

## Lollar -- So Small, Yet So Illustrious

In 1974 the Hessian Park (also known as the Hessian Outdoor Museum) was created. And lil' cute Lollar, found along the [Lahn River](#), is so close to the park, you'll be able to enjoy it all.

First off, don't be fooled into thinking that the Hessian Park is just some greenery with benches and maybe a fountain where you can let the kids run off some energy. Oh no, this is a super huge historical complex. The Hessian Park has preserved a few windmills from the [north of Germany](#) and many of the country's timber-framed buildings and barns.

Not only is the Hessian Park a museum, it's a party center, too. Come shop at its Christmas Market or drink during the "Day of the Beer." Oh, I'm so in for that one! ;-)

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While there are a whole lot of medieval and Renaissance buildings to see, Lollar has one from Carolingian times known as the Gronauer Schloss. It was thought to have been built around 720 and no longer useful after nearby Castle Gleiberg was built.

The castle is located in the village of Salzböden, which is also where you'll find two mill guesthouses *Schmelzmühle* and *Schönemühlein*.

Lollar's village of Ruttershausen (one of Lollar's five) is one of the oldest of them all, though. How do I know? Because there were finds from way back to Neanderthal Man that have been discovered here. For a more modern Ruttershausen, come here to bike along the Lahn Cycle Track, go camping and paddle boating; and party for a Kirmes Festival, an *Osterfeuer* (Easter bonfire), and May Day Festival.

When you're as old as Ruttershausen, kind of makes the Lollar Chapel seem downright "wet behind the ears." Built in 1480, the chapel has a gorgeous medieval alter that brings visitors from all over to see.

But, no matter how old everything is (or isn't) you'll like Lollar just the way it is.