

Eichwalde And The World's Only Parabrahm Organ

Great, we're back to good things that come in small packages again. But, for the record, it's all a matter of perspective as to how small the town of Eichwalde really is.

Well, I could say that Eichwalde is three times the size as the Vatican in Italy. I could say that Eichwalde is the second most populated town in the entire federal state.

Does any of this mean anything to you? It should. Just think about all the wonders they managed to fit into the Vatican. And yes, I'm aware that this is a website dedicated entirely to Germany. ;-)

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The fact of the matter is, Eichwalde is only 2.8 square kilometers; and with just about 6,000 residents that means it's got more than 2,000 people per square kilometer.

That's it of it — nothing more. It can't, really, since it's bordered by three other villages; leaving it no where to grow. It's also a suburb of Berlin, a major city so it can't grow that way.

So, Eichwalde is forever destined to its diminutive size. It's all right though, chocked full of cultural events, concerts, and exhibitions at its Old Fire Station.

Eichwalde's small size doesn't mean it's without any originality, either. Were you aware that Eichwalde has the last remaining Parabrahm organ in the world?

Look, I'm not even going to try and pretend I know what that is — but I'll try to explain. The name itself means something like, high artistic accomplishment — and its sound comes from pressed air. However it works, you'll find it at Eichwalde's neo-Gothic Protestant Church, built in 1908.

Eichwalde's Catholic Church is another one of the town's sites, built in 1913 in a neo-Romanesque design. Before you ask, you won't find any medieval structures around — the town wasn't founded until the late 19th century.

The oldest thing in town is Eichwalde's Oak of Peace, a 300 year old tree. Oh, not true if you count nearby Lake Zeuthen as one of Eichwalde's sites. I call it a dandy good time for its excellent water quality while I'm swimming.

Wait... there's actually the Radeland, a manor that was first mentioned in 1673.

Eichwalde only proves you don't have to be gigantic to be fantastic — and the Vatican is proof of that, so you should believe me when I tell you. ;-)