

Burscheid -- Yes, There Is A Church (And Nature Trails, Too)!

You might notice something familiar in Burscheid, but probably won't be able to put your finger on it.

The difference in this town at the border of the [Bergisches Land](#) nature park is that the town is divided into 89 (!) different neighborhoods, giving it a small town feel (even though there are close to 20,000 people that live here).

If you are into archaeology, a trip to the Eifgenburg should be at the top on your list. This site is the ruins of a town wall from the 9th and 10th centuries. The first inhabitants of this area must have built this wall to protect themselves from outside invaders.

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You might be asking whether or not Burscheid has any churches. Of course, there are churches, the most famous being the Protestant Church at the Market. Make sure to come when they are ringing the bells, which were made in 1468.

Like churches, a west/north German town wouldn't be complete without a windmill. The Lamberts Windmill is now fully restored and back to its original condition. Next to the windmill is the City Museum. If you are pressed for time, you can give the museum, with its exhibit on the "Path from Corn to Bread," a pass.

Walking around the town, you are probably going to see a lot of those old houses that are so popular with tourists. To get an even better view of these half-timbered houses, take one of the walking paths that lead you out of the town. On your way out of the town, you will get a good view of these houses, and then an even better view of the nature.

The one trail that a lot of people decide to take is the *Burscheider Schluchtenpfad*, which is about 10 kilometers in length. This goes through forests in the *Eifgenbachtal* and has some great views.

If you are a more serious walker, why not try Nordic walking. There are paths for those of all levels and there are Guesthouses on some of those paths to fill you up and give you the strength to keep on going.