

Denkendorf (Württemberg) Keeps You Busy Despite Its Size

Denkendorf (Württemberg) is an old town where people have lived since around 700 B.C. But, it wasn't until the Monastery Denkendorf was built in 1129 when the town really came into its own.

The monastery itself was a Catholic institution (like most European religious sites) until the Reformation swept through Germany and the monastery has remained Protestant ever since.

No matter what denomination the monastery is (or, was) it was said to house the relic of a piece of wood from THE holy cross and there's a symbolic empty crypt that's a reproduction of Christ's empty grave. Religion aside, that is a seriously interesting piece of history, my friends.

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It also used to have a large library, quite a feat since books were quite expensive to make back in the Middle Ages.

The monastery is still open and used for religious events, and sightseeing is allowed.

Also in Denkendorf (Württemberg) are some great cultural events, including jazz performances (the season starts in May), other musical performances, and of course, theater. Guess they hold all those parties to drown their proximity to the [Stuttgart Airport \[STR\]](#). ;-)

Sports are big, too. Tennis, a skating park, an attractive outdoor pool (Freibad, Hohenheimer Straße 53), horseback riding, and football (or, soccer) are just a few of the activities that you can join in on.

The best of all the festive fun in town is the *Denkendorfer Schlehenfest*. Held every two years, it's

a day of eating, shopping, music, boxcar racing and balloon animals for the kids and drinking (think beer tent minus the tent) for the grown ups!

If you've come to Denkendorf on the first Sunday of the month (and there's no festival going on) come to the Local History Museum (called *Heimatmuseum*) over at Kirchstraße.

Come to think of it... Denkendorf in Württemberg is so wonderful — you'll forget all about the other one in Bavaria! ;-)