

Oberspreewald-Lausitz District Is A Wildlife Heaven

The Oberspreewald-Lausitz district, the southernmost county in [Brandenburg](#), is characterized by the numerous wild areas that abound here.

Oberspreewald-Lausitz District Map

Towns & Villages in the Oberspreewald-Lausitz District

- Altdöbern
- Bronkow
- [Calau](#)
- Frauendorf (Oberl.)
- Großkmehlen
- [Großräschen](#)
- Grünewald
- Guteborn
- Hermsdorf (Ruhland)

- Hohenbocka
- Kroppen
- [Lauchhammer](#)
- Lindenau (Oberl.)
- [Lübbenau \(Spreewald\)](#)
- Luckaitztal

- Neupetershain
- Neu-Seeland
- Ortrand

- Ruhland
- [Schipkau](#)
- Schwarzbach (Ruhl.)
- [Schwarzheide](#)
- [Senftenberg](#)
- Tettau (Ruhland)
- [Vetschau \(Spreewald\)](#)
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With the fall of the [Berlin Wall](#), many of the industrial plants here involving mining, brick production and glass manufacture fell into disrepair and over the years have now become a haven for wildlife. **Over 18,000 species of plants and animals** have been recorded here leading UNESCO to crown it a **Biosphere Reserve** underlining its international importance.

It is not just the woodlands that support so much wildlife — there is water aplenty. For example, the [Spree River](#) runs through the area, helping to give this wilderness area its name — the Spreewald.

Possibly the best-loved area for wildlife and nature lovers is the green and leafy town of [Lübbenau](#). Just on its doorstep you will find extensive rivers, flood plains and swamps that cover over 3,000 square kilometers. Knowledgeable rangers lead tours to help you fully appreciate the beauty you will find here.

Just down the road at [Senftenberg](#), the districts capital, you will also find Europe's largest collection of artificial lakes where watersports are popular. What about hiring a boat for a pleasant afternoon on the water? :-)