

# HOTEL FORSTINGER

GÄSTLICHKEIT SEIT 1606



## FLY FISHING

### Kösselbach

The Kösselbach has a length of 6 km and is 30 km off the hotel. The Kösselbach flows through an idyllic forest valley of the Sauwald to the Danube. I feel that it has the most beautiful landscape and is the most natural area within the Forstinger Route. The main fish are the brown trout and, happily, the grayling, which is almost always caught here with the dry fly.

The size of the fish is determined by that of the stream. Thus, most of the grayling are between 30 and 35 cm long, and the brown trout are perhaps a bit smaller. The deep plunge pools are always good for a nice surprise. I have a pleasant memory of a May morning there several years ago. Two of us on the Kösselbach caught three rainbow trout that were 53, 55 and 57 cm long... Great moments in fishing on such a stretch of water, with the most unbelievably clear water!

Successful fishing in Kösselbach requires you to be prepared to trek kilometers-long upstream or downstream and fairly steep either up- or downhill. During warm weather you can really work up a sweat, and thick neoprene wading pants become absurd and an instrument of torture. For this reason, I stress to everyone, "Travel light," even those who plan to reconnoiter with the fly during warm times of the year.

An interesting aspect of Kösselbach, which is overlooked by master anglers, is its occasional excellent non-predatory fish stock in the area around the mouth [of the stream]. Obviously dependent upon the water condition of the Danube, it is empty of fish on one day, while the very next day bream, chub and carp can make their way into the Kösselbach in great swarms. Fly fishers not interested in salmon species should, by all means, take a look at the area around the mouth of the Kösselbach and try their luck..