



Mountain Home

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About the house

About us

We extend to you a warm welcome at «Duerrenberg», a house that used to be a farm, settled on the Laengenberg, a small mountain range of the Pre-Alps between Bern and Thun.



family of the owner around 1920



on the way to the cheese dairy



fountain in front of the house

In 1992, a fire destroyed the house. The farm building was rebuilt from scratch. The buildings on the south side were untouched by the fire, and you can still see the remaining part of the barn entrance.



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We are living here since March 1, 1993 – 27 years as tenants – and in the year 2020 we could buy the property. Since we both also like to travel individually by car, camper, motorbike and sailing boat we quickly had the idea of offering the studio apartment (which was empty most of the time anyway) to other travelers.

If our guests wish, we are gladly available for a chat, to share a glass or to pass on some insider information.

Just knock on our door (upstairs) and tell us about your wishes!

Internet / WIFI

SSID username: | **Password:**

Safety / Fire protection

Please lock both doors at night. All rooms are equipped with networked smoke detectors. Smoking is only permitted outside the building and we kindly ask you to dispose all smoking material in a proper and safe way. Next to the mailboxes is a fire extinguisher and in the kitchen closet you will find a fire blanket.



For safety reasons, there is a camera surveilling the rear area. During your stay, it will be turned off, to guarantee your privacy.

Check out

Please tell us about your intended check-out time (usually until 11:00 h) as soon as possible. After agreeing about the check-out you can use the key box or the mailbox slip to return the keys.



Couch Bed

To turn the couch into an additional third bed, open the zippers and pull the legs out. You find blankets and bed sheets in the bedroom closet. Please place the **mat protector** first before mounting the linen.

Garden

You are welcome to use the garden / patio area. Due to weather, we usually store the garden furniture and the grill by the way, in the shed or garage. Please refer to us whenever you would like to use it. We will gladly help.

Housemates

On the ground floor, there is one more apartment. Camping guests may stay on the site in front of the house; they will use the toilet in the laundry room. A usual considerateness can be expected from all parties when it comes to use the laundry, noise emissions etc. Let's keep talking to each other.

Hygienic Measures

We washed our hands on a regular basis already before Corona. We expect our guests to abide by the actual rules.

The apartment is under a standard cleaning procedure by using common cleaners. You find several items in the closet to help yourselves if necessary. Please tell us, if you miss anything.

Laundry

For your personal laundry, you can use the washer and dryer free of charge; Marga provides instructions and detergent. There is a clotheshorse in the closet in the kitchen and if needed we can provide an iron.

If staying for an extended period, we will talk how to go about the cleaning and washing intervals of the provided linens and towels.

Parking

After Check in please move your **car** to the buildings rear side, close to the back door of your apartment.

Bicycles may be placed save and dry inside the garage (please use the door in the front, right of the letterboxes). There is an indoor solution for motorcycles as well; we can show you on request.

Power

The Swiss grid works on 230V AC. 80 % is produced at daytime by our own photovoltaic system. Adapters (no converters) can be borrowed.



Sunrise Terrasse

We're not able to change the weather; but we can invite you to sit in the shelter of our terrasse under the balcony whenever you like. This is also and especially recommended to watch sunrise or to enjoy the view with all the mountains. Feel free to e.g. carry your breakfast basket down there.

The whirlpool area is restricted to us; thank you for your respect.

Trash

There is a compost bin in the upper left corner of the garden for organic waste (please no citrus-, banana- or avocado peel; no cooked food).

We recycle **Aluminum, PET** and **tin cans separately**. In the garage you will find extra baskets. The same goes for glass that can also be thrown into a recycle container next to the gym hall on the way to the village (weekdays only / separated by colors).

All other trash is put into the black trash bags provided; please place them inside the garage, when full.

Water / waste water

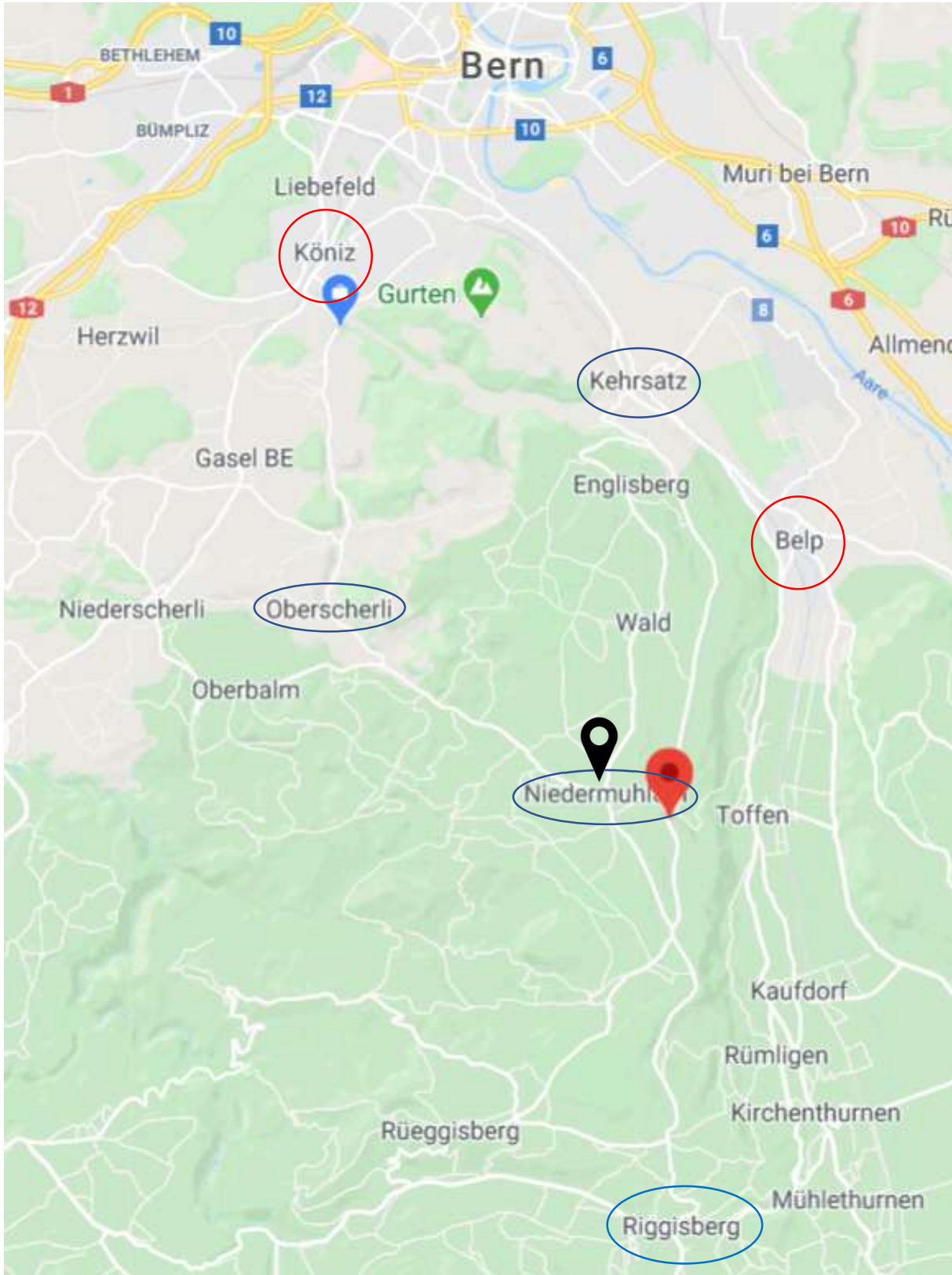
All water, included the fountain water is pure spring water that is safe to drink. It is quite calcareous, but that doesn't interfere with the taste. A bottle of it is in the fridge; it is best to refill the empty bottle at the fountain.

Wastewater is cleaned at our own microbiological wastewater plant. If you want to get rid of any chemicals or lactic acid substances, please let us know and we will help you to recycle properly.



Shopping

A small selection of food (e.g. bread, meat, dairy products) and everyday articles are available at the **dairy shop in the village Niedermuhlern** (ca. 1 km) | T 031 812 14 74
open Mo-Sa 06:00 – 11:30 h and 17:00 – 18:30 h (Sunday and hollidays 17:30 – 18:30 h).





The biggest selection of Super Markets, Pharmacies and other stores south of Bern can of course be found in the larger villages like Köniz and Belp, followed by Wabern, Kehrsatz, Riggisberg and Schliern. In Oberscherli, you can find a good bakery with other everyday items on offer at Haltenstrasse. In addition, you can find almost everywhere direct marketing places run by local farmers. It`s worth keeping your eyes open 😊.

Bakery

Belp	Café Steibach, Neumattstrasse 8 T 031 819 15 65 Peter Fahrni, Hohburgstrasse 5 T 031 819 03 710
Kehrsatz	Café Bistro Z7, Zimmerwaldstrasse 7 T 031 961 19 46
Köniz	Ängelibeck Könizstrasse 291 T 031 971 01 02 Confiserie Beeler Sägemattstrasse 1 T 031 666 40 60
Oberscherli	Jägerbäckerei und Café Haltenstrasse 328 T 031 849 01 86
Riggisberg	Bäckerei Glücklicher Gurnigelstrasse 6 T 031 809 30 30

Cheese shop / dairy shop (check for special opening times*)

Niedermuhlern*	Käserei Niedermuhlern, Dorf 3 T 031 812 14 74
Belp	Chäs Glauser AG, Eggenweg 2A T 031 819 60 74
Oberbütschel*	Bernstrasse 115, 3088 Rüeggisberg T 031 809 12 56
Riggisberg	vom Chäser, Hintere Gasse 6 T 031 809 40 15

Butcher

Belp	Metzgerei Schwander, Belpbergstrasse 14 T 031 812 20 36
Köniz-Liebefeld	Lüthi & Portmann, Könizstrasse 235 T 031 822 61 41
Riggisberg	Metzgerei Martin Schwander, Hintere Gasse 17 T 031 809 02 20 Alfred Reber, Plötsch 42 T 031 819 51 66
Schliern b. Köniz	Konrad Hort, Muhlernstrasse 238 T 031 971 04 41

Super Markets

Aldi	Belp, Wabern
Coop	Belp, Kehrsatz, Köniz, Riggisberg, Wabern
Denner	Belp, Köniz, Kleinwabern
Landi	Belp, Köniz
Lidl	Kehrsatz
Migros	Belp, Köniz, Kleinwabern
Liquor store	Portner in Riggisberg



Regional specialties

Maybe something to take home for your family and friends?

Guggershörnli	Innovative pasta variation from the Gantrisch area
Belper Knolle	A unique cheese variation
Bread and flour	Products from the flourmill Dittligmühle (exhibition mill)
Beer	"Bärner Müntschi" or "Junker" by Felsenau brewery Bern, "Albertus" by Egger Worb; several craft beers e.g. from Thun
Chocolate	Take your choice and try, not to get lost in the big offer ;-)
Fondue	e.g. as ready to cook mixture from most cheese shops
Cervelat	THE Swiss sausage! In Basel it's called "Chlöpfer" and in St. Gallen "Stumpfen" – enjoyed cold with mustard and small bread or grilled on a stick.

Our recommendation: A great way to enjoy Cervelat is with a "Mütschli" (small soft bread) and mustard, best with a local beer and maybe even some cheese. Put it all in your backpack and start hiking towards Riggisberg. After about 250 meters – on the left at the end of the Bruchhölzliwald (Bruchhölzli forest) – is a bench with a breathtaking view of the Bernese Alps.

Agricultural direct sales (a few examples near the house)

Bächlers	Well assorted kiosk with, amongst other things, fruits, vegetables, fresh meat and (legal!) hemp products, like extracts, oils, teas Muhlernstrasse direction Köniz, Bach 125a, Oberbalm www.baechlers.ch Cash & TWINT
Ziegenhof	Farmer shop and bistro with goat cheese specialties, but also other regional products. Wuhrweg 24, Oberscherli www.broennimanns-ziegenhof.ch
Chüeweid	self-pick strawberry field. Untere Längenbergstrasse direction Kehrsatz www.chueweid.ch
Rohrer Gemüse	Farmer shop with fruits, vegetables, Ice Cream, canned products, Pasta, etc. In spring fresh asparagus from Belp Engeweg 25 und Käsestrasse 9a, Belp www.rohrergemuese.ch
Gmüesgarage	Self-serve shop from different farmers and nurserys with fruits, vegetables, Pasta, herbs, flowers; meat (frozen only). Seftigenstrasse 400, Wabern www.gruenesband.ch/slm/ Cash and Credit Cards accepted.

Along the main road, you will find, according to the season, many more direct marketing places. They are always worth a short stop.



Gastronomy (check the web for actual opening times)

Restaurants

Here is a small selection near us; ask us for more insider tips!

* our favorites

- Bachmühle *** very stylish ambience and great food; a few outside seating places.
\$\$\$ - 3 km Bachmühle, **Niedermuhlern** | T 031 819 17 02 | www.bachmuehle.ch
- Löwen** Traditional restaurant in
\$\$ - 3 km Hauptstrasse, **Zimmerwald** | T 031 819 19 72 | www.loewen-zimmerwald.ch
- Bütschelegg** **Swiss** and Tamil specialties (Rösti, a Swiss potato dish) with different curries.
\$ - 4 km a place very popular for a leisurely stroll; large outside seating area.
Bütschelegg 112, **Oberbütschel** | T 031 809 03 24 | www.buetschelegg.ch
- Rössli Hasli *** e.g. huge Cordon- Bleu; local gastronomy just above the village of Riggisberg,
\$\$ - 5 km small outside patio with a great view.
Längenbergstrasse 70, **Riggisberg** | T 031 809 01 17
- Viva** Restausant with a nice panoramic view and a large patio.
\$\$ - 5 km Bernstrasse 1, **Rüeggisberg** | T 031 809 33 66 | www.restaurantviva.ch
- Bären** traditional restaurant with a garden patio
\$\$ - 7 km Oberbalmstr. 219, **Oberbalm** | T 031 849 01 60 | www.baerenoberbalm.ch
- Rössli Gasel *** Very good, diverse kitchen plus «Flammkuchen», a specialty from the Alsace (F)
\$\$ - 9 km Schwarzenburgstr. 581, **Gasel** | T 031 842 06 51 | www.rössli-gasel.ch
- Dörfli** versatile menu with everyday food, including Pizza and Indian cuisine.
\$ - 10 km Dörfliweg 8, **Schliern** | T 031 971 99 90 | www.doerflischliern.ch
- L'Osteria *** very small Italian pizzeria, great and comfy atmosphere
\$\$ - 10 km Dorfstrasse 10, **Belp** | T 031 819 40 50 | www.losteriabelp.ch
- Lamm Wislisau** between Riggisberg and Schwarzenburg
\$\$ - 10 km Wislisau, **Rüschegg** | T 031 738 81 37 | www.lamm-wislisau.ch
- Rondell *** portuguese specialties and a daily menu
\$\$ - 12 km Könizstrasse 260, **Liebefeld** | T 031 972 69 69 | www.rondell1.ch
- Landhaus** Swiss and Alsacian food; dining room, Rôtisserie, Bar, Patio
\$\$\$ - 12 km Schwarzenburgstr. 134, **Liebefeld** | T 031 971 07 58 | www.landhaus-liebefeld.ch

Take Aways

Hardly any delivery service to Niedermuhlern. There are a few options though in Riggisberg, Belp, Köniz etc. Ask us about tips (or check www.takeaway.com, www.eat.ch, www.mypizza.ch).



Tea-Rooms

See “bakery”

Bars

- z’Heimetli** Rustic Bar, Tu – Sa opens after 4 pm
Rubigenstrasse 46, **Belp** | www.linde-belp.ch
- bim Nachbar** Bar-Restaurant-Lounge, Th – Fr 16:00 – 00:00 h
Bläuackerstrasse 1, **Köniz** | www.bimnachbar.ch
- Schichtwechsel** Bar-Restaurant-Lounge with barfood and a small, but well assorted beer menu
Waldeggstrasse 47, **Liebefeld** | www.schichtwechsel.ch
- Schlawiner** Sportsbar, Tu – Sa 15:00 – 00:30 h, Su 15:00 – 22:00 h
Waldeggstrasse 38, **Liebefeld** | www.schlawiner.net
- Ride In** Biker Bar,, open mostly only on fridays | www.ride-in.ch
- Housi’s** Biker Bar, occasional concerts, open Tuesdays to Saturdays Dorfstrasse 5
Uetendorf | <http://www.housis-toeffspass.ch/Housis-Bikerbar/>
- Bschüttloch** **For more information inquire with us.**



Excursion destinations (just a few possibilities in the area)

* = in walking distance

Aare	Walk from Rubigen to Münsingen – around the Aare River. Dinghy boat ride from Thun to Bern or from Thun to Rubigen or Bad Eichholz.
Belpberg	View of our Mountain home from the Belpberg, just opposite from our place.
Bern	Historic Old town, Shopping, Gastronomy and nightlife
Borisried	Great view to the west, all the way to the Jura Mountains
Bütschelegg *	short walk and then a tasty dessert at the restaurant.
Dittligmühle	showcase mill www.dittligmuehle.ch
Fähribeizli	on the river Aare; boat shuttle Bodenacker takes you across the river and back.
Fallenbach *	group of historic typical farm buildings; order your fresh bread: during summer time they bake traditional bread in the stone oven every last Saturday of the month. www.hof-fallenbach.ch
Grünes Band	Flatly Kehrsatz or biking route 888, which starts at the airport Belpmoos.
Guggershörni	A conglomerate mountain, also called Guggershorn, located just above Guggisberg; spectacular stairway up to the overlook (info board).
<u>Gurten</u>	„Park in the Green“ on top of the local Bernese mountain. Hike (about 30 mins) or take the „Gurtebähnli“ from Wabern
Höheweg *	Gürbetaler Höheweg (Mountain trail), 27 km along the Längenberg from Kehrsatz to Wattenwil. Technically not very demanding but the sheer hiking time of 7 to 8 hours requires to be in good shape. Just ask – we can help you divide the hike in a north and south section.
Klosterruine (*)	Cluniazenser monastery in Rüeggisberg: an intermediate stop on the Jacob`s trail. Hiking propositions and more info under: www.jakobsweg.ch
Musse:um *	A 5.3 km Entschleunigungsrundweg („calm down flatly“) in the wonderful area between the Taveldenkmal (Tavel monument) and Bütschelegg.
Naturpark	All Infos: www.gantrisch.ch (e.g. Gäggersteg)
<u>Sternwarte *</u>	Niedermuhlern – especially the ‘Uecht’ – is located in the Dark Sky Zone: this enables you to have an unobstructed view to the sky and the stars. Under the guidance of Mario Botta, the well-known architect and passionate astronomer, a new observatory was built and opened in 2023. For a visit you have to register and buy a ticket online: www.space-eye.ch . Driving there by private car is not allowed!
Thun	a leisurely walk through the old town, walking up to the castle or along the lakeshore to Hünibach; by boat to Spiez and then a walk back to Thun.
Tavelmemorial *	View of the Alps from Längenberg; memorial for the well-known Bernese writer Rudolf von Tavel (1866 – 1934)
Animalpark	A stroll through Dählhölzli, on the banks of the river Aare. Along the must-see vivarium, you can observe animals from the north of Europe. The famous bear pit is also close by. www.tierpark-bern.ch .



Herzroute



Ride an e-bike for one or more leg of Veloroute 99.

Bike rental: railway station Thun and Restaurant Landgasthof Bären Laupen (reservation necessary under www.rentabike.ch/herzroute).

Also possible to rent a bike at Stebi's Check Point GmbH in Burgistein.
www.stebis.ch/vermietung

Hiking tours



many hiking ideas under www.wanderplaner.ch (also as an App)

Our favorites nearby:

> Gurnigel – Morgetegrat – Leiterepass – Gurnigel

> Gurnigel – Leiterepass – along the Gantrisch massif to the Stockhorn

> Gantrisch Panoramaweg, 15.4 km (Gurnigel Bad – Gurnigel Berghaus – Selibühl – Horbühlpass – Zollhaus)

Different Entry- and Exit-possibilities www.gantrisch.ch/panoramaweg

Maps available e.g. by the App of www.swisstopo.admin.ch

Don't forget to talk to us about many more suggestions, even those a bit further away. The Bernese Oberland, the Jura Mountains and even the Canton of Wallis are not that far away.

Especially for bikers, we have a few goodies to share! Moreover, who knows, we might even be able to go sailing together.



Emergency services

Emergency phone number 112

Number 112 connects you to the police. You can call this number from any phone, with any provider and with any SIM-card.

There are more emergency phone numbers. You can again call these numbers from any phone.

Police	117
Fire department	118
EMS	144 emergencies
Toxicological Info	145 (or +41 44 251 51 51) poisoning

Medical emergencies

Emergency doctor 0900 57 67 47 (CHF 3.23 per minute on a Land line)

Pharmacies 031 819 56 81 (Extra charges for out of hours operation)

Dentist 0900 57 67 47 (Emergency consultations)

Eye doctor 031 819 58 33 (ophthalmologist at the train station in Belp)
031 511 37 37 (ophthalmologist hospital Belp)

Public transportation

There is a common tariff regulated zone in the wider area of Bern. You will find all necessary information here www.mylibero.ch (only available in German and French). Don't forget, that coming back to Niedermuhlern at night might be quite difficult with the means offered by public transportation. When we go to Bern, we park our car in the Köniz or Wabern area and take the bus or tram from there (there are way more options of returning back home later at night).

The legal limit in Switzerland when drinking and driving is 0.5 per thousand

To keep the overview when it comes to public transportation, we recommend the download of the following App: **ÖV Plus-App** The integrated function «lezzgo» even lets you avoid the buying of a ticket: just activate it when boarding and deactivate when leaving your means of public transportation. You can find all the info right in the App:





Postauto (overland bus)

Different Post Bus lines connect Niedermuhlern (www.postauto.ch) with Köniz and Wabern, where you can connect to all the lines of Bernmobil, as well as to Riggisberg, where you again will find more Post Bus lines. Starting in Riggisberg, there is the Bus Line going across the whole Gantrisch region.
www.busalpin.ch

Bernmobil (city bus)

There is a dense tram and bus line system. Check it here www.bernmobil.ch.

Train

Tickets are valid for all trains, be it BLS or SBB

Weatherforecast

We are not responsible for the weather! However, these Apps might help you plan your next day:

www.srf.ch/meteo

www.meteoblue.com

www.landi.ch/wetter

Webcams

There are three webcams on the "Sonnenturm" of the Uecht that allow you a permanent view to the west, east and south. This allows you to check the weather in real time. You can find the links here:
www.niedermuhlern.ch.

Newspapers / regional News

Berner Zeitung decent regional section www.bernerzeitung.ch

Der Bund More city-oriented. All other columns identical with Berner Zeitung
www.derbund.ch

TeleBärn regional TV station www.telebaern.tv

Radio Bern1 regional radio station www.radiobern1.ch

Radio RaBe alternative radio station for Bern www.rabe.ch

SRF a collection of private and state TV stations www.srf.ch