

Contwig -- Roaming Through The Palatinate Mill County

Before the pages of MyGermanCity.com are written, I make little notes to myself with snippets of information regarding each and every German town I've come across to date. However, the problem is... now I can't remember why I wrote "Mill Culture" (quite big, mind you) along the page for the town of Contwig.

It's understandable that I'm not going to remember each & every detail about a place (hence the notes), and it isn't as if Contwig's two districts aren't worth remembering... perhaps Middle Age memory loss is setting in?

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Ugh, no time to think about it — I've got to tell you all about Contwig before I forget anything else. You know, like how the place lies within the *Pfälzer Mühlenland*, an area where you can get in on guided tours with knowledgeable guides in "period garb." Or, you could hike through the region all on your own.

I'll suggest trekking along the *Steinhauerweg* for starters. Just follow the yellow signposts (no complaining, it's only a 16km route) that'll take you along old churches and rolling hills.

Speaking of old churches, the town's Protestant Church might not look that old... but trust me, this particular one was originally constructed in the 1100s.

Some 900 years later, the Catholic Church of St. Laurentius was built, and its grotto was created in thanks for the town being spared from serious destruction during [World War II](#).

These days Contwig is perfect for all sorts of outdoor recreational activities, such as miniature golf;

tennis; and bicycle trails. Then again, it's also a fantastic place to come for all sorts of German festivals and cultural events.

Winter's the time for Carnival, while Autumn is chocked full of events like Oktoberfest (that's really in October); the *Pfarrfest* (Parish Festival) in September; a Wine Festival (another October event); and then there's the Autumn Festival (also in September).

Sorry, you might have to wait for the *Dorffest* that's held on the first weekend of July, every three years. At least the *Fischerfest* (in May) and the Christmas Market is an annual event.

And I finally remembered why I wrote Mill Culture... because there was once one here in the 19th century. The *Pfälzer Mühlenland* has quite a number of old mills, and often there are special tours and other happenings going on.

Middle Age memory loss? I think not, there's no way I'm gonna forget about having a good time. Thanks, Contwig, for helping me remember that. ;-)