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### Topographic depiction of township Balgheim

Dear visitors!

The township Balgheim is first mentioned in records in the year 1113. However, the history of this township is characterized by the extent of its past. Graves originating from the time of the Merovingian indicate the community's establishment in 6th or 7th century. Archaeological findings even refer to a settlement on the Balgheim district in pre-Christian centuries. Inter alia the small town was among the «Freie Reichsstadt Rottweil», Pre-Austria and belonged to the county of Waldburg-Zeil-Trauchburg. Among its own changeful history Vogt von Balgheim (1546), later the family «Möckh von Balgheim» (1553) originally from the town Rottweil were among others in possession of the castle of Balgheim. Nowadays the castle is after capacious renovation a benefit as private and industrial building.

Placed in a hollow adjacent to its main road B 14, on the verge of Spaichingen between district towns Rottweil and Tuttlingen the township is accessible through a local Autobahn-gateway on the A 81. The district area of 761 ha, thereof 408 ha forest, are located between 680 m and 980 m above sealevel. Part of the area belongs to preservation area of the National park «Obere Donau». Here the Prim a feeder river to Neckar rises. Along the upper reaches of Prim a nature and adventure trail has been arranged. On the boundary runs the European water shed. Balgheim is situated at the foot of Swabian Alb beneath the 985 m high «Mountain of Trinity», on which pilgrimage church and a Claretine-convent are situated.

On the area of Balgheim great hiking trails in free nature and bike paths both in the valley and altitude for families as well as for ambitious and challenging bikers can be found.

The mayor of Balgheim  
Helmut Götz