

Warthausen -- Fun On The Öchsle In Upper Swabia

The lovely town of Warthausen couldn't be found in any prettier place than [Upper Swabia](#), just between [Ulm](#) and [Ravensburg](#).

Its countryside isn't its only "attraction," it's a charming place where you'll find a castle once owned by Barbarossa; a museum dedicated to the button; and fun cultural events throughout the year.

Because I mentioned the great outdoors first — let's start there. I'd say one of the best places to start your trek around the great outdoors would be the Öchsle Bike Path. What's great about the bike trail is, the "sightseeing" train (with a cool looking locomotive) that runs along side the bike trail. Well, that is if you're here between May and October.

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What else did I say there was? Oh yes, the Button Museum. Maybe I should call it by its German name: the *Knopfmuseum*. Either way, the museum is all about the important role of buttons, some of which that have survived from as far back as the Bronze Age.

While not that *old*, the 16th century Warthausen Castle is still historical. The original medieval castle was once owned by Barbarossa, but that one burned down in the late 15th century. The one before you today is a grand example of 16th century Renaissance construction.

Another of Warthausen's pretty architecture is the Pfarrkirche, located at Heggelinstraße 3. It's unique clock tower steeple is what's worth seeing — in my not so humble opinion. ;-)

There was a brewery around here for more than 335 years, but it closed in 1970. Oh well, you'll

just have to get a beer from one of the local eateries instead. But, I know there's plenty flowing at any one of Warthausen's many cultural events. Ok, maybe not at the Autumn Concerts (go out for one afterwards) — but you've got plenty of opportunity at the *Gartenfest* (August); Summer Festival (also August); the *Christbaummarkt* (November); and the Christmas Market in December.

I told you Warthausen was pretty — as well as being a great place to experience the outstanding South German countryside. Gotta go, or I'll miss my train... ;-)