

Heidesees -- Small Churches And Quiet Hiking Trails

Wow, this week was crazy for finding sites to see. Take Heidesees in [Brandenburg](#) for instance. There are eleven villages, but not all of them had something to see. That is, unless, you're into small village churches and quiet hiking trails through dense pine forests.

These hiking trails will bring you out into the countryside where you'll find the *Haus des Waldes*, or Forest Education Center. With so much area heavily forested, this is as good of a place as any to start.

Even if you're not totally into the forest education thing, the view from the observation tower will still astound you.

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Some other hiking trails will take you out into the Nature Park Dahme Heidesees, where you'll run into the Dahme River along the way. Sit for a spell, or grab a fishing pole to catch something.

Sounds great, doesn't it?

There is a Local History Museum in Prieros, a village of around only a thousand people. A stroll along its half-timbered houses transports you back to another time, and a visit to the Botanical Garden or Organic Garden (how about both!) is really quaint. And you know there will be a Village Church to stop at along the way.

Gräbendorf's another one of Heidesees's villages with a small village church. The original one from the mid-14th century was destroyed during the [Thirty Years' War](#), so the one you see today was where townsfolk rebuilt it in 1662, without towers of any kind. That's why it looks so squat.

A remnant of another war is seen at Gräbendorf's Soviet Cemetery.

However, lake Frauensee is all about fun, not history of any kind. So is the Wolzinger See, a lake with a boathouse, a marina, and a fishing port.

For other fun, Heidesee kicks it up at the Walpurgis Night Festival, then a Thanksgiving Bonfire (October 3), and the *Rosenbaumfest* on Pentecost Sunday.

Yeah, it might've been a crazy week for sightseeing, but I'm really glad I found Heidesee.