

## Auenwald -- Winter Haven And Summer Fun

For anyone living in a warm tropical climate the thought of snow might bring on mixed feelings. For anyone living where the snow makes appearances every winter, and you're looking for something balmy, I wouldn't suggest coming to Auenwald.

At least not during the winter, that's for sure. ;-)

Snow isn't out of the ordinary here in Auenwald, but that shouldn't stop you. Imagine how lovely the trees in the Murrhardt Forest will look coated with the stuff.

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I just so happen to think that the Ebersberg Castle is really romantic looking all covered in snow. OK, it looks great in the warmer months too. How could it not, it's a 13th century medieval castle that was destroyed and rebuilt.

Schloss Ebersberg is now an educational center belonging to the Catholic Church and used by the *Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft Sankt Georg* (DPSG), or German Boy Scouts.

Nothing says winter more than one of Germany's famous Christmas Markets. Auenwald holds theirs on the Saturday of the second Advent weekend in the village of Unterbrüder (one of its three villages). Not only can you find all sorts of crafts and gifts there, but you're treated to Christmas caroling and even art exhibits.

Too cold for you? The *Krämermarkt* is sort of like the same thing as the Christmas Market, just during a warmer time of the year. Held on the third Wednesday of June you can buy all kinds of crafts and local street food from the tented stalls.

Wandering around the [Swabian-Franconian Forest](#) Nature Park is a treat during the summer months. Again, the trees all lush green make for a great canopy from the sun as you're out exploring the many hiking trails.

It won't take you long to make your way through Auenwald, it's not even 20 square kilometers — but I'm sure you can see how great things come in small packages. Even better when covered by freshly fallen snow. ;-)