

Waldmohr -- Great For Being Outdoors

Chopped in half by the Glan River, the town of Waldmohr has to be one of the best towns to spend every waking minute outdoors.

Wait a second, does cave exploration count as an outdoor activity?

That's a question to ponder as you're scoping out the Schlossberg Caves, said to be the largest cave of its kind in all of Europe.

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I don't necessarily know if that's true, but what I do know about Waldmohr is: it's really pretty; and it doesn't matter the season either. Just find yourself any bike trail or hiking path to see everything from storks to butterflies, fish to flowering plants.

One of the more popular bike/hike trails through the region is the *Glan-Blies-Weg*, a 130 km route following the Glans, eventually ending in France. The route follows the old train tracks in, and around, Waldmohr.

And you'll most certainly have to be outside to see some of the castles around town. Follow the *Ritter-Gerin-Weg* to what used to be Burg Kübelberg — creepy that not much remains of the old 13th century castle except the gallows.

Another castle ruin is the Burgruine Hohenburg; this castle was also from the 13th century — but sadly didn't survive past the beginning years of the 1700s.

There's more to see and do at one of Barbarossa's old castles, the Gustavsburg. The castle itself

has been rebuilt a few times over the last 900 years, but today houses the *Burg- und Schlossmuseum Jägersburg*.

While technically not a castle, the *Eichelscheiderhof* is (was) a Duchy estate from the 16th century — if anything, its unique horse-shoe design is worth seeing.

The other museum in Waldmohr is found in the village of Breitenbach, where you'll find the Farmer's Museum, as well as the neo-Gothic designed St. Jacob Church.

Of course no trip to Waldmohr should be without seeing the pretty Protestant Pfarrkirche, built way back in 1765; nor should you miss coming to the Marktplatz Festival, its *Kirmes*, or its Christmas Market.

So it seems Waldmohr is the best for being outdoors, but sounds just as good for a party or two. ;-)