

Weimarer Land -- Two Secret Histories, Wine Routes, War Crimes

In central [Thuringia](#), surrounding the city of [Weimar](#) itself is the district of Weimarer Land. To the south there are stretches of the [Thüringer Wald](#), reaching up to 500 meters high. To the north is the flatter, more fertile Thüringer Becken where the rivers Ilm and [Saale](#) meet.

Weimarer Land Map

Towns & Villages in the Weimarer Land

- [Apolda](#)
- Auerstedt
- [Bad Berka](#)
- [Bad Sulza](#)
- Ballstedt
- Bechstedtstraße
- Berlstedt
- [Blankenhain](#)
- Buchfart
- Buttelstedt
- Daasdorf (Berge)

- Döbritschen
 - Eberstedt
 - Ettersburg
 - Flurstedt
 - Frankendorf
 - Gebstedt
 - Großheringen
 - Großobringen
 - Großschwabhausen
 - Gutendorf
 - Hammerstedt
 - Heichelheim
 - Hetschburg
 - Hohenfelden
 - Hopfgarten
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- Isseroda
 - Kapellendorf
 - Kiliansroda
 - Kleinobringen
 - Kleinschwabhausen
 - Klettbach
 - Ködderitzsch
 - Kranichfeld
 - Krautheim
 - Kromsdorf
 - Lehnstedt
 - Leutenthal
 - Liebstedt
 - Magdala
 - Mattstedt
 - Mechelroda
 - Mellingen
 - Mönchenholzhausen
 - Nauendorf (Kranich.)
 - Neumark
 - Niederreißen
 - Niederroßla
 - Niedertrebra
 - Niederzimmern
 - Nirmsdorf
 - Nohra

- Oberreißen
- Obertrebra
- Oettern
- Oßmannstedt
- Ottstedt (Berge)
- Pfiffelbach
- Ramsla
- Rannstedt
- Reisdorf
- Rittersdorf
- Rohrbach
- Saaleplatte
- Sachsenhausen
- Schmiedehausen
- Schwerstedt
- Tonndorf
- Troistedt
- Umpferstedt
- Vippachedelhausen
- Vollersroda
- Wickerstedt
- Wiegendorf
- Willerstedt
- Wohlsborn
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Several spa towns can be found here. [Bad Berka](#) on the Ilm is situated in a spruce and beech forest and has sulphur baths; it is also a health resort. This also happens to be the location of a very popular annual open air music festival.

[Bad Sulza](#) is also dual purpose. Not only offering its curative springs, it is close to the start of the Saale-Unstrut wine route.

This region of Weimarer Land has an 800 year tradition of viticulture — you will be more than welcome to join the locals for some wine tasting in the summer months! :-)

Just outside of the city of [Weimar](#), however, are the ghostly ruins of the Buchenwald Concentration camp. The mass graves of the 56,500 prisoners killed here sit beside the entrance to what is now a

UNESCO site; preserved intact in the hope of preventing such atrocities being repeated.