

## Attendorn -- Community, Recreation, And An Old World Vibe

Attendorn is right on the Biggeseelake, which offers guests a spectacular view over the area right from the town's highest point (if you can reach it, and yes, it's a challenge!)

Most of the town and the surrounding area is wooded. Some insist that a walk through those woods will be interesting, as there are ancient fairies and ghosts rumored to still be lurking in them.

Safely away from the woods, you will find plenty in town to entertain you. Stop by the St. John the Baptist church, a community church with a unique Gothic flair to it that has been maintained since the 14th century.

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The Attendorn town hall also dates back to the early 14th century, but it was redone in the 18th and then the 19th centuries as well giving it a bit of charm and architectural character.

After the church and the town hall, walk over to the Schnellenberg Castle. It is currently operated as a privately owned facility rather than a museum, but you are free to wander in, although as it is now a hotel preference will be given to those spending the night or dining at the restaurant.

After the castle, check out the 13th century town wall towers. Attendorn locals have named them *Pulverturm* and *Bieketurm*. There are often displays at the towers, including the king's chains and armor.

You may want to have some of that armor on when you head back out to the woods to the Atta Cave or *Atta-Höhle*. As one of Attendorn's best-known attractions, it is one of the must-see places in the region. The cave was first found when a local company was mining of limestone in 1907. It is

the tourable part of a huge interconnected cave system.

The Biggensee Reservoir is also located near the cave and is Attendorn's hot spot in the summer months as there are various recreational activities that take place in this region throughout the summer season. Winter sports are more limited, but you are welcome to walk by the shore in the winter time.