

## See Bützow Before You See Bützow?

I got an idea. Before you go off exploring the town of Bützow, go see the town of Bützow.

Huh? You think I sometimes make no sense — but, there's always some method to my madness...

You see, within the town of Bützow, there's a miniature version that you can visit at one of the town's parks. So, know before you go. Ha, I'm so funny. :-/

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One of the biggest draws to Bützow is its *Stiftskirche*, a medieval church built in 1250 that's dedicated to three saints; St. John, St. Mary, and St. Elizabeth.

You'll also see a good number of other churches in the region if you're willing to travel a bit. Along the "Warnow River Landscape" you'll see plenty of medieval monasteries, churches, and chapels.

The town's *Rathaus*, or Town Hall, is another attraction that folks come to see. It was built in the mid-19th century, by the way.

Sure, you might be thinking, what's the big deal about all these buildings. But, just for the fact that many of Germany's buildings have been standing for so many centuries — and it's good to see some different architectural styles, no?

Bützow's Tourist Office (located at Am Markt 1) will be most courteous in helping you find your way around.

Chances are, they'll tell you to see the *Krummes Haus* or Crooked House (don't look at me like

that, I was not the one who came up with that name) — which is both the town's library and a museum.

You'll also need to visit the house at Lange Strasse 42, the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Horowitz — the town's two Jewish residents who were deported in the early 1940's.

Then you've got the Rühner See to hang around. It's a lake and open from May to September for not only swimming, but also has a playground, a volleyball court, and chess area.

Oh, I guess you don't need the Tourist Office now — I just told you all sorts of things. Just don't tell them I told you that.

Nah, you'll need them because that's where you'll go to get yourselves all sorts of cycling and hiking maps. You don't want to get lost now, do you?

But, if you've gone to see Bützow before exploring Bützow, you might know where you were. ;-)