

Seegebiet Mansfelder Land -- Sweet, Salty, Spicy?

What a long name the new town of Seegebiet Mansfelder Land in [Saxony-Anhalt](#) has. Another thing it's got is a Sweet Lake and a Salty Lake.

I haven't found a Hot & Spicy Lake here yet though. Give me enough time, and I'm sure I will. ;-)

Forget the jokes for a minute. Seegebiet Mansfelder Land is a town of 15 districts that borders [Lutherstadt Eisleben](#), and is pretty close to [Halle](#).

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What it also does is make wine. In fact, many vineyards frame the Süße See (uh, that would be the Sweet Lake).

On the southern side of the Süße See is Aseleben, a village famous for its fruits (yummy, cherries & plums), and its annual Pentecostal Events.

Lüttchendorf is also on the Sweet Lake, but it's Seeburg that grabs much of the lake's attention. Every year they have a Lake in Flames Festival in July, and its Schloss Seeburg takes up considerable waterfront property.

The castle, BTW, wasn't put here during the Renaissance because of its Renaissance-style appearance. Nope, this was a medieval castle first — and before that the hillside was used during prehistoric times.

Wansleben am See is also on the Sweet Lake, and once an area for the big industry of potash mining.

On the northern side of that lake is Dederstedt, which also sits along a nature park. It's also where the Laweke River flows — and where you can see the Church of St. Susanna, which was built in 1230.

I know I keep mentioning the Sweet Lake, but what about the salty one? The Salziger See, which gets its water from the Weide-Salzke, dried up.

No, really, back in 1895, the lake lost more than 30 million cubic gallons of water almost overnight. Now more than a hundred years later, the lake is only 15-percent of its former glory.

At this point, I still haven't found the Hot & Spicy Lake — but still continuing to look.

Next stop? Erdeborn and its Old Windmill and Church of St. Bartholomew. Even better this village has a Summer Festival, a Family Festival (3rd weekend of August), and a Christmas Market.

I don't think it gets any sweeter than that. No wonder the lakes are so sweetly named. Forget Hot & Spicy — I'm done looking, to stay right here.