

## Muggensturm -- Beauty Along The Black Forest

Bah, writer's block again. This blank page stares back at me, all the while as I'm trying to find the right words about the town of Muggensturm. Which, by the way, is only a stone's throw from the French border.

To the outside world, you'd think that there isn't much going on in Muggensturm — hence, the whole problem of trying to write about it. Yet, that's not it.

It's just... how do you manage to explain to someone about its annual *Volks & Heimatfest* that takes place every July that attracts thousands upon thousands of people from all around? Oh, I guess someone already did since Muggensturm's motto is, Family Friendly & Tradition Conscious.

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Oh, isn't that a nice way to say that Muggensturm doesn't have just one festival a year? Heck no, Muggensturm's a party girl with the *Kelterfest*, Fisherman's Festival, and Harvest Festival just in the month of September alone. October's a good month, too, as that's when the Palatinate Wine Festival takes place, followed by Advent & Winter Celebrations the rest of the year.

And how do you try to put into words about the Kaltenbachsee, a swimming area that's enjoyed by both the young and old, families and single people? So what if you can't swim? Don't sweat... there are plenty of hiking and bike trails running alongside. For the truly adventurous, there's even a spot to rent surfboards.

History and architecture enthusiasts will love being here, too. No more so than at the 13th century Chapel of St. Margaret. Though not as old, the Pfarramt Maria Königin der Engel is still a pretty enough church with its clock tower, tall spire, and arched windows.

Without a doubt, the best part of Muggensturm really is its countryside. Located in the [Upper Rhine Valley](#), and on the foothills of the [Black Forest](#) no less, the outdoor recreation is first-rate.

Your choice if you want to get in some tennis, play miniature golf, or just wander about the Leisure Center with its sheep and goats. Cheers to you if you can manage to do it all. ;-)

Look at that, the page on Muggensturm isn't blank anymore. With that out of the way, I wonder what else I'll manage to find around here...