

In Wildau, Is It All About Its Volkshaus?

Every Wednesday local historians meet at the *Volkshaus* (built 1906) compiling information and history about the town of Wildau. Not only have they created books of Wildau's history, they also offer organized guided tours of their community! What better way to see a place than through the eyes of someone who has lived here for years?

Now just because Wildau is just south of [Berlin](#) doesn't mean that it's an ultra happening city, or anything. Quite the contrary, really.

The biggest draw to Wildau is the *Volkshaus* itself. Built at the turn of the last century (no, not this one ha-ha), the *Volkshaus* is home to more than just Wildau's local history organization.

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For years there were concerts, theater and opera performances, and even puppet shows at the town's cultural building. Then came the days of the [Second World War](#) and the *Volkshaus* went dark. Thankfully, it is back in use again not only for operas and plays — but, rock concerts as well!

The Second World War didn't just shut down the *Volkshaus* — it will forever leave a mark on Wildau. You'll find a Soviet Memorial dedicated to 61 Soviet POW's and 35 soldiers and an Honorary Tomb dedicated to 44 forced laborers (from the Soviet Union, France, Poland, and Italy).

In addition to the *Volkshaus*, residents like to meet up at the town's three sports halls. You've got everything from an indoor pool, to bowling, and even a multiplex cinema.

If you're more the outdoorsy type, there's a place to play beach volleyball, jump in a swimming lake, and lots of little forest walking trails. Sounds good, right?

I personally like the little lane that leads up to the Church of Peace (built 1909). This forlorn looking church is at its most beautiful when the clouds are dark gray and a violent storm is on the horizon — because then its bright gold hands on the clock tower really stand out against the drab, dreary sky.

Better yet, leave your historian guide here and enjoy this all to yourself! ;-)