Welcome to the holiday region of lakes Scharmützelsee and Storkower See. An unique and beautiful tourism destination!
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The lakes Scharmützelsee and Storkower See

- Bad Saarow
- Wendisch Rietz
- Storkow (Mark)
- Dienisdorf-Radlow, Reichenwalde, Dahmsdorf, Langewahl
- Cultural centres and activities
- Wellness and spa facilities
- Golf and Tennis
- Fun on the water and sailing
- Swimming and fishing
- Biking
- Nordic Walking and Hiking
- Carriage rides and horseback riding
- Zoos
- Other leisure and sporting facilities
This attractive region comprising an area of 320 km² is characterized by forested, hilly landscape formed in the last ice age. There are over 30 lakes of various sizes, most of them linked to one another like a string of pearls via a series of canals and waterways.

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You can find large woods, salt meadows, fields, hills, large inland dunes and a lot of clean water like streams, lakes and canals. One of the largest inland dune areas in the country with a variety of rare steppe plant species is in Storkow. The Dahme-Heideseen nature reserve and park is largely situated along the boundaries of the town Storkow and parish of Wendisch Rietz.

A large portion of the Groß Schauen chain of lakes belongs to Sielmann natural landscapes. Explore diverse fauna and flora with rare plants and animals and experience nature.

**Some facts**

There are about 9,600 inhabitants in the whole Scharmützelsee department including Bad Saarow and its districts of Petersdorf and Neu Golm (about 5,600 inhabitants), Wendisch Rietz (about 1,500 inhabitants), Dienstorf-Radlow (approx. 600 inhabitants), Reichenwalde including the districts of Dahmsdorf and Kolpin (approx. 1,100 inhabitants) as well as Langewahl (800 inhabitants).

In the Storkow region there are approx. 9,000 inhabitants, including the assimilated districts and former parishes of Alt Stahnsdorf, Bugk, Görsdorf, Groß Eichholz, Groß Schauen, Kehrigk, Kummensdorf, Limsdorf, Philadelphia, Rieplos, Schwerin, Selchow and Wochowsee, of which about 6,000 live in the Storkow municipal area. The former agricultural town of Storkow is one of the oldest towns in Brandenburg and lies directly on the Storkower See.

Tourism plays an important role and is the principle economic activity. There are over 6,000 beds in hotels, guest houses, holiday homes, apartments, youth hostels and camp grounds in our holiday region as a whole. Agriculture, forestry and fishing as well as small retail and trade enterprises (for instance the Neu Boston industrial estate) characterize local economy in the parishes, too. Storkow is also home to the german armed forces.
Bad Saarow was awarded the status of state-approved spa in 1998 as the first spa town in the state of Brandenburg and received unrestricted certification as thermal brine and moor health spa. SaarowTherme (thermal baths) is one of the most modern wellness and spa baths in Europe. Excellent medical facilities include the HELIOS Clinics Bad Saarow and specialized centers as well as medical specialists.

Tourism is directed here towards spa, wellness and sports tourism with 11 comfortable hotels, 4 guest houses, holiday homes and apartments (some of which are located in complexes, like the Schlosspark Bad Saarow) with about 2,500* beds, a youth hostel with 92 beds, a mansion with special offers for groups of up to 30 children (Integrative Kindervilla), a lot of private holiday homes and a campsite.

The hotels are predominantly in the superior category, with the A-ROSA Scharmützelsee, Hotel Esplanade Resort & Spa, Hotel Palais am See, Landhaus am See Alte Eichen, Villa Contessa and Victoria Suites and the new a-ja Resort. Other hotels are planned.

Large parks and elegant villas and estates characterize the traditional spa resort and the spa gardens invite for strolling and short walks. A lot of health and wellness programmes are completed by a variety of attractions, leisure activities and sporting facilities, cultural programs and events, regular guided tours through Bad Saarow on Sundays or in the evening as well as culinary highlights.

* Source: Brandenburg (State) Office for Data Processing and Statistics in Potsdam, small businesses providing accommodation of more than 10 beds
Some historical facts illustrate the development of Bad Saarow to an attractive spa resort.

At the end of the 19th century, the two villages, Saarow and Pieskow, along the shores of the myth-enshrouded Scharmützelsee were rightfully described as “the forgotten corner of the Mark Brandenburg” – insignificant and without reliable public transportation. Thanks to the financing of the Berliner Landesbank AG in the years 1905/1906 and the creation of plans for an extensive colony of villas and estates, as laid out by the landscape architect, Ludwig Lesser, the basis was established for the astounding development that has led to the present-day Bad Saarow. Between 1905 and 1909, following a detailed regional plan, everything from the construction of simple wooden houses, to villas, new roads, the Kurhaus (assembly room at the health resort) in Saarow to the north and the conversion of the Pieskower brewery into the Kurhaus ‘Pieskow’ took place. During that period charming squares, parks and lake promenades were created, too. The Saarow-Pieskow area became a refreshing retreat and health resort especially for Berliners weary of the large city. Passenger ships have plied the waters of the Lake Scharmützelsee since 1904. In 1911, the newly opened train line from Berlin via Fürstenwalde ending at the imposing new station in Saarow brought visitors to the first sanatorium and public beach. With the discovery of the healing powers of the mud of the Werich Meadow Moors and the construction of the Moor Spa in 1914, Saarow-Pieskow evolved into a health and recreational resort.

Because of the Second World War, after 1945, the moribund spa and bathing facilities found only minimal use. The Red Army occupied the Moorbad (moor baths) and the Spa park and thus the central part of the area has been exclusively used as an important sanatorium for the Soviet army for decades. The spa “Castle Pieskow” with its surrounding park area became military barracks. The large sanatorium area in the centre of Bad Saarow was finally abandoned by Soviet troops in August 1994.

However, even without the use of the central spa area, Bad Saarow managed to develop into a beloved holiday and recreational resort. Every year, thousands of holiday-makers filled the bungalows, holiday cottages, youth hostels and camping sites of the so-called ‘Worker’s Resort’.

In 1919 the prominent physician Dr. Grabley, the director of the resort area, converted the old Löschebrand mansion into a sanatorium. With the opening of a mineral spring in 1927 and the construction of a water-cure facility, the health resort area was significantly enlarged. Prominent figures from the arts and politicians began to find their way to Bad Saarow as the area has been known since 1923. The Russian poet Maxim Gorki, film stars from the UFA (universum film company) like Kähe Dorsch, Harry Liedtke and Viktor de Kowa found an escape here and a source of relaxation. Many of them made Bad Saarow their second home. The legendary boxer Max Schmeling lived here from 1930 to 1938 and was married to the actress Anny Ondra in the little church in Saarow on July 22, 1933. The first golf course and the first bath house were completed in 1929.
Wendisch Rietz

Wendisch Rietz, the state-approved recreational area is a child and family orientated parish on the southern shore of the lake. There are 3 large holiday complexes - Ferienpark Scharmützelsee, Marinapark Scharmützelsee and SATAMA lodges and houses on lake Scharmützelsee - in the upper category with more than 1,300 beds* and about 300 comfortable holiday homes and apartments, smaller holiday home complexes for family recreation and private holiday apartments, two hotels, the Fisch-Haus and the Seehotel Südhorn, as well as camp site. A special research and training centre was built for doctors and medical staff.

From Wendisch Rietz, a chain of waterways including the Scharmützelsee to the north (an ideal water sports area), the idyllic Glubigseenkette (chain of lakes) to the south and to the west the lock at Wendisch Rietz, connects the entire navigable waterway to the lake chain of the Storkower and Dahme waterways and on to the Spree river and all directions beyond. Amusement areas, bathing beaches, a park with petting zoo, miniature golf and playgrounds as well as other sports facilities offer a range of active leisure activities for every requirement.

The first documentary evidence of Wendisch Rietz is known from 1376, but it’s probable that it had already existed around 1240. It was a Slav settlement first as documented by the name. According to Slavic language “Rietz” means ditch or streamlet (“rycz”). A lot of customs which remain preserved are of Slav origin, too.

Scharmützelsee and Storkower See lakes are connected by the streamlet in the middle of Wendisch Rietz. In 1885 shipping became possible from lake Scharmützelsee to Berlin due to the construction of the Storkow Canal and the lock at Wendisch Rietz. Passenger ships plied the waters and sports boat traffic with sailing and rowing boats as well as canoes developed.

Tourism developed in the region with the opening of the railway line Königs Wusterhausen – Grunow via Wendisch Rietz in 1898. The composer and bookseller Kunz discovered the place during a sailing cruise in 1897 and had the hunting lodge “Schwarzhorn” built as a hotel and restaurant in 1900/01.

The beauty of the lake and the place on the South shore became more and more well-known. The region has developed into a popular destination since the Golden Twenties. Children joined summer holiday camps around the lake and a large youth holiday and recreational centre was opened in 1977. In summer there was hustle and bustle like in a city.

Today, Wendisch Rietz is an attractive destination for family holidays.

Family tip:

Leasure park Wendisch Rietz

- children’s farm with shetland ponies, lamas, donkeys, alpacas, sheep, goats, rabbits, ducks, chickens and co.
- mini golf course with 18 lanes, skatercourt and sports ground for various ball games
- children’s playground with large slide, jumping pillow, climbing wall
- sunbathing area, drinks and snacks at the kiosk
The parish town of Storkow also caters primarily to the family holiday segment with approx. 400* beds in 2 hotels, 3 guest houses, the holiday complex Seepark Wolfswinkel, a lot of other comfortable holiday homes and apartments, 1 youth facility and 2 camp sites.

The town is the hub of an extraordinarily dense network of cycling and hiking trails and boasts one of the largest inland dune areas in the country with a variety of rare steppe plant species as well as a special dry grassland area, called Bugker Sahara. Storkow is one of the oldest towns in Brandenburg and today a tourist destination, lying directly on the lake Storkower See. Among the sights enjoyed by tourists are: the old town centre, the castle of Storkow, the market square, the churches, Lake Storkower See and the canal with its town-centre lock. The fishing resort Köllnitz with a hotel, restaurant, museum and playground in Nature Reserve as well as the leisure park IRRLANDIA are very popular with families. It is planned to develop “Schloss Hubertushöhe” into an art and literature park. The beautiful country park and the small fisherman house near the lake are opened to public in season (May to September).

Castle Storkow has been developed into a popular destination and regional cultural centre. There are the tourist information centre, attractive exhibitions on nature, a modern open-air stage (for up to 500 people), a library and a cosy café. Castle Storkow offers concerts, festivals and guided tours. It is an attractive starting point for excursions to the Dahme-Heideseen nature park.

The Dahme-Heideseen nature park - one of the 14 Brandenburg Natural Parks - works for the conservation of forests, fields, meadows, rare plants and ferns as well as rare animals and birds.

The history of Storkow began over a thousand years ago with a Slav settlement near where the castle stands today. The first proof of the town’s existence is a document from 1209, signed by the emperor Otto IV. By the middle ages, Storkow had grown rapidly and was the administrative centre of a region covering some 500 km².

The Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm II promoted his state across Germany as a place to come to live and work. Several thousand families from other parts of Germany came to Prussia, with some of them settling here in the hope of finding a better life. The names of the nearby villages of Philadelphia and Neu Boston (“New Boston”) reflect this period in history.

At the end of the 19th century, wealthy Berlin factory owners discovered another charming lakeside location: Hubertushöhe. The hunter’s lodge of the same name was visited by German Emperor Wilhelm II. For this reason, a railway halt was built, from which today’s residents continue to profit.
Diensdorf-Radlow

In Diensdorf-Radlow the Hotel Resort “Märkisches Meer” located directly on the lake Scharmützelsee invites young and old for unforgettable holidays with attractive offers, beach and large sunbathing areas as well as wellness and spa facilities. The “Alte Schulischeune” (old school barn) has developed into a provincial cultural centre with many exhibitions, bazar, cabaret revues and concerts. The flea market “Hobby and Trödel” together with classic car rallye attracts the public. In Diensdorf-Radlow there are two bathing beaches and a place to rest and stop during waterways touring with tent site and parking area for caravans and cars.

Reichenwalde

Reichenwalde, originally a small village situated around a village green and a manor, as well as its districts Dahmsdorf on the east banks of the lake Storkower See and Kolpin belong also to the department Scharmützelsee. The “Alte Schule”, a nice little hotel in the centre of Reichenwalde, and a guest house in Dahmsdorf add to the tourist accommodation capacity of the holiday region. In addition, there are three camp sites.

Langewahl

The parish Langewahl lies quiet and hidden near the hills Dubrower Berge with a little spring attracting people especially to Easter customs. Its district Streitberg situated on the river Spree is a nice and popular place to rest and stop during waterways touring. There is a small distillery, too.

Sunset in Dahmsdorf ©Angelika Laslo
Church Reichenwalde
Church Dahmsdorf
Little pier on the beach Radlow
Little spring in Dubrow hills, Old school barn in Dahmsdorf - cultural centre
Cultural centres and activities

**Theater am See, Bad Saarow**
theatre, concerts, cabaret, musical etc.

**Touristisches Zentrum Burg Storkow**
tourist centre, castle, exhibitions

**SaarowCentrum, Bad Saarow**
library and hobby courses, pottery workshop, music school

**Alte Schulscheune, Diensdorf-Radlow**
a cultural centre

**Scharwenka Kulturforum, Bad Saarow**
centre of cultural life with musician museum, small gallery, concerts etc.

**Fürstenwalde**
cathedral, museum of local history, brewery museum

**Haus des Gastes, Wendisch Rietz**
tourist office, exhibitions

**And so much more like:**
bicycle museum, Storkow, weather museum Lindenber, fishing museum Köllnitz, castle Beeskow, »kunst am bahnhof e.V. Bad Saarow« churches, galleries, studios, workshops

**Haus des Gastes, Wendisch Rietz**
tourist office, exhibitions

**Flammender Scharmützelsee,**
Bad Saarow event with fireworks over the lake Scharmützelsee

**Events on the castle of Storkow,**
guided night watchman tours through Storkow, the IRRLANDIA events in Storkow

**Highlights of the season**
include the Culture Summer in Bad Saarow with concerts, reading, exhibitions and workshops, comedy and revue, canal and harbour events, oldtimer rallyes, the Art Market

**The festivals Radscharmützel cycling and Wasserscharmützel, Bad Saarow watersports**

**The film festival at Eibenhof, Bad Saarow – films without borders**

**Coffee break on the terrace of Restaurant Parkcafé**
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**Haute cuisine**
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**Flammender Scharmützelsee**
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**Filmfestival ©Angela Grabley**

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In Wendisch Rietz SATAMA Sauna Resort & SPA am Scharmützelsee, “haven of relaxation” (6,000 m² sauna park) welcomes guests from near and far. There are a private chiropractic surgery offering holistic treatment without medication and a private clinic for the treatment of psychosomatic illnesses. Special walking tours to learn more about herbs are offered, too. In Fürstenwalde (on the river Spree) you can enjoy SCHWAPP leisure and amusement waterpark with indoor and outdoor pools and sauna area.

There are four large wellness hotels and resorts: A-ROSA Scharmützelsee and Hotel Esplanade Resort & Spa (wellness and spa area of 4,200 m² and 3,500 m² respectively), a-ja Bad Saarow and Hotel-Resort “Märkisches Meer” in Diensdorf-Radlow. Lots of wellness and pampering programs as well as relaxation worlds with comprehensive beauty programs are offered in beauty and health spas for one-day visits. Health holidays and out-patient treatments as well as public bath treatment courses, physical and alternative therapies can be booked, too. Another special health establishment is the medical care and rehabilitation establishment for pregnant women. Sukhavati on the lake Scharmützelsee is the first Buddhistic Centre for Spiritual Care in Germany. In Bad Saarow you can follow the cardiovascular hiking trail (4 km) through the spa gardens and on the lakeside promenade or the Schmeling trail (5 km). Sunday lectures at the HELIOS Clinics as well as health programs and a lot of activities as yoga, dance fit, nordic walking, qigong, aqua fitness and stand-up paddle boarding are offered (weekly schedule “Taking deep breathes at the lake”).

Mud, Milk, Beer

Hamam stone and the rhasul ceremony offer oriental pleasures. Milk, beer and mud baths or even the desert room with its light therapy invite you to relax completely. Enjoy the new panorama sauna with exclusive offers (home-baked bread in one sauna, salt sauna, mill-wheel sauna and steam bath) and the wonderful view through the spa gardens on the lake.

The region around the Scharmützelsee incorporates a total wellness area of over 30,000 m². The SaarowTherme (thermal baths) with salt oasis and different saunas (over 10,000 m² wellness area), centered around the Saarow natural moor and the thermal springs of the Catharinenquelle (3% mineralisation) is the centrepiece of the spa resort Bad Saarow and one of most beautiful and state-of-the-art thermal spas in Germany. In the swimming pools (indoor and outdoor pools) which merge into one another and offering a brine thermal water temperature of between 34 and 36 °C the bathers let themselves be carried with pleasure from eddy to eddy, from the flow channel to the whirlpool or under the massage mushroom.

HELIOS Clinics Bad Saarow

The HELIOS Clinics Bad Saarow (with around 600 beds) offer excellent medical facilities and high quality patient-centred care. Specialised clinics, institutes and certified centres and departments (as special tumour centres, certified breast centre, a regional trauma centre etc.), the accident and emergency unit with helicopter rescue and other medical specialists are included.
Golf

Half way between Bad Saarow and Wendisch Rietz A-ROSA Scharmützelsee offers both pros and amateurs three 18-hole championship golf courses of the highest European standards. World famous professionals – Nick Faldo and Arnold Palmer – had their hands in the planning and development of these challenging and beautiful master courses.

Bad Saarow was the venue for the World Championship of Golf in 2000. Its public 9-hole course and the driving ranges provide excellent facilities, even for beginners. There is a Golf Academy. Anyone interested in golf has the possibility without joining a golf club to head for the links as often as the urge arises.

Tennis

The Tennis Centre Scharmützelsee in Bad Saarow has six indoor and six clay courts. Qualified trainer offer individual tennis training basic courses for beginners and advanced players as well as kid camps. You can play here beach volleyball, badminton and table tennis, too.

There is another tennis centre with outdoor and indoor courts in Fürstenwalde (Spree).

Outdoor activities

- Table tennis
- Beach volleyball
- Storkow: Camping site on the lake, Public bathing beach
- Wendisch Rietz: Lesley park, Beach Ferienpark
- Bad Saarow: Beach club Cecilienpark
- Diensdorf – Radlow: Public bathing beach Diensdorf, Public bathing beach Radlow
- Storkow: Camping site on the lake, Public bathing beach

www.fotolia.com »volleyball on the beach« ©yanlev, »teenager playing ping-pong« ©kotomiti
Lake Scharmützelsee offers a full range of water-based activities, where tourists of all ages will find something fun to do or see. Almost all kinds of water sports are possible: Swimming, sailing and surfing, rowing and canoeing, motor boating, pedal boat rides and passenger boat trips as well as ice skating in the winter. There is a wakepark (water skiing and wakeboard cable facility) with a wide range of offers on Petersdorfer See.

The wild romanticism of the lake Storkower See lends its own special contrasting charm to the region and invites for bathing, swimming, canoeing, sailing and motor boating. Both lakes are classified as federal waterways.

Visitors can enjoy a chain of crystal clear lakes, navigable to the river Spree and linked to one another via a series of locks, canals and waterways. A day trip from Bad Saarow to Berlin or back, traversing a variety of locks, is one of the most exciting activities on offer.

The Scharmützelsee Shipping Company (Scharmützelsee Schiffahrt) operates 4 modern air-conditioned passenger boats and offers tours on the lakes Scharmützelsee, Storkower See, special day trips to Prieros and adventure boat trips. The vessels depart from main harbour in the centre of Bad Saarow. There are 11 other docking points.

Owner of motor yachts or sailing boats can use different private, municipal and club docking facilities, many of them bearing the „yellow wave“ distinction.

Various training courses and seminars, such as windsurfing courses, boating licence courses, workshops, regattas, skipper training, taster courses, junior camps, etc. are offered by water sports centres, lake sports clubs, the yacht academy and various clubs.

For those wishing to explore the waterways on their own there are many possibilities to hire motorboats, sailing boats as well as canoes.
Fishing is one of the most beloved hobbies of both locals and guests in the Scharmützelsee area. The water quality and the abundance of fish magically attract fishermen from near and far. All necessary equipment is available in the area. It is necessary to buy fishing permits for the respective waters and fishing licences are required.

The star of the lakes Scharmützelsee and Storkower See is undoubtedly the ‘Zander’ (pike-perch). This ‘spiny knight of the waters’ is to be found just about everywhere in the lake Scharmützelsee. Perch travel in large schools around the lake Scharmützelsee and often give away the presence of larger perch through their wild activity on the water’s surface. That’s why it’s wise to keep an eye out for the smaller fish skimming along the surface.

The lakes Scharmützelsee and especially the Gross Schauener Seen are known for their considerable stock of carp. It is possible to fish for carp from a boat or from the shores. You can catch pike in the waters of the area’s lakes. Eel can be found along the shorelines. White fish abound and Redeye can be found on the end of the line, too.

Please note: You are only allowed to fish if you have proof of authority.

If you own a fishing licence (state-approved) you only need to buy a fishing permit valid for particular water. If you don’t own a fishing licence (state-approved) you need to buy a fishing voucher first.

This fishing voucher is valid for one year in the federal state of Brandenburg. In addition to the voucher you need to buy a fishing permit for the (see above) and you are only allowed to fish for non-predatory fish.

Swimming

The Scharmützelsee and Storkower See - the two largest lakes in our area - along with smaller bodies of water acknowledged for the purity of their waters are ideal for swimmers. The water depths from the shores are gradual and perfect for children. Even in bad weather, the waters at the indoor spas – the ‘Schwapp’ in Fürstenwalde (leisure and amusement baths), and the SaarowTherme (thermal saltwater spa) at Bad Saarow – are the perfect alternative. There are lots of bathing beaches with lawn for sunbathing you can find and experience at the lakes:

Lake Scharmützelsee:
Bad Saarow – the ‘Seebad’ in the centre of town with restaurant, rest room; Cecilien Park with volleyball court and miniature golf course, landing stage and snack bar; small bathing beaches in Pieskow am Trift, at Kleist Park, Lustgarten and Saarow Village, as well as beach (meadow) in Saarow Strand – all without lifeguard service. 

Diensdorf-Radlow – the community meadows at Diensdorf and Radlow with bathing beach, playground, snack bar – no lifeguards.

Wendisch Rietz – several beaches: Festwiese (community meadows) with playground, rest room and shower; catering nearby, landing stage; beach at holiday resorts (Ferienpark, Marinpark) with boat and bike rental, beach volleyball, catering and at the camping site at Schwarzhorn – no lifeguards.

Lake Storkower See:
Storkow – bathing beach (entrance fee) with lifeguard in the centre of the town with beach volleyball, rest room, boat rental, landing stage and snack bar; smaller beaches without lifeguards are in Karlslust with playground and snack bar and in Wolfswinkel with canoe rental

Dahmsdorf – camp site – no lifeguards.

Lake Petersdorfer See:
small bathing place without lifeguards at the hiking trail

Lake Kolpiner See:
small bathing places along the hiking trail in Kolpin – no lifeguards.

Lakes Glubigsee, Springsee and Grubensee:
beaches at the lakes Großer Glubigsee, Springsee (at the camp site) and Grubensee – all without lifeguards.
Biking

Hop onto the saddle of your racer or enjoy a leisurely bike ride with the family. Our area offers a wide range of biking trails for all levels of pedal-pushers. Whether around Storkow, around the Lakes Schrammützelsee and the Storkower See, following a trail through old pine forests or under the shade of an alley of trees; the choices are varied and extensive. The soft, rolling hills of the region allow even the inexperienced biker a relaxing and enjoyable trip through the breathtaking countryside or along the shores of our spectacular lakes. There are over 300 km of well-marked and well-maintained cycling paths and hiking trails criss-cross the landscape, the majority of them away from busy roads. The network of cycle paths is connected to the SpreeRadweg, Radweg Oder-Spree-Dahme and Radweg R1 cycling paths, along with other routes traversing the region. The annual Rad-Scharmützel – cycling festival – is an event highly popular in the region and a chance to get to know the outstanding cycling facilities on offer. It is held on the first Sunday of September each year. The tourist offices in Bad Saarow, Storkow and Wendisch Rietz provide the necessary maps and information, along with valuable touring tips for individualized tours.

Our tip: Experience three lakes on a beautiful culinary tour “Eagle meets pike-perch” tour (“Adler trifft Zander”). Enjoy nature and fish dishes, relax on the shores or take a swim and cool down in the lakes on this about 50 km long cycling tour. You can choose electro bikes if you prefer a relaxed bicycle tour.

Nordic Walking and Hiking

The area around the lake Schrammützelsee with its idyllic lakes and streams and its nature trails through meadows and over rolling hills offer ideal conditions for hiking and Nordic walking. The growing popularity of this year-round activity is based on Nordic Walking’s reputation as the ideal daily training for the entire body, while minimalizing stress on the joints and, at the same time, offering a gentle method of weight reduction. The required equipment is limited to Nordic Walking sticks, comfortable walking shoes, and weather-appropriate outdoor clothing. With qualified instructions, the sport is easy to learn and great fun – regardless whether one is in a group or alone, short or tall, heavy or thin, young or old. The ideal sport for everybody! Introductory courses and training lessons are offered in the area by experienced trainers. Walk your way to a new level of health and energy!

Our mild climate and the beautiful landscape shaped during the last ice age promise unforgettable experience. Discover the traces of the last ice age as the huge rocks (called Margrave rocks), valleys and gentle hills as well as small lakes and enjoy your walk through nature’s wonders.
Carriage rides and horseback riding...

The heathlands, the open pine forests as well as water and meadow landscapes all provide excellent territory for both horse and rider. There are over 120 km of bridle paths. Stables and horse riding centres in Rietz Neuendorf, Reichenwalde, Storkow with its assimilated districts (for instance Gut Wochowsee, Schwerin) offer boarding facilities, training, trail rides, jumping, dressage and overnight accommodations. There are ideal conditions to enjoy and explore the landscape on horseback. Carriage rides take visitors away from the road traffic and into beautiful countryside, to quaint little country inns or to a picnic in the woods.

Zoos

- Heimattiergarten Fürstenwalde
- petting zoo in the leisure park Wendisch Rietz
- deer park Hirschaue

Other leisure and sporting facilities:

Climbing park Bad Saarow - adventures on trees, all-season toboggan run (Scharmützelbob) with duel arena - indoor playground / amusement hall – and Bob Inn, segway tours, leisure park IRRLANDIA in Storkow, bunker complex Fuchsbaun, view tower in the Rauener mountains, leisure and mini railway parks in Wendisch Rietz, horse drawn carriage, miniature golf as well as bowling (in Fürstenwalde), “Spreeflitzer” – fun to drive fast electric buggies for everyone.
How to get here

By plane
Airports: Berlin-Schönefeld, Berlin Tegel

By car and motorcycle
Via motorway A 12 → exit Storkow or Fürstenwalde West or Fürstenwalde Ost and on federal road B 246

By bus
Local traffic by bus from Fürstenwalde, Storkow, Beeskow and other points of departure

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Saturday, Sunday and Holiday: 10.00-15.00
1th of November to 31th of March
daily 9.00-16.00
1th of April to 31th of October
daily 9.00-18.00

By train
Federal and regional railways:
Berlin → Fürstenwalde → Bad Saarow
Berlin → Königs Wusterhausen → Storkow → Wendisch Rietz → Beeskow → Frankfurt (Oder)

On water
Waterways from Berlin through river Spree and Dahme waters via locks, canals to the lakes Storkower See and Scharmützelsee

Full range of services

Registered tourist association Scharmützelsee and municipality of Storkow with tourist offices in Bad Saarow, Wendisch Rietz and Storkow are representatives and contact persons to answer all questions concerning holidays and recreation – finding accommodation, informing about events and selling tickets, recommending restaurants and cafés, offering souvenirs, literature, brochures, flyers and books as well as postcards and maps.
RAD SCHARMÜTZEL
10:00 – 16:00
1st Sunday of September

Fun for the whole family 🐰

Noteworthy: Muscle strength instead of entrance fee 🏋️‍♂️

Start:
10 Uhr

Storkow, Marktplatz
Fürstenwalde/Spree, Markt
Bad Saarow, Hafen
Wendisch Rietz, Festwiese

A traditional event every year 🙌

Use the App and have a lot of fun playing the quiz.

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