

Mudersbach -- Creative License In The Siegerland?

Lovely, thanks to some bureaucrat the town of Mudersbach in [Rhineland-Palatinate](#) actually belongs to the Collective Municipality of [Kirchen \(Sieg\)](#). Yeah, try finding that on a map. ;-)

Whatever and wherever it is (hint: [Westerwald](#)) doesn't change the fact that Mudersbach is really three villages that borders [North Rhine-Westphalia](#). And it doesn't change the fact that if you're a true nature lover, you'll have a grand time of it here.

All sorts of cycle and hiking paths criss-cross all over the place. Some routes aren't very long, like the *Asdorftalradweg* (a bike route) that's just 11.8 km long. The *Siegtalradweg* (another biking route) is much longer, 140 km throughout the region. If one's too short, the other's too long — take the *Sauerland Radrिंग* at 83 km.

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What's even better is Mudersbach lies close to the Atta Höhle, or the Atta Cave, in nearby [Attendorn](#), which is also known as *Attendorner Tropfsteinhöhle*. Just wonderful to explore if you're into the whole cave exploration thing.

Like the natural side of things but don't want to head into a cave? Okay, no judgement, perhaps you'd like to see the nearby *Druidenstein*. Besides being a natural lava rock formation, it's steeped in legend; and said to be the sacrificial site of “noble virgins.”

Um, yeah. I'm not even gonna say anything sarcastic on that one — I'll leave it to you... ;-)

I'll just head right on over to the *Mariengrotte* instead, put here back in 1844. And I'll make sure to tell you about the Schinder Pond, a swimming area that's been used for outdoor recreation from

as far back as 1742.

Mining in the area goes way back further than that; and the Slate Mine Mudersbach (*Schieferstollen*) has tours that'll tell you all about it. It's cool down there — just 8 degrees Celsius.

What's even better is Mudersbach is close to a few castles. Wildenburg is one from 1230, with a 20-meter high keep. And Burg Freusberg is just slightly younger, built in 1247. Castle Friedewald is another one of those feats of medieval German engineering, too.

Speaking of the Middle Ages, the church in the village of Friesenhagen might be Baroque these days, but it started off as a medieval one back in 1131.

It might appear there wasn't a lot to celebrate back then — so let's be happy we're here now. This way we can party at Mudersbach's *Hüttenfest* in July, its Mudersbach Kirmes in October, and its Fall Festival in September.

Ahh, that was a tad out of order, wasn't it?

Who cares — if some bureaucrat can change the name of Mudersbach, I can be given some creative license, can't I? ;-)