

DENKZEICHEN. THE PAST IS PRESENT.



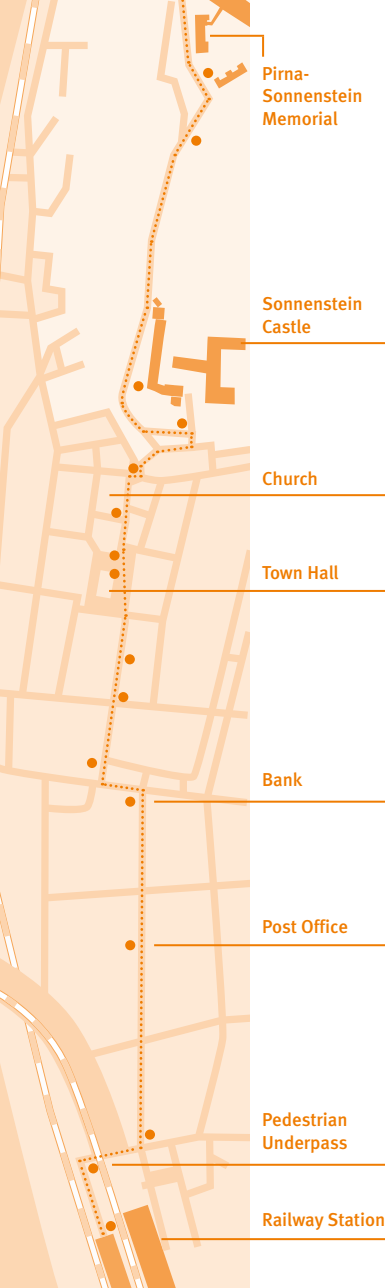
A COMMEMORATIVE TRAIL THROUGH PIRNA

Created in 2005, *Denkzeichen* is a series of 16 glass plaques commemorating the 14,751 people murdered in Pirna during the Nazi “euthanasia” programme. It leads from the railway station to the town centre and on to the historical site of the crimes – today’s Sonnenstein Memorial.

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Every plaque displays an image of Sonnenstein Castle as depicted by Canaletto (1722–1780), the painter at the royal Saxon court who played an important role in shaping the city's identity.

Coupled with this idealised view of Pirna are key words or phrases relating to the mass murders committed by the Nazis at Sonnenstein in 1940 and 1941. The combination results in a tension that is meant to generate interest and give pause for thought.

- *Denkzeichen* plaques

This project by the Berlin-based artist Heike Ponwitz resulted from the competition organised by the Saxon Memorial Foundation in 2000 to create a memorial for the people murdered at the Nazi killing centre located in Pirna-Sonnenstein. The *Denkzeichen* installation is supported by the City of Pirna.

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