

## Lauchhammer Is A Green Industrial Town

The town known today as Lauchhammer in [Brandenburg](#) didn't come into existence as we know it until the 1950's, when the areas like Green Forest and Mosquito Mountain were united. The historical area of town, however, has been around since at least 1267 but settlements in the area have dated back some 3000 years.

Lauchhammer is a relatively industrial. That tradition goes back to the 19th century when Germany's first steam engine was built here in 1803; and when six railway lines opened in the 1870's, the area was connected with all of Germany. You can even see how important the coal coking industry was to the area when you visit the Bio Towers that stand 22 meters high (approximately 99 feet).

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The town flourished during other periods of history as well, such as during the [First World War](#), when increased production came to be an economical boom. Be sure to visit the Yard Settlement where 5,000 little cottage type houses were built for the area's coal miners.

Though, they seem to be much prettier today than they were some 50 years ago. ;-)

You'll learn plenty about village life in Lauchhammer at the Local History Museum (*Heimatmuseum*) with exhibits, photos, and maps of the area. The Green Forest also has a cultural history museum. Church life was important in the area; the 18th century Rococo-style Protestant Castle Church has a lovely art gallery, reliefs, and wall paintings.

Lauchhammer isn't all industry and history, though. This town of some 19,000 residents takes also its sports and leisure seriously! There's a cute miniature golf course, open-air swimming pool, and

bicycling.

You can really enjoy some great outdoor fun and relaxation, when you try hiking and camping in the Green Forest or when you visit the area's Nature Preserve. Also, the *Schlosspark*, or Castle Park, is great for getting outdoors and enjoying the fresh air.