

Bleicherode -- Bike Friends Along The German Framework Road

Wanna know where something is? Need directions? Today we just say, google it. Wasn't so simple back before there was an internet — and not everyone had access to satellite maps like NASA. Thankfully there were men like August Heinrich Petermann, a 19th century cartographer born in the town of Bleicherode.

A monument to him stands here in town — a local boy done good. Who needs a Google Map when you had a map maker living right here? ;-)

That's not all you'll find in Bleicherode, found along the banks of the Wipper River. And believe it or not, it's a real *Fahrradfreundliche Stadt* — a Biker Friendly Town. Motorcyclists from all over come to feel the wind in their hair and bugs in their teeth (just kidding) along winding [Thuringian](#) lanes.

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While you're out biking through Bleicherode you'll see the local Stadtkirche (City Church), a grey stone building with a pointed roof. Make sure you also ride along the Hauptstraße, where the obligatory *Heimatmuseum* (Local History Museum) is found.

Where else can your bike ride take you? To the Weekly Market, held every Thursday. And to the memorial for the town's former 18th/19th century synagogue — located at the *Alte Kanzlei*.

There is a Jewish cemetery too, but it isn't accessible to the general public.

Our bike ride can also take us to the Rosenkirche (Rose Church), a medieval pilgrimage site that

grew from a shrine to the image of Mary, to a chapel; then to the church you see today.

I think the Village Church in Obergebra is worth visiting too — as is the town's *Rathaus* (Town Hall), a wonderful building that's been the center of town life since 1540.

Notice anything else special while you're whipping around? How about all the half-timbered buildings that Bleicherode has? This is why it has earned a spot on the famous [German Framework Road](#).

All the motoring around can make the muscles a tad sore. So come to the local outdoor pool, with its sprawling lawns, kids area, and diving board for the adventurous.

A hike would be a good idea too. It's a bit mountainous here in the Bleicheröder Bergen, an area that belongs to the Ohmgebirge.

How many of you out there only heard: wear the most comfortable shoes you can find? At least if you get lost you can always consult one of Herr Petermann's maps. ;-)