

Twistringen -- A Guinness Book Of World Records Town

Twistringen is a small town in [Lower Saxony](#) that's easily reached by train in about 45 minutes from both [Osnabrück](#) and [Bremen](#). Plus, its location in the [Wildeshausen Geest](#) makes Twistringen the perfect place to start exploring the countryside.

Twistringen offers a variety of guided walking and cycling tours throughout the countryside. It's great for getting an insider's look into the Geest and around town; it's worth the few Euro to join in on the fun.

The Geest isn't Twistringen's only claim to fame; the town has made it into the Guinness Book of World Records. For what, you ask? Well, Twistringen was once the epicenter of strawmaking and to celebrate its 750th birthday, the town made the largest straw hat, earning its way into the record books. The hat now sits in the Twistringen Straw Museum!

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After checking out the Guinness record breaker, it's time to explore the Geest. The nature protected moorlands are especially pretty and quite popular with cyclists and hikers alike. Look for the Pestruper Grave Fields, a protected area dating to the Bronze Age.

Another grave area that's protected is Twistringen's Jewish Cemetery. The last Jewish grave dates to 1939, although there were three Russian POW's buried here after the [Second World War](#).

While you're out seeing the sites of Twistringen don't miss the ruins of the Hünenburg in the village of Stöttinghausen, where only the ring wall of the original 9th century castle remains.

Twistringen DOES have more than just old graves and castle ruins; it's a center for art and culture.

The town has many classical music concerts, cabaret, and art exhibits throughout the year.

St. Anna's Church is another cultural center for the town; in fact it's tower (standing about 150 feet high) is Twistringen's landmark. And, its baptismal font is over 800 years old.

With a town as great as Twistringen it should be in record books for so much more, don't you agree? ;-)