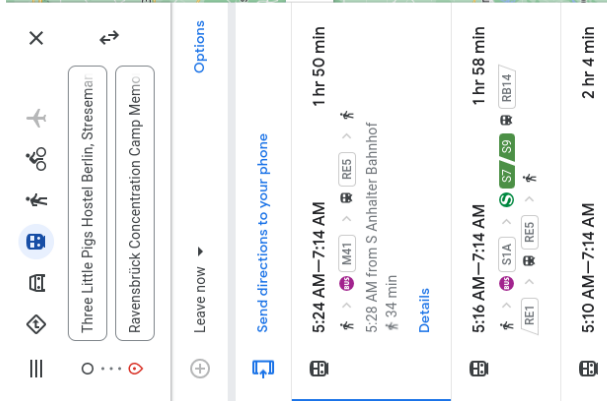
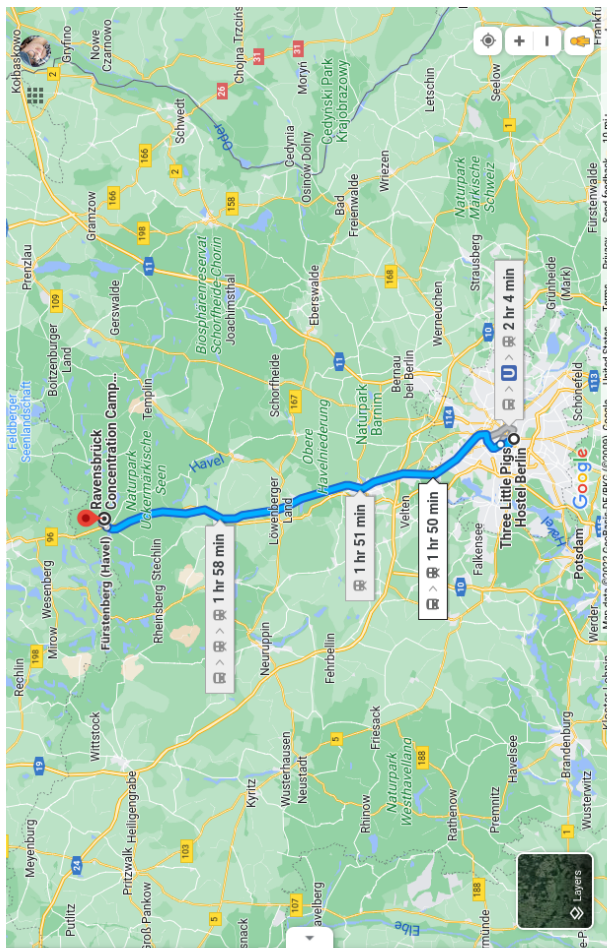


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Ravensbrück



The Third Reich’s Largest All Women’s Concentration Camp

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Who, When, Where?



Who?

- Prisoners from over 30 countries
 - Majority: 36% Poland, 21% Soviet Union, 18% German Reich (including Austria)
- Political Enemies, Jews, Roma, Lesbians, "Race Defilers", Criminals, Jehovah's Witnesses all taken prisoner
- 130,000 inmates came through Ravensbrück between 1939 and 1945

When?

- Built 1938-1939
- Men's camp added in 1941
- Soviets arrive April 30th, 1945

Where?

- 50 miles North of Berlin
 - Near Village of Ravensbrück
- Women's camp, men's camp, forced labor camp, youth camp, SS housing



What Happened to Them?



- Starvation & Filth
 - Rations were meager
 - Unsanitary - One toilet per barrack
- Forced Labor
 - agriculture, local industry, rug production, armament
- Forced Sterilization and Abortion
 - Newborn babies were often killed in front of their mothers
 - Experimented with sterilization on women and children
- Medical Experimentation
 - Drugs, cut muscles & tendons, bone & skin grafts, amputations
- Illness
 - Unsanitary conditions led to outbreaks of Typhus
- Murder
 - 30,000 prisoners died
 - Shot, gasses at sanitarium or Auschwitz-Birkenau, lethal injections
 - Gas chamber & crematorium installed in early 1945
 - 5,000 - 6,000 inmates gassed between installation and Soviet arrival in April, 1945

Ravensbrück Today

Ravensbrück Memorial Museum

- Located in East Berlin
 - Camp used as Soviet military base and barracks until 1970s
- Opened at National Memorial in 1959



"Die Tragende" or The Burdened Woman by Will Lammert

- Permanent Exhibits include:
 - The Ravensbrück Women's Concentration Camp - History and Memory
 - "In the SS-Auxiliary" – The Female Guards of the Ravensbrück Women's Concentration Camp
 - Slave Labour at the Ravensbrück Women's Concentration Camp: Textile Production for the SS
- 2G Requirement
 - Vaccinated/recovered or a negative test
 - Masks required indoors and on tours

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