

## Oelsnitz (Erzgebirge) Is Where There's More Than Coal

Oelsnitz (Erzgebirge) might be a blue-collar mining town in the far East of Germany but, you'll find that it has more than just some lumps of coals laying around.

What this Oelsnitz in the [Ore Mountains](#) does have is one awesome lake where you can sit and relax or have some good old fun. Besides swimming, the entire complex at Am Haderwald has beach volleyball, table tennis, bowling, a life-sized chess set, playground for the kids, and a barbecue area for when you're hungry. During the summer movies are played at the *Waldbad Theater*.

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Wow, that's enough right there to keep you plenty busy. If you want a great view of Oelsnitz then climb the winding steel staircase at the *Glückaufurm*. It stands around about 36 meters or 100 feet high and has five lookout points — all the better to see gorgeous [Saxony!](#)

There are many walking, hiking, and bicycling trails throughout the forest if you'd rather stay closer to the ground.

Another venture that will keep you on the ground is a visit to the Heinrich Hartmann House. Mr. Hartmann's house at Lower Main Street 16 has many artistic exhibitions that change regularly — so you'll always be pleasantly surprised. Oh, and entrance is free, making this artistic hot spot a great value for the whole family.

Everyone in the family will love the Oelsnitz's Mining Museum, too. Don't miss the old steam train — the kid's will love it!

Adults may prefer a visit to nearby Castle Stein. This formidable medieval castle takes an interesting look at medieval aristocratic life with special exhibits on medieval torture and weapons. Castle Stein is considered to be one of the most remarkable and impressive castles in all of Saxony.

There's something to be said for this old mining town because no where else will you find a super fun lake and great history & culture. I told you that you'd find more than coal here! ;-)