

Ehringshausen Survives Without Castles And Museums

In the Dill Valley between [Herborn](#) and [Wetzlar](#) along the Autobahn A45 is Ehringshausen.

Unfortunately, there isn't a whole lot of sightseeing to do here. There are no castles, no museums, no historical churches. So, why even bother?

Because you'd be missing out on some of the very best walking and cycling trails imaginable if you didn't.

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The area around Ehringshausen is mostly forested. It won't be hard to pretend you're walking through some mythical, magical forest — maybe pretending your Hansel & Gretel (how German can you get?). But, for something a bit more structured, Ehringshausen has specific walking paths.

The shortest is 21km taking about 6 hours going through Ehringshausen and its villages of Daubhausen, Griefenthal, and Dillheim.

The longest of the guided paths is 35km, taking about 8-10 hours to finish. Not the best trail to take if you're the couch potato type — this is for the seriously fit folks.

I confess, that's way too long of a hike for me... I would opt to take the *Totenweg*. Now, that translates to Death Way (which I would feel like I would be dying after all this hiking) but, you can do it! The *Totenweg* follows the footsteps of the 17th century Huguenots through Daubhausen, and there are plenty of benches (and other places to sit) when you get tired.

I don't know about you, but all that hiking (and thinking of it) sure makes me hungry. Good thing

there are lots of Grill Huts throughout the forest, so remember to pack some hotdogs and beer.

The forest is not your thing? How about the Dill Park instead? This tiny park is often frequented by residents of the nearby retirement village and children running around after a hard day at school. Life doesn't get any more simple or better than this.

And because mining was once an important industry to the area, the nearby mine is a frequently visited site. Take the mine's "train" down, and it's one less place you need to walk — especially after walking around everywhere else.

Wow, for not having any castles or museums, I managed to have an awesome time. I didn't even miss 'em, and you won't either.