

## Wettenberg -- Winter Concerts And Disco Music

It doesn't take a genius to figure out when you've stumbled onto something good. You'll find it within the Gleiberger Valley of Hesse, in the town of Wettenberg. A place that has three local history museums; one in each of its local villages.

But, they aren't the biggest attraction to these parts. It's the Gleiberg Castle that holds that title. Its tower (pardon the pun) towers over 31 meters or 102 feet high with smashing views over the landscape. The lower part of the castle has a tiny restaurant, but the rest of the 10th century Burg is in ruins.

Well, Wettenberg isn't all history books and old medieval fortresses. No, this is a jolly good time town.

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Wettenberg's villages are always holding a festival of some sort. Each hamlet has its own *Kirmes* (church) celebration (Gleiberg in June, Wißmar in August, and one in Launsbach).

One of the largest party festivals is on the last weekend of July, the *Oldiesfestival*. Come dance, dress, and listen to the sounds of the '60's & '70's. Yes, that means pack your bellbottoms and Disco 8-tracks. If you're under 30 and you're asking what an 8-track is — go ask your beloved parents. ;-)

It won't matter how old you are for Wißmar's Fairy Tale Day in May. Lots of little [German towns](#) are right out of a storybook and Wettenberg is no exception.

Still more fun (food, music, dancing, etc.) can be had at the town's Harvest Market. Think yummy

autumn veggies and great gifts to bring home!

After shopping and sightseeing there's no place better to sit and relax than either at Launsbacher or Wissmarer See. Well, if you consider swimming & fishing relaxing, that is. :-)

If you'd rather commune with nature then the walking paths through the Krofdorf Forest is just the place to do it.

Winter doesn't slow Wettenberg down for a minute. That's when everyone heads inside for the town's famous winter classical music concerts. The best part is that they're usually free and a fine way to spend a cold winter's evening. FYI, donations are graciously accepted at the end of the show.