

## Lake Schwerin -- With Spirit And Plenty Of Fish To Greatness

Lake Schwerin, or the Schweriner See, is half the size of its nearest lake neighbor, the majestic [Müritz](#). But, what it lacks in size, it makes up for it with spirit.

It's surrounded by by some other smaller lakes, known for its bird sanctuary, and the rainbow trout (as well as pike, eel, and perch) that swim its 52-meter depth (at its deepest point). Lake Schwerin also has the honor of being the second largest lake in [North Germany](#) and the 4th largest in the country.

Lake Schwerin feeds the River Stör, which is a tributary of the River Elde. A canal in the 16th century (known as the *Wallensteingraben*) connects the area to the [Baltic Sea](#) and to the historical port city of [Wismar](#).

So, now that you know how to get here, grab your boat and follow me to some awesome places. OK?

One of the grandest sites along the Schweriner See (at least I think so) is the Schweriner Schloss in the town of [Schwerin](#). This castle might be the seat of the state government today (Schwerin is the state's capital), but it's still a 10th century castle at heart.

Schwerin is also where you can take in a performance at the Mecklenburg State Theater, visit its State Museum or Cathedral, or party all you want during its Christopher Street Day on the 1st Saturday in July.

What I get a kick out of is that the spa town of Bad Kleinen translates to Bad Kids. But, it's all good in this half-timbered village that's right on the northern shore of the Schweriner See.

To totally experience the natural side of the lake, then its Seehof you want. It's a small village of less than a thousand people that's got all sorts of rare plants, peat, birds, and small inns & guesthouses.

Plus, there's a bird sanctuary in the village of Zickhusen (which is part of Lützow, BTW).

If spending the night out under the stars on Lake Schwerin isn't an option, then might I suggest a visit to the Görslow Village Church (in the town of Leezen), that's got its own starry sky painted on.

Nah, take the real thing — Lake Schwerin is a totally fantastic lake. Didn't I tell you it's got spirit? :-)