

## Wagenfeld -- The Bicycle Paradise Of Lower Saxony

It's a good thing that [Lower Saxony](#) is mostly flat. Because the thought of doing the town of Wagenfeld's 400km of biking trails uphill both ways (ha-ha) is a tad daunting.

Just joking about the uphill part, but biking can be a bit tiring nonetheless. At least you can get a little rest at the town's outdoor theater offering performances in Low German.

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There's a Jewish cemetery — which is one of eight in the district that borders [North Rhine-Westphalia](#). I mention the cemetery because it's not out of the ordinary to use them as a park of sorts, mostly to engage in quiet activities like reading.

For something more upbeat than the *Großmarkt* festivity at the end of August is right up your alley. This 400 year old event is held on the last Friday of every August offering everything from crafts to dancing and farm animals. The market kicks off with tapping of a beer. Let the drinking begin! ;-)

Forget the beer for a minute, let's go back to animals for a sec. As if the market doesn't offer enough of a chance to see some then you'll want to see the *Tierpark Ströhen* with its Arabian horses, kangaroos, tigers, etc.

Plus, along the *Sagenhaftes Wagenfeld*, a 50km route with 12 "stations," there are some 600 different animal species to see; and a bunch of 16th to 19th century houses.

Anyone looking for just an outdoor activity that isn't a Discovery Channel adventure then that

would be a trip over to the *Hallenfreibad*, an indoor/outdoor pool (with waterslide no less) complex with its own R/V area and restaurant.

There's always 18-holes of golf to do too. Don't know a birdie from an eagle (like me)? Then try the driving range — it's always a stress reliever to whack something with a stick. Trust me, I know. ;-)

On that note, my time in Wagenfeld is done. Thankfully I don't have to pedal uphill to leave.