

welcome to PRIGNITZ



Prignitz: A Cyclist's Paradise

Discover Prignitz along well-developed bike tracks. Regardless of whether it's on the dike with a panoramic view of the Elbe, across vast flat fields and through forests, or in historical little towns and idyllic villages – it's fun to enjoy the breeze in your hair in Prignitz.

A route network with over 1,100 kilometers and a junction point sign system await you. At a crossroads where at least three bike routes meet, you find a numbered junction point which also directs you towards the next closest junction points. Every one of these signposts has an accompanying board showing a map of the area and touristic offers within a radius of 7 kilometers. This way you can easily plan a bike tour. Not only does one of Germany's most popular bike paths, the

Elberadweg, run through this rural idyll, but also thematic tours such as the Clover Towns Tour along the Kyritz lake chain, the Borderland Tour following the former inner-German border, or the tour Treasure Hunt that leads to the palace in Meyenburg and to Germany's biggest fashion museum.

More information, route descriptions and downloadable GPS tracks:

www.radlerparadies-prignitz.de





Tip

You can find an overview of the museums and the opening hours at

 www.prignitzer-museen.de

Making History Tangible



Prignitz is one of the oldest cultural landscapes of the Margraviate of Brandenburg. Prignitz' museums function as historical memories keeping the region's rich heritage alive. More than 20 museums make (his-)story tangible.

Not only can you find Germany's first fashion museum here, which is located at the Meyenburg Palace, but also the biggest railroad museum in Brandenburg, situated at the historical enginehouse in Wittenberge. Both adult and children's hearts beat faster here. On a tour through the "old Freyenstein" with Jakob and Freya you find out about one of the best preserved excavated medieval towns in Central Europe, or experience railroad history up close by riding the only narrow gauge train, "Pollo", in Brandenburg. In Prignitz you can relish in culture anywhere: whether it's in towns with historical town centers like Perleberg with its Stadt- und Regionalmuseum, or in cozy villages like the country parish in Blüten; or in former palaces and manors such as the palace museum Wolfshagen with the most extensive collection of Central European underglaze blue painted porcelain, former industrial buildings like the SINGER clocktower that is considered the biggest in Europe and holds a collection of sewing machines, or in historical masonries like the crypt by the fortified church in Kampehl where renowned physicians puzzle over the mysterious mummification of the knight Kalebuz to this day.



Zeitschätze Prignitz

Bronze Age burial mounds, a new age battlefield, and medieval towns are some of the Zeitschätze Prignitz, the treasures of time in Prignitz. They allow you to experience history from the Stone Age to the Middle Ages and the Thirty-Years War up close. Sounds of bloody battles, stories of brave soldiers from all across Europe, or treasures of rich kings carry visitors back to a diffe-

rent time seeing as Prignitz has – like hardly any other region – an unusually high density of historical treasures. Over 4.300 archaeological sites have been secured so far and bear witness to the abundant historical legacy of the region. Important discoveries of the Zentrale Archäologische Orte like the Bronze Age royal tomb Seddin, the mass grave at the battlefield 1636 and the unique deserted medieval town Freyenstein are excavation highlights of national and international degree. A total of six archaeological places, the so called Zeitschätze Prignitz, have been defined as outstanding and offer a great touristic potential specifically for culture lovers.

www.zeitschaetzeprignitz.de



More archaeological treasures in Prignitz

3300 – 3100 BC



Megalithic Tomb Mellen

9th century BC



Royal Tomb Seddin

10th century AD



Castle Lenzen

13th century AD



Archaeological Park Freyenstein

13th century AD



Aristocratic Estate Meyenburg

17th century AD



Battlefield 1636 Wittstock



Experience Nature



Between the UNESCO biosphere reserve Flusslandschaft Elbe-Brandenburg in the West, the border to the Mecklenburg Lake District in the North and the Kyritz lake chain in the East, Prignitz is known to be the ideal place for nature lovers to let all their cares behind.

Prignitz still offers vast expanses of untouched nature. However, if you open your eyes and ears, you can discover a lot more here: the wind rustles in the canopies, the Elbe flows idly, bees hum and nightjars – an endangered bird species that is rare in Germany – “purr” in the Kyritz-Ruppiner heather. Firebelly toads call mysteriously from the Rambow moor and the moor frogs that are ready to mate conduct an impressive bubbling concert. In spring and summer visitors of the village Rühstätt with Germany’s biggest stork population are greeted by loud clattering, and in the fall the geese’s quacking sounds are accompanied by the cranes’ loud trumpeting while they build up fat reserves for the winter. In short: it’s a wildlife concert! www.dieprignitz.de/natur

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Hiking paths, information, route descriptions and downloadable GPS tracks:

 www.dieprignitz.de



Wander Prignitz



Is there anything better than exploring nature on foot?

Explore Prignitz on lovely regional circular hiking paths and thematic routes. The hiking paths lead through the unmatched vast of open Prignitz landscapes whose luscious meadows and picturesque pastures are interspersed with little green groves. Whether it's an idle walk across plains or a longer, more demanding tour – with only very little equipment you can explore rivers, lakes, animals, idyllic little towns, forests, moors and much more. Prignitz' hiking paths lead to special places, archaeological highlights, unstraightened watercourses, to the "Schmuggerheide", the Dranser lake or moor landscapes. Educational trails tell the story of how the landscape was created, local animal and plant species, the history of the region or cultural specials. The Zweiseitenweg around the Rambow moor is no longer an insider tip: the 12 km long path leads around one of the most beautiful fens in Brandenburg. Along the way boards with the history of and information about the place have been installed. Experience moor (his-) stories from two perspectives – historical and contemporary. However, you can wander through Prignitz towns, too: the Grüne Route runs through the Elbe town Wittenberge. A Ginkgo leaf shows the way which passes the most beautiful green places in Wittenberge and introduces you to the different aspects of the town. www.dieprignitz.de/wandern



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