

Neckargemünd And Its 60 Million Years Old Extinct Volcano

Neckargemünd on the [Neckar River](#) is one of those wonderful towns where you'll be pleasantly surprised just about every time you turn around. In addition to the old churches and castle ruins you'll find around the region, the Nature Park Neckartal Odenwald alone is enough to keep you busy for quite some time.

Since Neckargemünd was once a medieval town there are many timber framed buildings, as well as an old *Stadtmauer* (fortification wall). You can learn more about medieval life here at its local history museum housed within the Old City Hall.

You'll find out that Neckargemünd's School of Music is a far cry from the 16th century hotel and brewery it once was.

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There are also a few smashing churches here that are certainly worth your time. The St. Bartholomäus Church in Dilsberg was built in the late 14th century and the Protestant Parish Church within Neckargemünd proper is a late Gothic style church that goes back to the turn of the 13th century.

The castle ruins you'll find around Neckargemünd go back to around the same time. Castle Dilsberg stood for six centuries but has laid in ruins since the 19th century. It now is the place for summer concerts and the annual Craftsman's Market. There's also the Burg Reichenstein, which has been abandoned for the better part of 600 years.

Much older than any of the castles or churches that can be found in Neckargemünd (or anywhere else in the region) are the lands of the Nature Park Neckartal Odenwald. While there are numerous

hiking and biking trails, one of the most stunning is the *Katzenbuckel* (cat's embossment), an extinct volcano from *only* about 60 million years ago. When standing atop the forest's observation tower, you'll really be able to appreciate the sensational views of the mountains and lush forest.

No matter what you choose to see first here in Neckargemünd, you'll be pleasantly surprised by it all. Now, get out and enjoy it all!