

## Ensdorf (Saar) -- Alpine Activities On The Saar River

There is small. And then there's tiny. I think the town of Ensdorf (Saar) falls under the tiny category; measuring a mere 8.3 square kilometers. Which is like seven times smaller than its "sister" — Ensdorf in the [Upper Palatinate](#).

Wait a minute... Saarland's Ensdorf has three times the number of people living there as the other Ensdorf. How come?

I don't know what's worse. The fact that I figured that out, or that I'm sitting here figuring that out instead of seeing Ensdorf. ;-)

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Before we go any further, let's be honest here for a minute. Like I said, Ensdorf is ~~small~~ tiny, and there's not a whole lot of sightseeing to do. A lot of what there is require trekking off into the countryside, and even into nearby France.

The town makes a good base to do that. It has everything a traveler could need to spend a few days: hotels, apartments, private rooms. Heck, it even has camping facilities.

Winter doesn't stop anyone from camping out. You just better call ahead to let them know you're coming. Ensdorf's campground has direct access to a restaurant and the local swimming pool. Great fun for the whole family with its diving boards and playground for the kids.

Nearby is a "log cabin," a BBQ area that can accommodate you and 39 of your closest friends. Make sure someone remembers to bring wurst.

Don't grill if it's one of Ensdorf's festivals — you won't want to miss these. The *Parkfest* is in July, a two-day affair no less. Still not as long as the *Ensdorfer Kirmes* — that's 4-days of church festivities at the end of June. And the Summer Festival is a 3-day event.

After all that merriment (which includes the *Weihnachtsmarkt* — a Christmas Market), go to Ensdorf's Kneipp area to relax. Or, just sit quietly at the park right behind the *Rathaus* (Town Hall).

You know what? Do that after you've exhausted yourself paragliding, alpine climbing (speaking of "Calmont"), and hiking through vineyards. Tired yet? Stop at the *Berghalde*, this lookout point is just what you need.

What I need now is, to head to the other Ensdorf to see if I love that one as much as I do here. ;-)