

Lüdersdorf -- The Best Of Everything

Navigating your way around the town of Lüdersdorf can be a bit... um, confusing.

No problem here, I'll explain it all to you. First things first, Lüdersdorf belongs to the Amt Schönberger Land, a collective municipality for which Lüdersdorf is the most populated of all its towns.

Secondly, despite having the biggest population, it's not exactly where you'll find the most to do. So, making a last minute "executive decision," I'm going to add in a few of the other things to do within its sister-towns.

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One of the first things to know about Lüdersdorf (or the Schönberger Land) is it lies along the Green Belt — you know, that scenic route of "green areas" that once divided East and West Germany (in this case, eastern Lüdersdorf bordered western [Schleswig-Holstein](#) — and still does).

While it's great the "no man's land" of an inner-German border is long gone, it's fantastic the natural areas are thriving.

You don't even have to stick to hiking or cycling inland, as part of Lüdersdorf lie right along the [Baltic Sea](#). I thought I smelled salt air. ;-)

Fishing always comes to mind when thinking about the sea — and the Baltic is a great place to do it; but you can also get a license to fish in the moors of Duvennest (one of Lüdersdorf's villages) stocked with all kinds of carp, pike, and other fishes.

Another thing you'll find out in the countryside is the *Pomertstein*, a medieval memorial stone engraved in Latin. English and German are hard enough without having to read Latin — but whatever it says, it dates back from more than 500 years ago. Now that I think about it, that's from around the same time the town's Dorfkirche (Village Church) came to life.

The Art Gallery, housed in the *Alten Zollhaus* (Old Customs House) is a more modern addition to town, by the way. Another modern day addition to the Amt Schönberger Land is the *Erlebnis & Tigerpark* in Dassow. You didn't read that wrong, I said (wrote) Tiger Park. Aren't they just the cutest cats ever?

Dassow, by the way, is a nice town to visit to see craggy rocky cliffs — not one, but two castles (Schloss Lütgenhof from the 19th century) and Wasserschloss Johannstorf. And I'd never forgive myself if I left anything out on the 13th century St. Nicholas Church.

Old castles and an old church not quite old enough for you? No problem, you can always come to Menzendorf to see its early-Gothic church, or come looking for more Bronze Age burial mounds in the town of Groß Siemz.

One more stop and we're done — so off to the town of Schönberg — a town of around 4,000 people, and home to a quaint Folklore Museum. Right outside its St. Lawrence Church is a Luther Memorial, and the church is the venue for concerts during the Summer of Music.

Do you see why I added the Schönberger Land in with Lüdersdorf? Right, it gives you the very best of everything. ;-)