

Sömmerda District Has A Scented Past

North of the capital city of [Erfurt](#), the Sömmerda District sits in central [Thuringia](#). This very flat land borders onto the state of [Saxony-Anhalt](#) to its eastern edge, and is criss-crossed by a network of agricultural fields and farming villages.

Sömmerda District Map

Towns & Villages in the Sömmerda District

- Alperstedt
- Andisleben
- Beichlingen
- Bilzingsleben
- Büchel
- Buttstädt
- Eckstedt
- Ellersleben
- Elxleben (Gera)
- Eßleben-Teutleben
- Frömmstedt
- Gangloffsömmern
- Gebesee
- Griefstedt

- Großbrennbach
- Großmölsen
- Großmonra
- Großneuhausen
- Großrudstedt

- Günstedt
- Guthmannshausen
- Hardisleben
- Haßleben (Thuringia)
- Henschleben
- Herrnschwende
- Kannawurf
- Kindelbrück
- Kleinbrennbach
- Kleinmölsen
- Kleinneuhausen
- [Kölleda](#)
- Mannstedt
- Markvippach
- Nöda
- Olbersleben
- Ollendorf
- Ostramondra
- Rastenberg

- Riethgen
- Riethnordhausen
- Ringleben (Gebesee)
- Rudersdorf
- Schillingstedt
- Schloßvippach
- Schwerstedt
- [Sömmerda](#)
- Sprötau
- Straußfurt
- Udestedt
- Vogelsberg
- Walschleben
- Weißensee
- Werningshausen
- Witterda

- Wundersleben
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The town of [Sömmerda](#) is the capital of the region, and still boasts a defensive medieval layout, with one town gate and six various-shaped towers around the *Altstadt* (the Old Town) still surviving today. It sits perfectly on the main Unstrut river and was, and still is, a center for trade and tourism.

The huge 6th century Romanesque Runneburg castle in Weissensee has bulky ramparts and towers around a central courtyard, and is typical of defenses in this rather flat region.

The nearby town of [Kölleda](#) is known locally as the Peppermint City because of its long history of growing aromatic and medicinal herbs.

All in all, the general area of the Sömmerda District is very fertile land, with a strong agricultural link, criss-crossed by small fields and waterways.