

Müden -- Stamping The Fish Ladder In The Heath

There are three Müdens in Germany — one along the [Aller River](#) (this one), another one at the [Moselle River](#), and a third one only 61 km north of the one at the Aller, which is part of [Faßberg](#) nowadays.

Have I confused you yet? :-)

Solution: This page is about the town of Müden (Aller), found right along the edges of the [Lüneburg Heath](#). Ahh, I've been this way before, so rest assured when I tell you this Müden sits right in a pretty part of the state.

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However, it wasn't the natural landscape that had me mesmerized this time. Nope, it was the Church of St. Peter, that doesn't really strike me as looking like a church at all. It has more of an appearance of a stately manor house with its half-timbered construction. It's known for its paintings inside, but I think the exterior is remarkable as well.

Had we been able to visit Müden about a thousand years ago, we'd have been able to see its castle. Too bad this medieval structure is gone now, once located where the Aller meets up with the Oker River. Well, at least everyone can eat their sorrows away at missing the castle — Müden lies right close to the Lower Saxony Asparagus Route. Hey, we might not see royalty around here, but we all can enjoy the King's Vegetable, right?

A stop over to the *Heimatmuseum* (Local History Museum) will give you insights to the agricultural history of the region, as well as finding all about this *Fischtreppe* thing. From what I gather, it's known as a Fish Ladder — but that's about all I can explain. Sorry, having too much fun at the multi-

day *Volksfest*. It's a June event, if you want to come. ;-)

Other cultural events in Müden are the Community Flea Markets, and the *Herbstmarkt* held every October. And if you're into the whole outdoor recreational thing, come to the village of Flettmar, where fishing, hiking, biking and swimming are all the rage.

I'm just glad I found the right Müden — otherwise, I'd have seriously missed out.