

Neustadt bei Coburg -- From Kinderfest To The Guinness Book

Neustadt bei Coburg has been around since the later part of the 1200's when the Count von Wolweswac built his castle.

Having once lied on a major trade route from [Nuremberg](#) to [Leipzig](#), Neustadt had suffered terribly because of its strategic location during the [Thirty Years' War](#) (1618-1648) — despite its try to remain neutral. Ultimately it was a fire in 1636, not related to the war, that destroyed most of the small village (and once again in 1839).

Despite fires and war that have ravaged the city throughout the centuries, this town can look beyond the past and get down to celebrate big time.

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The annual *Kinderfest* held every summer is testament to that, as once a year the town's turned over to the children. They get to enjoy a costume pageant with lots of playing and dancing on the *Schützenplatz*.

Another great event is the Swing in the Park Festival, with two days of music and entertainment. Even the town hall gets in on the action with once-a-month music concerts held here.

Besides the festivals and music, there are plenty of other reasons to get outside and explore Neustadt. There are plenty of hiking and cycling trails all calling for you explore. The *Prinzregententurm*, or Prince Regent Tower, built in 1905 standing some 28 meters (~90 feet) high dwarfing the surrounding evergreens, will give you an excellent view of surrounding [Franconia](#) and [Thuringia](#).

And, not only is Neustadt bei Coburg famous for its tower, hiking, and biking trails, but is in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest fistball marathon in 2005.

Told you this was a town that knew how to party! ;-)