Mockrehna -- Bigger Is Better

Whew, I don't think I'm ever going to finish my way through all of Germany's towns and villages — especially when some of them are as big as Mockrehna; because when you combine its nine villages it's over 115 square kilometers, making it one of the largest in the region.

Since I don't have anything else to do today, I might as well start picking at what's to see and do in town.

What I really noticed the most about Mockrehna are its village churches. I'm a sucker for a medieval one, so off to see the Romanesque one dedicated to St. Peter in the village of Audenhain.

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Audenhain, by the way, also has a Local History Museum; and is mostly known for its *Paltrockwindmühle* and Wine Festival.

The village of Klitzschen is another of Mockrehna's hamlets with a Romanesque Church — this one a gem made from stone. Every October Klitzschen hosts a Fish Festival, and it also has its own Christmas Market.

While Strelln's church doesn't look like a medieval one since its Baroque renovations, though it's still a 12th century one at heart. And the village you see today is much more pleasant than it was used to be in the early 1700s when it was in the grips of scary witch hunts.

On a more pleasant note, Mockrehna is found around the Dübener Heide Nature Park. Not that you'll have time to explore the 770 square kilometers of this awesome nature area — but try to hike

or bike around its moorlands and lakes.

Some of the town's cultural events are even more pleasant. Take the *Silvesterball* (on New Year's Eve), for instance. Or, come join in all the festivities at Carnival, and party like a German at the *Lindenfest* (end of June). If you got little ones traveling with you, then maybe the *Baum und Kinderfest* (April 30/May 1) might be the right party for you.

Then again, with Mockrehna being as big as it is, you're bound to find something that's just perfect for you.