





Thermal springs in Baden-Baden

Multiple thermal springs are located in the city centre of Baden-Baden (SW Germany), which is well known for its spas since Roman times, as depicted by its name ("Baden" in German means baths).

Anomalies

Spring water in Baden-Baden varies in temperature from 28 to 66.8 °C (Göb et al., 2013; Hänel, 2020; Käβ and Käβ, 2008). This is significantly higher than the normally expected temperature of maximum 12 °C for surface water or shallow groundwater (<500 m). Different theories have been proposed for the thermal anomalies in Baden-Baden. Most likely, rain water infiltrates in the Bundsandstein and granitic rocks at the nearby Schwarzwaldhöhen, migrates till large depth and rises back to the surface through the Thermalhaupt-fissure (Käβ and Käβ, 2008).





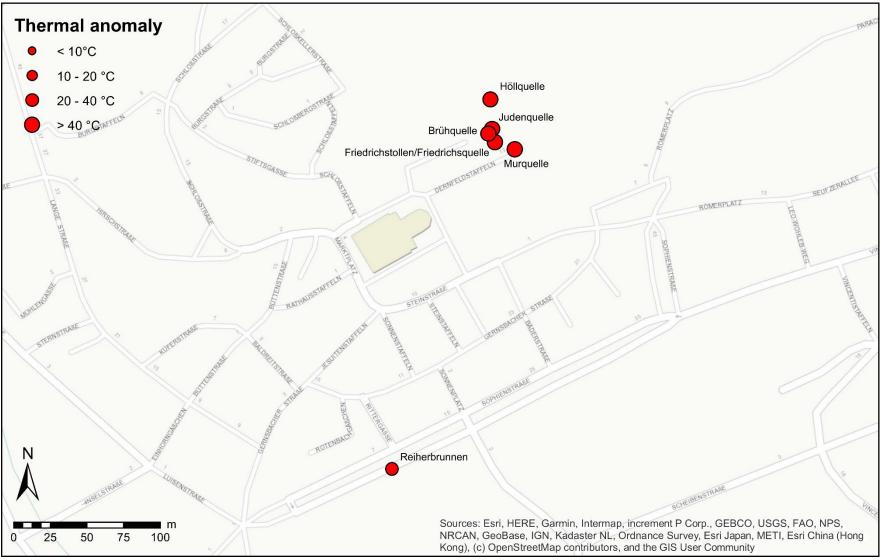


Figure 1: Thermal springs in Baden-Baden

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ID	Coordinates	T °C	Depth m	TDS° g/l	Cl mg/l	Na mg/l	SO₄ mg/l	Free CO ₂ mg/l	He ppmv	³ He/ ⁴ He	Analysis year	References
66.8		2.7	1650	802	173				2013	Göb et al. (2013)		
			1230-	715-	126-				<1995	Hänel (2020)		
			1450	870	150							
Höllquelle	48°45'50" North 08°14'32" East	66.8			1500	810	156				2013	Göb et al. (2013)
Juden-/Brühquelle	48°45'49" North 08°14'32" East	65.3			1530	819	159				2013	Göb et al. (2013)
Murquelle	48°45'49" North									0.10	1992	Griesshaber et al. (1992)
	08°14'33" East	52.4			1760	830	180				2013	Göb et al. (2013)
Reiherbrunnen (Fettquelle)	48°45'41" North 08°14'29" East	42									1992	– Hänel (2020)
		28									2012	

° TDS = Total Dissolved Solids

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