

## Ehningen -- Fun Is Always In Swabian Fashion

There have been many changes in the town of Ehningen over the years. This tiny town in the [Swabian](#) region had only about 300 residents at the end of the [Thirty Years' War](#).

As the centuries progressed its population didn't grow too much, having only about 2,000 people by the time [World War II](#) ended. Afterwards, however, the population exploded; it's now where some 8,000 people call home.

I think they just wanted to keep the place all to themselves. ;-)

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Maybe not since tens of thousands of people flock to Ehningen during the annual three day *Pfingstmarkt* or Pentecost Market and Festival every year. You got to check the Christian calendar for exact dates — but it's usually about 50 days after Easter.

The Pentecost Market and Festival isn't the only thing that makes Ehningen special. It could also be the Bronze Age burials mounds and the former Celtic settlement. Plus, there was a Roman estate that used to be here.

Right over by the Roman estate is the Moorish Castle, which was built around 1320. I'm sorry to say this early 14th century medieval castle now lies in ruins.

The Protestant Church of St. Mary (from the 15th or 16th century) isn't in ruins, but isn't used all that much anymore. Neither is the Church of Our Lady; which has long been a site of religious pilgrimage.

Too bad the original defense wall gates of Ehningen's Old Town aren't here anymore. But, if you want to know where they **WOULD** have been, follow Königstrasse; and the *Linsentor* would have been found on Dagersheimer Strasse.

Don't think I'm sending you off on a wild goose chase, considering it a warm up for all the hiking and cycling you can do around these Swabian parts. Add that to the tennis and swimming, and you've got a pretty great time.

Now that's something that doesn't change with time — fun is fun no matter what century it is. Am I right?