

Westerrönfeld -- Laconism Along The Kiel Canal

I'm fully aware this whole page here at MyGermanCity.com is supposed to be about the town of Westerrönfeld, but as it's part of the Amt Jevenstedt (i.e., a Collective Municipality), I'm gonna throw stuff about its other villages in here, too.

Fantastic, ten communities all rolled neatly into one.

Located on the [Kiel Canal](#), Westerrönfeld is awfully close to [Rendsburg](#), and along the Ochsenweg — a long distance hiking route these days. As for these days, Westerrönfeld (and its other sister communities) is quite different from back during the days of the [Thirty Years' War](#) when much of the place was looted by invading troops.

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Thankfully no one has to worry about that these days, but the old Jewish cemetery that was used for almost 300 years was destroyed by the Nazis back in 1939 — there was even a Plague cemetery here, too.

Ok, enough with that kind of history, it's on to see places like the [Aukrug Nature Park](#), a terrific nature reserve full of rivers and ponds, and teeming with all kinds of wildlife — like storks and bats, to just name a few. Within the nature park itself are the villages of Hamweddel and Brinjahe.

What you'll find in the village of Luhnstedt are some great hiking and cycling routes along pretty scenery along meadows and moors, and in Schülpe is a thriving Low German cultural scene. That's in addition, by the way, to an informative museum here in Schülpe.

Jevenstedt's history goes all the way back to the Iron Age, but its pretty village church has only

been around since the 17th century, while Hörsten's great for taking to the skies — its airfield is just where you can pay to get a bird's eye view of the place.

It's back to walking on terra firma in the village of Haale, known for its agricultural landscape. Your choice if you want to explore around one of its walking trails, or if you prefer to stay put for the town's *Erntedankfest* every October. No problem if you can't make that, there's always the *Freudenberger Waldfest* every July instead.

Westerrönfeld is great onto itself, but when you add in everything else from the Amt Jevenstedt it's even better. I know you'll agree. ;-)