

## Burkhardtsdorf -- Zwönitztal Meets Ore Mountains

“I want to spend more time in Saxony” I pondered. So out with the dart, throw it to the country map on the wall, and off to Burkhardtsdorf I go.

One thing that jumped out at me was the church ruins of St. Michael. No, it wasn't flattened during a long-forgotten conflict, it was destroyed on Valentine's Day 1945.

A little imagination is all that's needed to see what it must have once looked like. The Cemetery Chapel was also hit, but villagers rebuilt that one.

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Another church to see is St. Mary's. Follow that up with a stop to the Village Church in Eibenberg, one of Burkhardtsdorf's four districts.

Anyone who appreciates a unique museum will love the *Lanz-Bulldog-Museum*. No, it's not about the laziest dogs on the planet — but tractors. They're called bulldogs because their unusual design is said to resemble the face of the breed.

I don't know about all that, but it's something to think about while you're off traipsing around the [Ore Mountains](#). Burkhardtsdorf is known as the Gateway to the Ore Mountains. Another name for the town is the Pearl of the Zwönitztal.

Again, I don't know about all that — and there's no time to think about before heading off to the *Buchdruckereimuseum* (Book Printing Museum), or finding one of the circular walking trails through town.

No time to ponder much, other than the typical whole drinking and eating thing, at one of Burkhardtsdorf's festivals. The combined *Kirmes* and *Volksfest* is a 2-day fete in October, and the Village Festival is another 2-day event the month before.

I will think that'll take myself over to the half-timbered house with its own sundial, though. And I think I'll take some lovely photos of the *Postmeilensäule* (Mile Marker Post) from 1723.

Oh, would you look at that? It's the *Luthereiche*, a tree that's almost 300 years old. Hmm, and I thought turning 40 was rough...

No time to think about that either, since it's off to the Kneipp foot baths in the village of Meinersdorf. They got some of the best views right here. So I'll stop for a while to consider everything so far — even my need for more darts. ;-)