

Elsteraue -- Castle District With A Cycling Route

Elsteraue will intrigue you with its quiet simplicity. It really is a hidden gem in every sense of the word and chances are you've never heard of this town before. But once you've been here, I'm willing to bet, you won't stop talking about it.

And there's plenty to say. Check out the historical monuments on show. The Holy Spirit Church, the *Burtschütz*, the Draschwitz Church, the Gleina Church, and the Profen Church are just a few from a long list of religious architecture whose spires and bell towers dot the region.

Elsteraue has more options if architecture is not your thing. You've got to see the natural pool at the *Naturbad Rehmsdorf*. Get aboard a gondola or enjoy the various sports facilities, the well-laid out parks and gardens. You're in the lap of nature and the water's great.

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Elsteraue has a number of museums for those with above average curiosity about everything. The *Heimatstube Rehmsdorf* is housed in a former manor and has historic curios on show. *Heimatstube Reuden* is all about clothing, the making of that is. If you like poring over nostalgic memorabilia from Singer sewing machines to lacy underwear, the *Heimatstube Bornitz* is for you. In addition to these, there are more private collections on display at Profen and Spora.

Elsteraue's popular attraction is the Profen game reserve with a bunch of wildlife that don't mind the limelight. Get your cameras clicking away as the animals hold their pose for you quite patiently. The Conservation area is an incredible stretch of unspoiled beauty.

You'll be happy to know the cycle route goes by this way and over the Bornitz Bridge. Imagine riding through this piece of paradise with the wind in your face. The cycle route is very conveniently

marked out and signposted for your safety and riding pleasure.

Elsteraue, being the product of a merging between a number of old municipalities, each region has its own share of treasures to entice the visitor. But almost all of them have these amazing half-timbered homes almost anywhere you look. You can imagine how it adds to the general beauty of this region.