

Wustermark -- From Medieval Blob To Olympic Village

Who would have thought that one of the greatest things to happen to the medieval town of Wustermark would have been in the 20th century?

It was the XI Olympic Games (Berlin 1936) that really put this place on the world map, when the enormous Olympic Village was built. This place is huge, over a half-million square meters to be exact.

You can see this massive complex (that had a swimming pool, running track, and football/soccer field); that was also used as a hospital and a Soviet Army Infantry School in the subsequent years after the games were long over.

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The Olympic Village, as well as the Döberitzer Heide are located close to the village of Elstal (one of Wustermark's hamlets), as well as the city of [Berlin](#) (if you haven't noticed yet).

Within the Döberitzer Heide you'll find an extensive network of hiking trails that pass along many rare plants and animals in the grasslands.

If you want to see more of the historical side of Wustermark then it's the Old Town of Wustermark proper. This part of town dates back to the very early 13th century, with a charming village church in the center of it all.

The village of Priort is almost two centuries younger than its Wustermark counterpart, but this village too has a charming village church. The old manor house that was once the center of aristocratic life is now a home for senior citizens.

You don't have to be a "senior" to see it, ya know. ;-)

When old buildings are on your itinerary, might I mention to visit the *Rangierbahnhof*? You'll find quite a few structures built in what's called the [Prussian](#) style. I'm not sure exactly what that means; all I know is that this area was once part of Prussia.

Whether Prussian or German, Olympic enthusiast or nature lover; you're going to find that Wustermark is a wonderful place to see and be at.