

Anröchte Used To Have Witch Hunts

Anröchte is a small town in [North Rhine-Westphalia](#) where you won't have to worry about any witch hunts; like you would have, had you come visited the place back in the 1630's.

Oh, c'mon, don't look at me like that — this wasn't the Europe of today we're talking about! As much as we can all sit and dream that it was knights of the roundtable and chivalry — we know it wasn't always the case. ;-)

Had you come to Anröchte about 450 years before the witch hunts, you would have seen the construction of St. Pankratius and its towers. The Parish Church in Erwitte is almost a hundred years older than St. Pankratius, so that's most definitely worth the time and effort to see.

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Trust me, anything that old is worth it; and it's amazing what the stone masons built from what was quarried on the outskirts of town.

You also would have seen the construction of Schloss Eggeringhausen, too, in the late 12th century. This *Wasserschloss* has a lovely English Garden Park and hosts many meetings throughout the year.

Other festivities in Anröchte can be found at the local Community Center (for the annual Folk Festival). But, the *Herbstkermes* in October is an all-go out festival with lots of food, attractions for the kids, and carnival rides.

Also great for the whole family is the Wald-Freibad. Besides swimming, diving, and riding down the waterslide; there's a children's pool, a beach volleyball court, table tennis, a basketball court, and

a sandbox. Wow, that really is a lot to keep everyone busy for MORE than just a day.

Then when you add in the few art galleries that can be found in town, you'll find there's even more to do. I'm pretty sure the kids might put up a wee bit of resistance to leaving the pool complex, though.

But, better to an art gallery than a witch hunt! ;-)