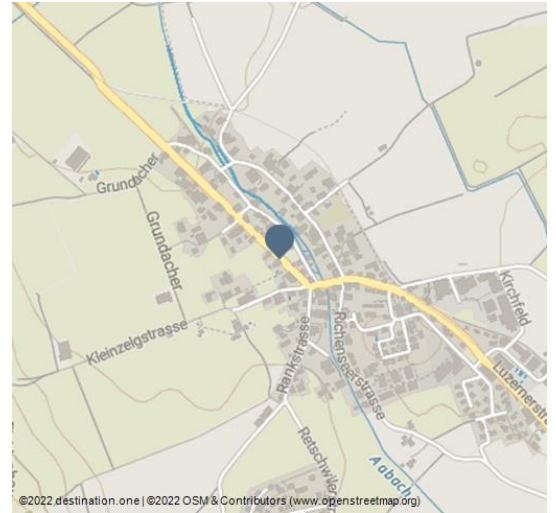




Light flooding



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Every year on March 6, the feast of Fridolin, the messenger of the faith, something strange happens in Ermensee.

As soon as it gets dark, the school children come to the Aabach in the middle of the village to start a wonderful light show.

They carry on boards various wooden poles on which many candles are stuck. When the lights are lit, they are placed on the water from a bridge jetty, and then they float silently down the Aabach like twinkling little trees. The lights are caught further down, carried up the bank, and the whole thing begins again. No one knows since when the children in Ermensee have performed this custom on St. Fridolin's Eve.

Fridolin was one of the earlier wandering monks. He saw his life's mission in spreading Christianity. Legend has it that St. Fridolin came to Ermensee on his journey upriver. In memory of St. Fridolin, people started to float lights on the stream. The meaning of the custom is to appease the stream and winter.

Today, the light floatation has become a real village festival. Young and old gather along the Aabach and on the Post Square. For some time now, burning bales of straw have been floated down the Aabach. In addition, year after year various associations offer something.

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Events:

Donnerstag, 06.03.2025, - 23:59 Uhr

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