

The Feldbach history

1252 Kuno von Feldbach assigns Feldbach Castle with fields and vineyard to a sister association from Constance.

1253 Abbess Sophia moves with 20 nuns to Feldbach. They adopt the strict rules of the Cistercian order.

1525 – 1549 After the Reformation a bailif from the Swiss Confederation administers the monastery.

1552 – 1580 The abbess Afra Schmid revitalises the monastery.

1798 Decline of the monastery.

1836 The government takes care of the administration of the monastery.

1848 The canton abolishes the monastery.

1849 The municipality of Steckborn buys the plot of land, the church and the buildings of the monastery.

1849 – 1869 Labhart Brothers establish a steam-powered sawmill in Feldbach. They also manufacture rifle stocks. The sawmill burns down, the company leaves.

1869 – 1881 The foundry Gubler-Labhart, also manufacturing embroidery machines, settles in the monastery. The foundry is set up in the former church.

1886 – 1916 Karl Friedrich Gegauf sets up an embroidery work and a factory for embroidery machines in the refectory.

1894–1916 Samuel Bächtold opens an engine factory and foundry.

1895 On 24 July the monastery building and the church burn down. The refectory and the buildings to the south are spared. The Bächtold company builds new halls.

1918–1919 The Rieter company sets up the production of brickworks and packaging machines.

1925–1974 Artificial silk is produced in Feldbach. The company employs over 1'000 people at times.

1976 The confederation, the canton, the municipality, the local and the school authorities buy the whole area, in a joint venture with Gegauf Co.

1980 Opening of the new harbour, with space for 270 boats.

1986 Opening of the learning centre and Hotel Feldbach.

1994 – 1995 Enlargement, renovation and re-opening of the «See & Park Hotel Feldbach».

2012 – 2013 In order to meet the increasing needs of guests, all 36 rooms and the bathrooms are renovated (investment of CHF 1'600'000.-).

2018 With the newly realised rooms Bodensee, Obersee and Untersee, the range of rooms for banquets and seminars is expanded.