

Eggesin -- The Wonders Of The Ueckermünder Heath

Want to know exactly where you are when you're visiting the town of Eggesin? I'll tell ya... If you go any further east, you've left Germany entirely. That's right, it's wonderful neighbor is Poland.

But, we're not here to tout the virtues and wonders of Eggesin's eastern border — we're here to find what makes Eggesin so great.

I know two things that make it so fantastic: the Naturpark am Stettiner Haff and the Ueckermünder Heath. For anyone who's into the whole loving nature thing, this is the place to be, finding everything from orchids to black storks, spotted eagles to plants known as marsh marigolds.

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And it's a great place to be if you love the water, because the [Baltic Sea](#) is really close by. Perhaps this is why Ludwig von Schröder, a German Admiral, was so inspired. This is Admiral Schröder's hometown, a local boy who had the distinction of earning such military honors as the Pour le Mérite (Germany's Blue Max), the Prussian Order of the Crown, and the Grand Cross of the Bavarian Military, to just name a few.

Sounds like just the right place for a Military Museum, don't ya think? Not too shabby for a town that got its start as a simple Slavic village.

As for the water, there's probably not a better place to appreciate than along the Randow River. You can take a leisurely boat ride, if you're so inclined, or just take a stroll along its banks. Just be sure to stop by the *Wasserwanderplatz*, an area that's got a marina, BBQ areas, and even a playground for the little ones to run around.

You're not limited to doing things just by the water — and guided hikes and cycling tours are readily available for anyone who doesn't want to explore all on their own.

One place you certainly won't be on your own is in the middle of one of Eggesin's many festivals. The *Blaubeerfest* is one of the most popular — and despite its name, it isn't about beer, it's all about the blueberry.

Other festival fun in Eggesin would be events like the *Fischer- und Hafenfest* (Fisherman and Harbor Festival) in August; the *Brückenfest* (Bridge Festival) every May; and the *Mühlenfest* (Mill Festival) in October.

I guess I've found out what makes Eggesin so great... and I think you'll see it that way, too. ;-)