Bayreuth District -- Natural Paradise For Outdoor Lovers

The Bayreuth District is where two great natural landscapes collide: the flowing hills of the <u>Franconian Jura</u> and the higher elevations of the <u>Fichtelgebirge Mountains</u>. You will discover the former rich in limestone caves and fossils, gentle slopes and rolling meadows. The latter are formed of granite, featuring precipitously sheer faces and deeply incised valleys among dark woods.

Bayreuth District Map

Towns & Villages in the Bayreuth District

- Ahorntal
- Aufseß
- Bad Berneck
- Betzenstein
- Bindlach
- Bischofsgrün
- Creußen
- Eckersdorf
- Emtmannsberg
- Fichtelberg

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- Gefrees
- Gesees
- Glashütten
- Goldkronach
- Haag
- Heinersreuth
- Hollfeld
- Hummeltal
- Kirchenpingarten
- Mehlmeisel
- Mistelbach
- Mistelgau
- Pegnitz
- Plankenfels
- Plech
- Pottenstein
- Prebitz
- Schnabelwaid
- Seybothenreuth
- Speichersdorf
- Waischenfeld
- Warmensteinach
- Weidenberg

Whether you are a hiker, cyclist, spelunker or rock hound, you will find yourself challenged here. There are also opportunities for winter sports enthusiasts, including downhill skiing, tobogganing, bobsledding, cross-country skiing and snowboarding in season.

Be sure to check out the stalactite and stalagmite caverns of Devils Cave in <u>Pottenstein</u>, said to have curative powers for respiratory ailments. Or you can pan for gold ore in Goldkronach, just northeast of <u>Bayreuth</u> and famous for its mining history.

To see picturesque cottages and high-roofed villas, visit <u>Speichersdorf</u>, the fourth largest town in the district with just 6,500 inhabitants. Then have a frothy drink or two in Aufseß, located on <u>Franconia</u>'s cheery Beer Road. Or wander over to Creußen, where you can purchase high-quality vessels made by jug-makers famous for their skills.

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If cultural events attract you, visit <u>Pegnitz</u> for its popular *Waldstock* Open-Air Rock Fest or its annual *Flinderer* strong-beer festival. In summer, you can take part in the colorful outdoor program of *Sonnwendfeste* in <u>Bad Berneck</u>. And any time during the year is a good time to tour gothic-style St. Bartholomew Protestant Church in <u>Bindlach</u>, completed in 1768.

To one and all, the Bayreuth District extends a hearty welcome.

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