



CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL SITE SPAICHINGEN

REGISTERED ASSOCIATION FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMP IN SPAICHINGEN

The Association and its members want to prevent that the story of the concentration camp in Spaichingen will be forgotten. They want to research, document, and publicize the patchy and incompletely known history of the satellite site in Spaichingen of the concentration camp Natzweiler-Struthof. The Association is a member in the „Association of Former Natzweiler Concentration Camp Complex Memorial Sites“ (VGKN) and, together with the VGKN and the Memorial Site CERD in Natzweiler (Alsace), has been awarded the European Heritage Label. The VGKN-Association links 15 memorial sites of former satellites of the concentration camp Natzweiler, and is working to foster transnational cooperation and to promote the European idea.

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508 concentration camp prisoners from many European countries who were incarcerated in Spaichingen are known by name. 106 men among these lost their lives in the camp in Spaichingen, or during a transport to their death. An unknown additional number of prisoners died upon dissolution and clearing of the camp on 17./18. April 1945 on a forced death march to the Allgäu. All deaths linked with the camp occurred as a result of starvation, exposure, exhaustion, torture and physical abuse, outright execution, terrible hygienic conditions and denied medical treatment.

About 60 victims were cremated in the crematorium in Tuttlingen, and 30 more whose names are known were carelessly

buried behind the cemetery in Spaichingen in a mass grave, near the train tracks. At that location French troops erected a memorial after the war ended in 1945. Today it is the site of a cenotaph created by the artist Roland Martin in 1963.

In 2019 the city of Spaichingen installed a memorial walking path with 10 commemorative plaques telling the story of the concentration camp and the prisoners. The information is presented in German, French, and English, and also accessible over the internet using QR-Codes.

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Map of memorial sites within the Spaichingen city limits, and memorial walking path along the day-to-day route (●) of the prisoners to their place of forced labor (the metal factory in the „Gewann Lehmgrube“)

At the spots tagged in blue (●) commemorative plaques are located following the path which marked the prisoners ordeal.



The spots labeled in green (●) represent landmarks shown for reference and easier navigation.



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The European Heritage Label is awarded to sites which highlight the common history of Europe, the development of the European Union (EU), as well as the European values and universal human rights. The Memorial Sites of the Former Natzweiler Concentration Camp Complex are awarded the label for their efforts in fostering the conveyance of history, for promoting international understanding and for strengthening our common European values.