

Schönwalde-Glien -- Forest Festivals Farewell To The Wall

Now that the infamous [Berlin Wall](#) is gone getting to the town of Schönwalde-Glien (and its villages) is much easier. Why? Well, only about two decades ago Schönwalde-Glien shared a border with West Berlin.

Politics and geography alone aren't all that Schönwalde-Glien offers. The area is heavily forested, which means plenty of hiking and bicycling trails. In fact, cycling is big around here and probably the best way to see the place. The forests are also the best setting for the annual Forest Festival in the middle of April.

Another great festival in Schönwalde-Glien is the *Frühlingsfest* or Spring Festival (also in mid-April). Then there's the Easter Bonfire (going according to the Christian calendar), May Day (May 1st), and the School Festival.

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Though technically not a festival, the town hosts Night Fishing events, as well as Rock-n-Roll party events at the Adventure Park.

Even if you're not into that particular music genre, you're always welcome at the Adventure Park for a day of fun. No doubt the kids will appreciate it.

Take them there first, then drag them to see the beautiful Baroque church in Schönwalde (built 1737) and another Baroque church in the village of Wansdorf. Baroque seems to be the popular choice in churches as there's yet another one in the village of Pausin. Glien's the odd man out since their village church is a neo-Gothic styled one. I guess Glien decided to dance to the beat of a different drummer. ;-)

Old buildings in Schönwalde-Glien aren't limited to churches. There are many half timbered houses in town, the oldest being the *Schwanenkrug* (built in 1786).

I know they're not as old as the framework houses, but the farmhouses you'll find here in Schönwalde-Glien are just picture perfect pretty.

Schönwalde-Glien might share its border with the mega-happening big city of [Berlin](#), but no one says you have to go or stay there! ;-)