

Goch Comes Up With A Forested Beauty

Goch is perhaps best known for a battle that took place here during the last days of the [Second World War](#). The destruction was catastrophic, with about eighty percent of the town in ruins. These days, however, the atmosphere is much more focused on R and R rather than on WW2.

The beautiful green forests that surround Goch add to this sense of relaxation. To get the full experience, you must visit the cleverly-named *GochNess*. At *GochNess*, those in search of some tranquility can unwind in its baths, saunas, massage parlors, solarium, and even a water park (which is mostly for the kids, but adults may also partake).

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While *GochNess* is a good bet for some much-needed recuperation, those with more energy will find plenty of other recreational activities. The town features indoor tennis courts, inline skating parks, a mini-golf course, paddle boats and bicycle rentals. The athletically-inclined will feel right at home in this physically-fit locale!

Those searching for more of a mental work-out can check out the Goch Museum. It concentrates on local history and art. Some of the highlights include a gramophone exhibit and the works of Goch's Gothic woodcarver Ferdinand Langenberg. With eleven different exhibition areas, there's surely something of interest for your inquiring mind. :-)

Goch is a manufacturing center for clothing and textiles, so it goes without saying that there must be some good shopping! Many of the famous European brand stores can be found here — C & A, Vögele, Engbers, Alexander, Müller, and Ernsting's. One of the novelties of Goch is the proliferation of free parking lots; the only place you'll pay for parking is in the marketplace.

And of course, a visit to any [German city](#) would be incomplete without some original [German beer](#). A visit to The House of the Five Rings, which used to house a brewery in the eighteenth century, is essential. Another not-to-be-missed monument is Goch's Stone Gate with its two imposing towers, a remnant of the old city walls.