

## Ottersberg -- No Map Changing For Quite Some Time

Ottersberg belongs to the [Holy Roman Empire](#). No, it belongs to Denmark. No, Sweden. No. Germany? For the last few hundred years, yes Germany. [North Germany](#) to be exact. But, it was once part of all the others as well.

Wow, that's a whole lot of map changing for one small place!

However, Ottersberg today is a small town in [Lower Saxony](#) with only around 12,000 residents spread out over five hamlets. So, it's not all that overcrowded and perfect for anyone looking to get away from civilization without giving up any modern convenience.

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You won't find a lot of "historical" sightseeing in the traditional sense; this is a more outdoorsy kind of vacation/visit spot. Although, on the road between Ottersberg and her village of Otterstedt you'll find an old Jewish Cemetery that's now considered a cultural protected area.

Cycling is the biggest attraction to this area of Lower Saxony and the Green Ring Cycle Track rides right through town. The Green Ring goes on for about 800 km throughout the countryside; of which 30 km comes through the Ottersberg area. Along the Green Ring you'll find farms, small lanes, the moorlands, and all-around pretty natural scenery.

There's gotta be something about the countryside that keeps bringing all sorts of artists to the area. Which explains all the art galleries in town.

If you're adventurous enough to try the Green Ring and find yourself staying the night in Ottersberg, there are quite a few little guesthouses and vacation homes to let.

One of the oldest is the small family owned *Bellmann's Gasthof*. It's been around for generations (1856 to be exact) and has four clean affordable rooms and a rustic family style restaurant (come eat, even if you're not staying the night).

Ottersberg is only about half an hour east of [Bremen](#), also on the Green Ring; so, hop on a bicycle and make your way on over. I promise, the map to find your way here hasn't changed in quite some time. ;-)