

Wiehl Keeps Its Attractions Over, Under, And All Around

Wiehl doesn't try to keep everything at eye level. It would never fit! To get everything in, the town has put things to do at every level. There are things over the town, under the town and of course all around the town, too.

If you start with around the town you will have to keep your eyes open as you walk about the place. In the summer time Wiehl has a very unusual thing running through the town as a kind of moving historical festival. It's an old mail coach that is actually carrying the mail. Pulled by horses with a driver, it is completely true to life, except for the brakes. They modernized the brakes in 2005 to be sure they could stop in time to save pedestrians!

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The coach was based on an old mail coach route from 1871, and started running again each summer in 1973. It's a build out of another attraction in Wiehl, the museum of the wheel. The museum has 5,500 years of vehicular engineering and wheelworks on display, and admission is free.

An even better display is the town of Wiehl itself. If you go up the *Bismarckturm* you can get a view over the whole area. The *Bismarckturm* is an outlook tower that was built from Greywacke in 1909 and it is nearly 17 meters high. For a hundred year old building, its hexagonal shape is still in really good condition.

Finally, you will want to check out the attractions under the town. Wiehl has both drip caves and old mining tunnels to explore. The better of the two is the Cave Wiehl, which has more than 1500 meters of passages to check out. But watch out — exploring the cave can be really cold as it is 8 degrees year round.

Yet if you are feeling really adventurous, you can even have your wedding held 30 meters underground in the Cave Chapel! It's very popular with locals but they can arrange it for tourists to do it as well.