

Leipzig Parks Cool Off With Pristine Beauty And Serenity

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The various Leipzig parks offer more than one would expect from an area known for its paucity of trees. From the enchanting forest of the Auenwald to the preeminent Leipzig Zoo, and the nature parks of Rosental and Clara Zetkin, you are sure to find the peace and serenity you desire.

Leipzig Zoo

This Leipzig nature park bills itself as the “Zoo of the Future” because of its natural settings for the animals. Be sure to visit Pongoland, which is the largest enclosure of apes in the world.

The zoo is divided into different lands according to continent and species. In “Africa” you can visit the giraffes, oryx, zebras and lions, while “Asia” is home to the zoo's favorite pachyderm, the elephant. South America will also be represented here within the next several years.

Auenwald

If you're looking for the perfect spot of pristine nature in Leipzig, you need go no further than the Auenwald forest and lake. The beautiful greenery and many trails means that hiking, horseback riding and biking can all be enjoyed here. The lake offers many water-related activities like boating.

You can enjoy a nature tour at Auenwald as well, and find out all about the indigenous flora and fauna of this unique region.

Rosental And Clara Zetkin Parks

These Leipzig nature parks are located conveniently in the city center. Inside the green landscapes of the Rosental and Clara Zetkin parks you will see splashing fountains, lawns for sunbathing, playgrounds for the children, small ponds, an open-air stage for summertime performances and the ever-present German beer garden.

Don't miss the Scheibholz racetrack housed within the park. It becomes a star attraction during the horse racing months!

Karl Heine Canal

Head to the Karl Heine Canal for one of their popular boat rides. You can cruise down the canal while taking in the nearby brick architecture of Plagwitz, a former center of heavy industry.