

Freyung-Grafenau District -- Bavaria's Golden Gate To Bohemia

The Freyung-Grafenau District occupies the easternmost tip of [Bavaria](#), bordering the Czech Republic. You will find here the source of the River Ilz, as well as the southern reaches of the [Bavarian Forest](#).

Freyung-Grafenau District Map

Towns & Villages in the Freyung-Grafenau District

- Eppenschlag
- [Freyung](#)
- Fürsteneck
- [Grafenau \(Lower Bavaria\)](#)
- Grainet
- Haidmühle
- Hinterschmiding
- Hohenau
- Innernzell

- Jandelsbrunn

- Mauth
- Neureichenau
- Neuschönau
- Perlesreut
- Philippsreut
- Ringelai
- Röhrnbach
- Saldenburg

- Sankt Oswald
- Schöfweg
- Schönberg
- Spiegelau
- Thurmansbang
- [Waldkirchen](#)
- Zenting
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[Freyung](#) is the district seat. Be sure to take advantage of its local theaters, classical music, jazz concerts, cabaret, and diverse cultural offerings, as well as winter sports and outdoor activities.

In [Grafenau](#), further north on the Kleine Ohe River and the edge of the Bavarian Forest National Park, even greater emphasis is placed on nature. Try hiking, cycling, or Nordic walking, or simply enjoy the waters of its artificial lake, created expressly for sports and recreation.

[Waldkirchen](#) is the biggest town in the district. Try to time your visit to attend the annual Market Days around the 18th-century chapel on Karoli Hill. You will see residents dress up in period costumes to celebrate local history and create a merry mood.

If you enjoy medieval fortifications, the 13th-century Castle Wolfenstein near Perlesreut will interest you. It now holds a gallery and the Hunting and Fishing Museum. Another castle at Fürsteneck contains an impressive Gothic chapel with an altar by Donato Felice d'Allio.

If religious sites stir you, you will find the area's most exquisite example in Saldenburg, the 15th-century parish church of St. Brigida. Then, go to Grainet, where St. Nicholas Church awaits you, constructed in the Baroque style and surviving since the Middle Ages.

Lastly, see the district's only monastery, dating back to the turn of the 15th century, located in

Sankt Oswald-Riedlhütte.