

## Arnsdorf -- Biking, Hiking, Praying

It sure does feel good to be back in Saxony. After what feels like a long hiatus, it's time to explore more of this beautiful state. Speaking of which, I tried to find just the right place to restart my quest — so, welcome to the town of Arnsdorf!

You'll find Arnsdorf between [Dresden](#) and [Bautzen](#), a historical town along an old trade route from Bohemia. That means it has a castle, right?

Sorta — you're close to Burg Stolpen, but before you wander off too far, how about getting to know Arnsdorf a little better? It's hard to choose where to start, but I'd have to say the themed bike trails are a good choice. Can you think of a better way to explore around the Saxon Switzerland region?

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Yea, me either. Of course all that riding around does earn you a chance to rest every once and while — so off to the *Karlsbad*, so long as it's between May and September.

After a refreshing dip, it's time to hit up the historical side of town. Kleinwolmsdorf (one of its four districts) is just the place. To make things easy for you, right along Großerkmannsdorfer Straße is a 19th century “castle,” an old church (the original is from the 16th century), and a World War I Monument. There's even a small pond — which looks picture perfect after a snow storm.

I'd probably say the village church in Fischbach evokes the same feeling, but then again, there's something really beautiful about old churches — this one coming from the 16th century, too. But, it's the 14th century Dorfkirche in Wallroda that steals the show — just don't ask me why, it's never anything definitive.

Also in Wallroda are a number of half-timbered houses, which are always awesome to see. I don't think it's possible to ever tire of looking at these grand structures, don't you?

Just like I'm sure no one will ever tire of a good ol' German festival, like the *Badfest* in July, or the Halloween Festival in October.

Don't party too much, though. Devotion is in order as the [Way Of St. James](#) — a pilgrimage trail — leads along here too.

Yes, I could've restarted my travels around Germany anywhere, but why not restart in a typical German town that's far from ordinary? Ooh, it feels good to be back. ;-)