

## Bennewitz -- Old Castles And Churches

For me it isn't always about the festivals (although that helps) and historical buildings found within a town. Sometimes it's best to remember the people who lived here long before any one of us came along; which is my thinking about the town of Bennewitz.

And it's also right to think about the people who live here in our day, because sadly in 2013 the town suffered a devastating flood.

Let's pretend for a minute we're in a perfect world, one not marred by the overflowing banks of the Mulde River, what would Bennewitz have to offer the curious visitor? I'd say you're in a perfect location to set yourself up for a few days to see quite a number of castles within the region.

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Schloss Machern is a good one to start at, because who couldn't love a 16th century castle surrounded by a moat? I love the Gothic architecture of Castle Trebsen, while Castle Thallwitz belonged to the House of Reuss, and Püchau Castle has an English Garden.

What's great about being surrounded by all these wonderful castles, is you're bound to be surrounded by gorgeous old churches too. In the village of Deuben there's a Gothic 15th century church to visit. And you certainly can't miss the ochre-colored church in the town of Nepperwitz, famous for its modern-day styled altar.

As grand as the rest of Bennewitz's other districts are, I'd have to say Altenbach is one of the best. This is a top place to be if you like half-timbered houses, and pretty bike and hiking trails. It, too, has a medieval church — a severe and dark looking structure from the early half of the 13th century.

If you'd much rather be outside, then consider hiking through the Planitzwald. It's a grand place to find some rare plants and wildlife, or just some solitude to calm the harried mind.

It is my sincere hope Bennewitz quickly rebuilds itself, so that everyone can come see all this — along with its Royal Saxon mile markers, and places like the Ursula Chapel — the hosts of the annual Village Festival. And if that's not worth rebuilding for, I don't know what is. ;-)