

Lake Plau (Plauer See) -- The (Larger) Mecklenburg Version

What you might not be aware of is that there are two [lakes in Germany](#) that bear the name *Plauer See*. One is in [Brandenburg](#), the other lies in [Mecklenburg-Western Pommerania](#), near the mighty [Müritz](#).

Forget about Brandenburg for now, this is all about the one in *MeckPomm*.

For better differentiation, I'm gonna call the one in Brandenburg Lake Plaue (due to its name giver, the village of Plaue), and this one here in Mecklenburg I'm going to call Lake Plau (due to its name giver, the town of Plau am See).

You'll find Lake Plau to the west of the Müritz and the Kölpinsee, with its northeastern part lying within the Nature Reserve *Nordufer Plauer See*. All the better to see all the local flora & fauna, my Dears. ;-)

But with all that land, how does Lake Plau get all its water? Well, one could say it gets it from the Müritz (and on to Kölpinsee, Fleesensee, Lake Malchow, Lake Petersdorf, Lenz Canal...) or, from "any" of the [Mecklenburg Lakes](#).

Ahh, so that's how all the fish got in there...

I hope they don't all escape before I've gotten a chance to go fishing. Nah, the outflow of the Plauer See is at the Müritz-Elde Waterway and the Elde. I'll just get 'em from there before they've made a run (I mean swim) for it.

And anyway, Lake Plau is over 38 square kilometers and some 25-meters deep, so they might not be so easy to catch. Guess everyone will be here for a while before something starts biting.

Swimming sounds like a good idea if you're not catching anything. Go to Plau am See for that. Besides being in the nature reserve area, this town's great for horseback riding, swimming, hiking, and golf. It's even got a castle, with walls that are 3-meters thick. Talk about a defense system.

Plau am See has a promenade where you can enjoy views of the lake, a 13th century church, half-

timbered houses, and every Wednesday at 8pm (from June to September) there's a Summer Music Program.

Zislow also has summer music programs, and they got this totally cool looking half-timbered octagonal church (built 1749). From the looks of it, you'd never guess it started out as a simple Slavic Settlement.

I'm having the time of my life here along Mecklenburg's third largest lake. Aren't you?

It's time to go to Petersdorf, a village of only 166 people. 167 now that I'm here. Its stone Village Church (15th century) is quite striking, and the Feldberg Lakes Nature Park is exceptionally beautiful.

And just because you're out exploring around a lake doesn't mean you have to sacrifice seeing any museums. Come ashore to Alt Schwerin and Jürgenshof (part of Malchow) to see their Agricultural Museum. Want to camp out? This is the place to do it, or not. Not everyone want to sleep out under the stars.

Go ahead — pamper yourself. Spend the night at the Mentiner Schloss in Suckow, which is not only a Classic Car Museum but a hotel as well. This place could make you feel like a fairy prince(ss) for a minute.

Pretty cool, this Lake Plau/Plauer See is so awesome that I forgot there was another one with the same name (almost). Until I get there, that is.