

## Isenbüttel -- Eco-Tourism And More In The Lüneburg Heath

When is a town not a town? When it's a "Collective Municipality." And it's how the town of Isenbüttel somehow manages to almost triple its population and its land area.

I know, like you really care about that stuff. Just tell you about the sites, attractions, and swimming holes — right? It's not so simple, ya know. I just make it look easy. ;-)

The first thing to consider is how Isenbüttel lies near the [Lüneburg Heath](#). Oh yeah, Baby, lots of hiking and biking trails to meander along. One famous bike trail is the *Weser-Harz-Heide-Radweg*, a scenic biking trail that links the [Weser](#) with the [Elbe](#).

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And Isenbüttel sits along the 20km Hehlenriede River — which isn't the place to be if you don't like creepy-crawlies and bugs — since waterbeetles, the Blue Dragonfly, and Bladder worms are found all over the area.

This is great stuff for the eco-tourists, don't ya think?

Ugh, how did I get on this subject anyway? I'll stick to sightseeing around old churches and stuff instead. Good thing there's an old stone one in the village of Wasbüttel.

This village, by the way, is probably one of the most quaint of all of Isenbüttel's hamlets, with its little lanes and quiet streets.

The only thing missing is a castle, which it did have — a 16th century one, no less. Sorry to say that Castle Ribbesbütte's is gone today, but there is a 20th century one (b. 1905) standing in its place.

I know I got to be missing something. Hang on, let me look around again...

Ah, yes, I did miss something — the festivals. How silly of me. Not all of Isenbüttel's events take place every year, but good things are worth waiting for. The Christmas Market and 30km Bike Rally are bi-annual events (that's every 2 years), while the Flower Festival and *Südkreisfete* take place every May.

I also (almost) missed out telling you about Isenbüttel's swimming area — the outdoor pool and the Tankumsee. You can't go wrong with either one — but why not do both.

So, the next time you're in neighboring [Wolfsburg](#), consider spending some time here in Isenbüttel. You can't go wrong with that.