

In Geeste, Life Revolves Around the Speichersee

I'm convinced that, in Geeste, life doesn't revolve around its marketplace like in most other places in Germany. No, life centers around the town's lake.

Wait, here me out. I'm not saying that Geeste doesn't have its fair share of historical sites and other places to visit. Quite the contrary, it's just that the lake is a bustle of town activity.

Besides having its own Stone Age grave hills, its St. Nikolaus Church is over 800 years old, for crying out loud. And, the Ems Country Moorland Museum can be explored either by foot or bike. It's an outdoor museum that explains the natural history of the moorlands, in case you didn't catch that.

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There are also plenty of other bicycle and walking paths through Geeste and the [Emsland](#) countryside; passing by the town's historical oil pump and by the Drinking Water Path, where you can learn about how drinking and waste water is processed.

Oh, almost forgot about the *Herbhof*; a place of peace and tranquility; and breakfast with a good cup of coffee.

There's also the chapel *Jesus, Brot des Lebens*, a chapel that was built to look like a traditional bake house in the Heseper Moorlands, located right at the Autobahn A31. Don't let the old style building fool you, though, it was only built in 2000.

But, it's the *Speichersee Geeste* where most activity takes place. The lake itself is relatively a good size, so there's no chance of running into anyone out on the water windsurfing, sailing, or

swimming. Surrounding the water is a beach volleyball court, a playground for the kids, a number of bicycle routes (with a bike rental shop), a halfpipe for skaters, a cafe, campgrounds, and vacation homes. Phew, that's a lot, isn't it?

Speichersee Geeste is also where the town holds its Kite Celebration. See how easy it is to think that Geeste's life revolves around the marketplace?