restaurants

Monday–Saturday: 9.00–00.30

Sunday: 9.00–22.00

## Opening hours fitness/wellness

Monday–Friday: 8.00–22.00

Saturday and Sunday (winter): 8.00–16.00

Saturday and Sunday (summer): 8.00–14.00





## Café AMREIN Chocolatier

As the original makers of the trademark Willisauer Ringli biscuits, Amrein has stood for passion and taste since 1890. Tradition obliges, but the fourth-generation owners, the Renggli-Kurmann family, are also open to innovation. They completely overhauled the business in spring 2008, and now showcase generously designed and modern premises.

Our chocolate specialities, created in-house and with great expertise, will satisfy any connoisseur. True to our philosophy, we offer seasonal products made from the best ingredients. Our team will tempt you with a creative selection of pastries, cakes and tortes.

Visit our cafe (about 120 seats) and let us spoil you with seasonal variations from our kitchen. During summer you can enjoy the comings and goings in the pretty old town from our comfortable street cafe while our homemade ice cream creations are melting in your mouth.

We look forward to spoiling you!  
Michael and Ursula Renggli-Kurmann  
Open Tuesday–Sunday  
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[www.willisauerringli.ch](http://www.willisauerringli.ch)  
[amrein@willisauerringli.ch](mailto:amrein@willisauerringli.ch)



*Amrein*  
chocolatier willisau 23



You find our restaurant at No 3 Leuenplatz, near the lower gate. We are a family-friendly business and offer home-style, regional cuisine. The restaurant and halls can be partitioned into 30-, 50- and 100-seat rooms and are accessible by wheelchair. We do not charge a fee for the venue if you book it for your family or business social event. Enjoy our unique rose garden during summer; it accommodates 45 people.

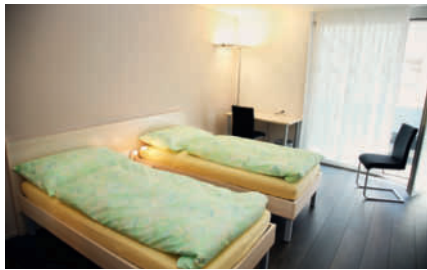
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### Opening hours

Monday–Friday: 8.00–12.00, 13.30–18.00  
Saturday: 9.00–16.00

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## HUG Ringli Shop

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### Opening hours

Monday–Friday: 8.00–18.00  
Saturday: 8.00–16.00

### Further information

HUG Ringli-Laden  
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## Escape the rut and get adventurous

Take a discovery tour! Lots of fabulous excursion ideas and group offers await you. We, the team of the Regional Tourist Office in Willisau, have a plethora of suggestions for you. We are happy to advise and help you. You will be surprised to discover how diverse and interesting the Willisau region is. We look forward to your visit!

### Opening hours

Monday–Friday: 8.30–11.30 and 13.30–17.00  
From mid-April to mid-October we also open on Saturdays from 9.00–12.00.

Outside office hours you are welcome to help yourself to any of our informative brochures on hand at the entrance.

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## Willisau – gateway to shopping delight

The many attractive stores and boutiques in and around the historic town centre will make your shopping trip unforgettable.

### Cafes

Amrein Café Chocolatier Willisau  
Hauptgasse 24  
www.willisauerringli.ch ..... I/5  
Gut (bakery, patisserie, cafe)  
Bahnhofplatz 2, www.baeckerei-gut.ch ... L/6

### Health and beauty

Toni Bättig (acupuncture massages)  
Chilegass 10 ..... I/4  
Apotheke Kaufmann AG  
(pharmacy and health centre), Postplatz 3  
www.apotheke-willisau.ch ..... I/5  
Drogerie A. Jost AG (chemist's shop and perfumes), Untertor  
www.drogerie-jost.ch ..... I/5  
Medinatura centre for natural medicine  
Michaela Alt-Nielsen, Bruggmatt 3  
www.medinatura.ch ..... I/6  
Städtli-Drogerie (chemist's shop and perfumes), Hauptgasse 40  
www.staedtli-drogerie.ch ..... H/4



### Fashion and sports

Bossert Zweirad (bicycles), Vorstadt 4  
www.bossert-zweirad.ch ..... K/5  
Kunz-Sport, Leuenplatz 6  
www.kunz-sport.ch ..... J/5  
Menz Willisau AG (sports + leather goods)  
Postplatz 2 ..... J/5  
Meyer Schuhe + Sport (shoes)  
Hauptgasse 8, www.meyer-schuhesport.ch . I/5  
Modehaus Peter (fashion)  
Hauptgasse 36, www.petermode.ch ..... I/4  
Schürmann Textilien (fabrics)  
Hauptgasse 21 ..... I/4  
Sigrist (fur, lambskin and leather fashion)  
Hauptgasse 33  
www.sigristmodeinpelz.ch ..... I/4  
Zeder Mode (fashion), Mohrenplatz 5  
www.zedermode.ch ..... J/5

### Food

Chäs Chäller – Regio Chäsi Willisau  
(cheeses), Hauptgasse 10  
www.chaes-chaeller-willisau.ch ..... I/5  
HUG Ringli-Laden (biscuits, cakes, tortes)  
Menznauerstrasse 20  
www.hug-luzern.ch ..... N/3  
Roos Metzgerei (butcher), Postplatz 1 .... J/5

### Shopping

Amthaus-Papeterie, Hugo Keiser  
(stationer) Hauptgasse 16 ..... I/5  
Imhof Papeterie + Buchhandlung  
(stationer and bookstore)  
Hauptgasse 31, www.imhofpapeterie.ch ... I/4  
Moderato (accessories, cigars)  
Müligass 3, www.moderato-willisau.ch ... H/4  
Mon Bijou (gift shop), Bahnhofstrasse 23 .. J/5  
M-Schuh Shop (shoes), Hauptgasse 38 .... I/4

### Cars

Garage Glatt AG – FIAT, bus rentals  
Menznauerstrasse 8 ..... M/4  
Kreuz-Garage Willisau AG, VW, Audi, Skoda  
Ettiswilerstrasse 10  
www.kreuz-garage.ch ..... K/6

### Household and furniture

Elektro Peter Willisau AG (electrical supplies)  
Hauptgasse 28, www.elektropeter.ch ..... I/5  
Kreiliger AG, Workshop + Creativeshop  
Hauptgasse 35, www.kreiliger.ch ..... H/4  
Menz Willisau AG (flooring)  
Postplatz 2 ..... J/5  
Tisch & Stuhl Willisau AG (furniture)  
Menznauerstrasse 21, www.willisauag.ch .. N/3



### Crafts

Töpferei Wehrle (pottery)  
Müligass 5, www.robiwehrle.ch ..... H/4

### Banks

Luzerner Kantonalbank  
Vorstadt 11, www.lukb.ch ..... K/5  
Raiffeisenbank Luzerner Hinterland  
Mohrenplatz 10, www.raiffeisen.ch ..... J/5  
Valiant Bank AG  
Bruggmatt 1, www.valiant.ch ..... J/6

### Important addresses

#### Emergency numbers

Police ..... 117  
Fire ..... 118  
Ambulance ..... 144  
Poison Information Centre ..... 145  
Child/Youth Hotline ..... 147  
Rega – Air Rescue Service ..... 1414

#### Doctors

Krummenacher Felix – General Practitioner,  
internal and anthroposophical medicine  
Bahnhofstrasse 1, 041 970 38 50 ..... L/6  
Von Kiparski Alexander –  
General Practitioner  
Hauptgasse 40, 041 970 17 33 ..... H/4  
Wicki Manfred – General Practitioner  
Gartenstrasse 1, 041 970 17 77 ..... K/4  
Wicki Franz – General Practitioner  
Zehntenplatz 2, 041 970 37 81 ..... H/4  
Shalati Mohamed – Paediatrics and youth  
medicine, Mohrenplatz 9, 041 971 06 50 ... J/4

### Dentists

Gero Juraszyk Bachmann, Untertor  
041 970 33 77 ..... J/5  
Sekulic Milenko, Kreuzstrasse 3b  
041 970 37 55 ..... K/7

### Pharmacies

Kaufmann AG  
Postplatz 3, 041 970 17 01 ..... J/5

### Vets (large and small animals)

Wyss Bernhard and Christine  
Menzbergstrasse 14, 041 970 23 33 ..... K/3

### Parishes

Protestant – Pastors Ivar and  
Marianne Siffert, Adlermatte 14  
041 970 17 35 ..... H/5  
Roman Catholic – Pastor Martin Walter  
Müligass 6, 041 972 62 00 ..... H/4

### Police Willisau

Vorstadt 9, 041 970 01 17 ..... K/5



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