In Carl's Footsteps

A family guide to the places in Volume 01

Out and about with Volume 01

Explore Scharfenstein and the landscape where Carl was born. This is not a prescribed walking route: choose which publicly accessible places to visit and check current opening times and paths before setting off.

1 · Scharfenstein and the castle hill

Look up – then look down.

How does the village look from the valley compared with the castle? Who might have lived close to authority, and who close to everyday work?

Find a trace of Carl's time.

Look for an information board, memorial or exhibition. What is supported by historical evidence?

2 · By the water and the woods

Why settle here?

Look at the river, slopes and forest. What could a family have used here more than 250 years ago?

One quiet minute for Strups

Stand still and listen. Name three sounds. What might a dog also be able to smell?

3 · Hussars and distance

How far away is help?

Think about the traditional hussar episode in Volume 01. How could people have reached others without a phone?

Story or evidence?

Carl's birth in Scharfenstein is historically grounded; the specific hussar episode comes from tradition; dialogue and Strups' role are literary storytelling.

4 · Your family's discovery

Our favourite moment

What surprised you today?

Where next?

Which place connected with Carl's world would you like to explore next?

Before you go

Respect private property, woodland rules and current local notices. A historical setting does not prove that every detail of the children's book happened exactly as told.