The Path of Democracy takes you through the federal government district in Bonn. 20 large illustrated panels recall Germany’s democratic history whilst also highlighting the structural change of the past few years.

The stops en route provide information about important places where policy decisions were taken in the former government district. You will discover, among other things, the Museum König, where the Parliamentary Council met, the former lecture hall of the Pedagogic Academy, where the Basic Law was debated and adopted, the official seats of the Federal Presidents and the Federal Chancellors and also see where the German Bundestag convened.

The walking tour of stops 1 – 12 takes about two hours. The locations 13 – 19 lie to the north and south of the actual path itself.

Apart from the large illustrated panels, you will also find smaller plaques with interesting facts about the government district. Further places of historical and political importance in the town centre are also marked with small wall plaques.

For further information please consult the Internet site www.wegderdemokratie.de
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Info terminal “Path of Democracy” in the foyer

Bundesrat (Upper House)
The Bundesrat met in the northern wing of the parliament building from 1949 to 2000.
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Parliament building
The former Pedagogic Academy was the meeting place of the Parliamentary Council, the Bundesrat and the German Bundestag.

Plenary Chamber German Bundestag
Sessions of the German Bundestag were held in the newly constructed parliament building from October 1992 to July 1999.
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Plenary Chamber in the “Wasserwerk”
The German Bundestag convened in the converted old waterworks from 1986 to 1992 while the new plenary building was under construction.

“Langer Eugen” ("Tall Eugen")
UN Campus
The tower-block of offices for Bundestag Deputies, completed in 1969, became the symbol of the capital city of Bonn.

Tulpenfeld office complex
The Allianz life assurance company had the office complex built in the 1960s with the aim of leasing it to the federal authorities and the press.

Federal Chancellery
Seat of the Federal Chancellors from 1976 to 1999
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Palais Schaumburg
Seat of the Federal Chancellors from 1949 to 1976

Villa Hammerschmidt
Official residence of the Federal Presidents since 1950
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Museum Koenig
The ceremonial opening of the Parliamentary Council was held in the Natural History Museum on 1 September 1948.

View of the Petersberg guest house
The hotel on the Petersberg serves as a government guest house.

Panels outside of the government district:
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The building was constructed for the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1955.

Federal Ministry for Post and Telecommunications until 1998
Federal Audit Office since 2000
The first newly constructed ministry building in Bonn

Hofgarten (Court Garden)
From 1968, the Hofgarten was repeatedly the venue for political demonstrations.

Old Town Hall
Scene of numerous historical events and state visits.

Erich Ollenhauer House
The so-called "Baracke" housed the federal party headquarters of the SPD from 1975 to 1999.

Konrad Adenauer House
This was the federal party headquarters of the CDU from 1972 to 2000 and was demolished in 2003.

Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs
Seat of the Federal Ministry since 1950

Chancellor’s Bungalow
The Federal Chancellor’s residence and venue for receptions from 1964 to 1999
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Dahlmannstraße
With their editorial offices in the former Dahlmannstraße, today Karl-Carstens-Straße, the German and international media were represented close to the political decision-makers until the government moved to Berlin.

Federal Press Conference
From 1968 to 1999 the Federal Press Conference was located in the Tulpenfeld office complex.

Altes Rathaus
Bischofplatz/Markt

Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft
Villemombler Str. 76

First session of the German Bundestag in the new plenary chamber in 1992

Ceremonial opening of the Parliamentary Council in the Museum Koenig in 1948

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