

## Waldbüttelbrunn -- A Wallop In The Community Forest

What a wonderful town Waldbüttelbrunn turned out to be. Located just eight kilometers west of the fabulous city of [Würzburg](#), who really knew the greatness that was contained within just 19 square kilometers — I sure didn't, but I'm glad I do now.

And it isn't as if there are like a bazillion small hamlets that make up Waldbüttelbrunn, there are only three districts, so it really packs a punch in a small amount of space. ;-)

At this point I must sound like a broken record (that means to repeat myself over and over for the younger generation who don't know what records are), since I keep saying you need to be outside to truly experience the grandeur of [Lower Franconia](#). Good thing there are some five different Nordic Walking trails throughout town.

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Don't balk, it's not as if you gotta hike some long-distance scenic route — the Nordic Walking paths are an easy 2.2km on Route #1, with the longest being Route #4 at 10km. Number 2, by the way, will take you past the *Kapelle zum Guten Hirten*, or Chapel of the Good Shepard.

What? Who didn't know at this point I absolutely love old churches? So, speaking of those, don't miss visiting the Pfarrkirche (Parish Church) of St. Joseph, built only in the 1860s, and there's the Church of St. Kilian, if you're so inclined to visit that one, too.

Right at where the Kirchstraße meets the Lindenstraße is the town's Old Church, which now acts as its Culture Center. Sweet, who doesn't love a grand cultural event in true Franconian style?

As for Waldbüttelbrunn's cultural events, that would include such goodies as its *Bockbierfest* (held

during Lent); its Carnival (right before Lent); the Maypole festivities (May 1st); the *Pfarrfest* (in June); its *Bartholomäus Kirchweih* (an August affair); and the Christmas Market (end of November).

Ahh, I knew I missed one in the list — that would be the Cabaret Festival in October. Plus, you can always join in on one of the guided community hikes.

For those wishing for solitude, venture out on your own into the Community Forest (*Gemeindewald*) with paths shaded by majestic Oaks and Maples. Keep a look out for a variety of wildlife including woodpeckers, owls, bats, and bugs.

Eww, bugs are creepy. I'll take a visit to the old Tithe Barn from the 1700s, a stroll over an old stone bridge, and a stop at the World War I Memorial in the village of Roßbrunn, or scope out the foundations of the old *Jagdschloss* in Mädelhofen instead.

Do you see why I said Waldbüttelbrunn packs a wallop — even with the bugs in the forest. ;-)