

Lahstedt -- Otto von Bismarck Would Be So Proud!

Lahstedt loves [Otto von Bismarck](#). You might ask yourself, who's THAT?

For those of you not hip to 19th century [German history](#), he was a statesman who really pushed for a unified Germany and known as the Iron Chancellor.

What does all this have to do with some small town that's about 20 minutes from [Brunswick](#)? Well, there's a super tall Bismarck Tower in the village of Oberg (one of the five that make up Lahstedt) that was built in 1915; so you might as well now know WHY it's one of Lahstedt's attractions.

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Over at the *Auflandeteich Groß Bülten*, which is a large pond created from the mining of iron ore, is a fantastic recreational area for both residents and visitors who want to swim or look for many rare bird species. Alongside the pond are many walking trails that lead off to help you look for them.

Lahstedt's outdoor pool is another place of old fashioned (read: clean & family friendly) fun. Take a ride down the waterslide or let the kids romp around the playground.

You'll also be glad you came to Lahstedt when it's partytime. Germany is famous for Oktoberfest and you'll find one here (in October); as well as the Harvest Festival, too. There's a Christmas Market in November and the Advent Bazaar is in December (a bit confusing, no?). There's even the obligatory Christmas Celebration in December.

Don't be confused now, there are five villages to Lahstedt so there's always something going on.

The best is the huge Lafferder Market that's taken place on the last Wednesday and Thursday in

September since 1787. That's right, this market has been an annual event for more than 220 years. Come join the hundreds of people walking the streets of Lahstedt and party with a unified Germany. Otto would be so proud!