

Rechberghausen -- Small Size, Big Style

To call Rechberghausen diminutive might sound insulting, but really, it isn't. Well, what else would you call a town that isn't even seven square kilometers? Some might say it's teeny, others might call it Lilliputian — but I say whatever this town is missing in size, it makes up for it with style.

What I really liked most about Rechberghausen was all its festivals and cultural events. Every July you'll party with everyone for its *Städtlesfest*, held on the Kirchplatz. But, officially the party doesn't get started until the parade comes through the *Oberes Tor*. Called the Upper Gate in English, it is the only one of its kind in the entire [Göppingen District](#).

Nothing like a little history added in with our events for good measure, right? ;-)

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Other great events in Rechberghausen would be the Christmas Market, held on the first weekend of Advent. You've also got the Artist Market taking place in May — plus they really get into the Carnival spirit around here, and lets not forget about the Children's Theater Week. This last one just proves the town's claim of being a real family-friendly place.

Rechberghausen is also a wonderful place to get away from it all. Its location within the Schurwald, and close to the [Swabian Alb](#), makes some of the best scenery for hiking and biking through [southern Germany](#).

No wonder camping's a big deal around here — and if you got an RV, the campsites are open from March to October.

Then again, you'll want to walk through its "city" streets as well. Otherwise you might miss out on

seeing its Neue Schloss (New Castle, built 1721) that's now the town's *Rathaus* (Town Hall); and you might want to see the town's old castle with its St. John Chapel.

Speaking of castles, the Jazz concerts held at the town's castle are quite popular with just about everyone. People from all over love the sculptures found within the town's *Grüne Mitte*, or Green Center.

Plus, I'm a sucker for history, so I truly appreciated what remains of the town's fortifications, found along the Hauptstraße.

With all this going on, you won't give Rechberghausen's size another thought — I know I didn't. ;-)