

Emmelshausen -- Quiet Mornings In The Hunsrück

Here it is, a very early mid-spring Thursday morning, the sun barely breaking the horizon — and here I am behind the computer screen thinking of the wonders of Emmelshausen in the wonderful [Hunsrück](#). That would be both the town itself and the *Verbansgemeinde* (Collective Municipality) of the same name, mind you.

The town itself, a climatic spa, doesn't even measure eight square kilometers. But, when added in with its 24 other districts, it grows quite exponentially. And if you wanted to see all of it — you're gonna need more than just one quiet morning.

That being said, there's a serene beauty in the crumbly walls of the Rauschenburg in the morning light. But, any time of day is good to see a ruin of a medieval castle that's been overtaken by vegetation.

— Top Areas Of Interest

- [History](#)
- [Webcams](#)

- [Gunzenhausen](#)
- [Sigmaringen](#)

Mornings make a good time to hike the many trails in the Heilbrunnchen area, or cycle around the *Schinderhannes Radweg*. Even better that some 38 kilometers runs along what was once the Hunsrückbahn Route, wouldn't you say?

Now I get that not everyone is a morning person, so take leisurely time to visit the Villa Rustica in Lingerhahn, or its St. Sebastian Church. And the *Agrarhistorisches Museum* (an agricultural museum) isn't open in the wee hours of the day — but when it is open you'll find exhibits dating back to the Stone Age.

All right, I know by now not everyone is into the whole history thing, but who isn't into a party? It's a big one during the *Kirmes*, a 4-day affair in July. And the *Weinmarkt* comes in August, and the

Christkindelmarkt in November. Let's not forget about the *Hexennacht* (Witches Night) celebrations, or the Corpus Christi Processions either.

If you're really lucky, you'll be here for one of the musicals, concerts and theaters held at the *Zentrum am Park (ZAP)*.

With all this going on you'd never suspect Emmelshausen was pretty much uninhabited around 500 years ago.

Oooh, did I just sneak in a tidbit of history again? Let's blame it on the early hour, I'm not awake yet. ;-)