

Eslohe -- A True Soul Of The Sauerland

I don't know the trigger that irked me when it came to the town of Eslohe in the rustic [Sauerland](#). It's not the town itself, which is perfectly lovely. It must have been something I read.

Oh yeah, that's right. It was all the mumbo-jumbo geographical stuff about Eslohe. I don't know what Einstein thought that's the way someone gets to know a town.

Sure, it's located totally within the Homert Nature Park along the Sauerland, and surrounded by a few rivers. But, a town is a living, breathing being. All that stuff is fine and dandy — but it doesn't show you its soul.

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For real, has anyone ever said in the history of traveling, “I need to go to Eslohe because it sits 263 meters above sea level”? No, I don't think those words have ever been spoken — do you?

People say “I want to go to Eslohe because its Parish Church of St Peter and Paul dates back to the 9th century & gosh-be-darn-it I like medieval history”. Right? Right.

Even if the Middle Ages isn't for you, there's still enough here for you to do (and never once utter anything about sea level).

I would say go see the 16th century Obersalwey Castle (that's considered a National Monument), but its private property. Who cares if you can only see the outside — it's pretty.

Then there's the 83km *Sauerland Radrिंग*, a bike trail that drives or cycles around many half-timbered houses and lots of local flora & fauna. In the area of Steltenberg many fossils have been

found. Maybe you'll get lucky and find one too.

The Steltenberg also has a 17th century chapel with wonderful Baroque paintings in thanks to Heaven for the end of a plague epidemic. See, didn't I tell you — soul.

On top of it all, Eslohe has its own local history and machinery museum, an old mill, an outdoor swimming pool, miniature golf, bird watching, and, oh, Eslohe is a nationally recognized health-spa town!

Yeah, these are the reasons why people want to come to Eslohe, not because of municipal restructuring.

I know people also come here because of the 3-day festival at the end of June for the Feast of Peter & Paul; and because of its late 14th century *Haus Wenne*.

This is what gives Eslohe, and hundreds of other [German towns](#) just like it, their true character.