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# WERDER (HAVEL) & SCHWIELOWSEE ...

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# The Werder (Havel) & Schwielowsee

# holiday region at a glance:





# Where herons, beavers and foxes...

...meet undisturbed on the banks in the early morning, while the mist still hangs heavily over the surface of the water – this is where our journey begins. On the northern side of the island Töplitz, separated from the river's original course by a small artificial dam, the sun rises over Lake Göttinsee, sending forth its first warm rays of the day. Anyone who wakes up on a boat here can enjoy the stillness with a cup of coffee in their hand. They will be able to spot cattle grazing on the horizon and hear the gentle splashing of the shallow waves against the sides of their craft. Travel south for a few minutes and a life shaped by agriculture, water sports and culture on the banks of the River Havel awakens. You will find it in the villages of Töplitz and Phöben and in Havelauen, the most recent district, before the course of the river widens into Lake Großer Zernsee.

From here the unique Werder island panorama greets you on the horizon, with its Holy Spirit Church watching majestically over the small cobbled streets.

Before the Havel flows through the northern part of Lake Schwielowsee and rejuvenates itself in the narrowing at the Caputher Gemünde, we reach Lake Glindower See via a small inlet. In this place where smoke once rose from the brickworks that shaped people's lives, we find the ideal starting point for excursions into the fruit-growing history of the surrounding districts, where the many fruit farms invite us to linger and try their produce.





Visitors can find out more about the stories hidden behind the charming façades of the houses in the old town together with our town guides.

www.werder-havel.de/
tourismus





### Peter Joseph Lenné

(\* 29 September 1789 in Bonn; † 23 January 1866 in Potsdam) was a Prussian gardener and director general of the royal Prussian gardens. One special pearl whose image today was largely shaped by the gardener Peter

Joseph Lenné is Petzow. A walk around the castle's lake, the Haussee, or a peek behind the curtains of Petzow's church, designed by the architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel, and the Sanddorn-Garten, where the sea buckthorn blooms, make this idyllic little place well worth a visit.

An unspoilt cultural landscape
– by painters and artists.
www.schwielowseetourismus.de/kunst-kultur



"Picturesque" is probably the best word to describe the next destination in this stage of our journey. The municipality of **Schwielowsee with its localities of Ferch, Caputh and Geltow has a diverse cultural landscape** that is by no means inferior to the beauty of its surroundings. On the southern edge of Lake Schwielowsee in the painters' village of Ferch, those seeking tranquillity will find relaxation and regional cuisine with delicacies from the Havel and the native forests.







If you journey by boat along the banks of Lake Schwielowsee, you will find no shortage of launch points where it is worth pulling up. Through the band of reeds, you will now and then catch a glimpse of the beautiful cycle path until you make out the "Tussy" cable ferry, which has connected Geltow and Caputh for more than 150 years.

Albert Einstein treasured the life beside the water here and liked to sit on the banks of the Caputher Gemünde, at the end of which lie the unspoilt Lake Petzinsee and Lake Templiner See, which marks the boundary with Potsdam, the state capital. Variety, nature, culture and the Havelland way of life – come with us and enjoy a holiday at the gates of Berlin, on the land or on the water.

Einstein's House is a wooden summerhouse built in 1929 in Caputh. Albert Einstein, his wife Elsa and their two daughters stayed here, along with a domestic servant, between 1929 and 1932.



# Canoe tour along the Wublitz

Time: 1-2 days | Distance: 26 km

A delightful canoe tour full of variety along the Wublitz, which motorboats have no access to. Enjoy the original landscape of reed-lined banks and this little-travelled section of the Havel between Werder (Havel) and Paretz. Extension: If you would like to extend the tour, you can make a detour after Paretz and before Phöben to explore Ketzin/Havel. You can pull up in the fishing village Ketzin/Havel at the launch for canoe trippers on the bathing beach, where you can also camp.

www.reiseland-brandenburg.de/poi/potsdam/kanutouren/kanu-rundtour-ueber-die-wublitz



Schwielowsee and Werder
(Havel) are part of the Potsdam and
Brandenburg Havel Lake District,
a unique water sports region.
You can find tour ideas and further
information on the canoe touring map
covering both areas and online at

www.potsdamer-brandenburger-havelseen.de



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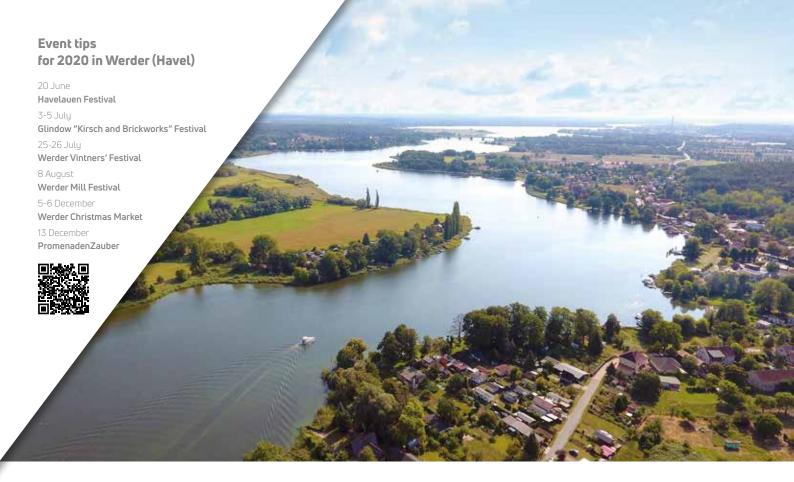
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# ...and two hills covered with vineyards.

The enchanting Werder districts of **Töplitz** and **Phöben** are separated by Lake Kleiner Zernsee. Nature, water and a vibrant village life shape these tranquil places. Clocks don't go any slower here than they do elsewhere, but somehow their ticking seems more relaxed. A leisurely cycling tour through Alt Töplitz, Eichholz, Göttin, Leest and Neu Töplitz is a chance to see more than just the picturesque river landscape and the many places where the Havel broadens into lakes. The forests, lush meadows and two hills covered with vineyards will also tempt your gaze. Phöben is by no means inferior to its idyllic neighbour. The summit of its Wachtelberg opens up fantastic views. The expanses of the landscape are something to be savoured just as much as the exquisite wines grown here. By the way, the Wachtelberg doesn't take its name from *Wachtel* ("quail" in German). It stems from the word *Wach*, meaning "standpoint/outlook".







# Polo, golf, breweries and much more...

Phöben is first mentioned in written documents in 1305. Before the fruit cultivation typical of the region arrived in the small village, its economy was limited to agriculture, fishing, a grain windmill and a brickworks. But trade in its delicious fruits flourished over time, and the area of land devoted to fruit growing expanded to just under 300 hectares.

Over the last 30 years, the local residents have also focused on tourism and leisure activities. After all, they want those beyond the boundaries of Phöben to understand how beautiful their little village is, too. A golf course stretching beyond the boundaries of Phöben and Kemnitz has been built, as well as polo fields, an indoor riding school and an equestrian centre. In addition to sporty leisure activities on horseback, **Phöben is**also a great destination for cyclists as it lies directly on the Havel Cycle Path. It's a delightful place to pull up for a break and an ice cream or some fresh fish. Take a stroll around the village, and you can discover the old Slav hill fort known as the "Räuberberg" ("robbers' hill"). The idyllic landscape invites you to stroll and relax, especially in spring and summer.

Neighbouring Phöben is tranquil Kemnitz, the district of Werder (Havel) with the smallest land area. It is formed of the historical centre of Kemnitz on the northern end of Lake Plessower See and Kolonie Zern on the Havel. The historical centre has a real village feel. Its landmark is the hotel and restaurant Zum Rittmeister in a lovingly restored man



### The Havelcycle path

In the midst of a unique landscape of rivers and lakes, the Havel Cycle Path is one of Germany's most beautiful riverside cycle paths. Embark on a remarkable voyage of discovery through the landscape of Prussia and its cultural heritage.www.havelradweg.de





# From the Glindow Alps to the "Amazon of the March of Brandenburg"

**Distance:** 53 km | **Time:** approx. 3-4 hr | **Transport connection:** RE1 regional express to Werder (Havel) Station **Route:** Werder (Havel), Petzow, Glindow, Neu Plötzin, Derwitz, Krielow, Deetz, Schmergow, Phöben, Werder (Havel)

Combining gastronomic pleasures, nature and cultural experiences, this tour is one for those who know how to enjoy life. The landscape between Potsdam and Brandenburg an der Havel is a favourite destination for outings. And it's no surprise as this region is shaped by the Havel – the "Amazon of the March of Brandenburg" – and its many lakes, lined with meadows and forests. Together they create a harmony of sapphire blue and emerald green. Picturesque villages are just waiting to be conquered. Packed with delights for all the senses, this tour will take you away from the familiar tourist routes. You will encounter people who are deeply rooted in the region and their crafts. You will reach places where brave inventors made history and see landscapes once carved by the brick-making industry and now of a unique beauty to behold.



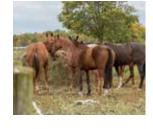
The R1 is just one of many cycle paths that you can follow. Take a look at: www.havelland-tourismus. de/radfahren



or house surrounded by parkland. The village is especially popular among walkers and lovers of forests and nature. Cyclists can reach Kemnitz via the Euroroute R1 long-distance cycle path.

Whether you're on horseback or playing golf in style, bored is one thing you won't be in Kemnitz! The Bonhomme Stud Farm is always worth a special mention. The extraordinary equestrian facility has been located among the forests and sweeping meadows to the north of Werder since 2005.

Kemnitz also has its fair share to offer water lovers. Rowing boats and pedalos can be hired from the local hotel, among other places. A special treat: the hotel and restaurant Zum Rittmeister has been brewing its own beer since 2014, thereby continuing the beer-brewing tradition of the Flower Town Werder (Havel).

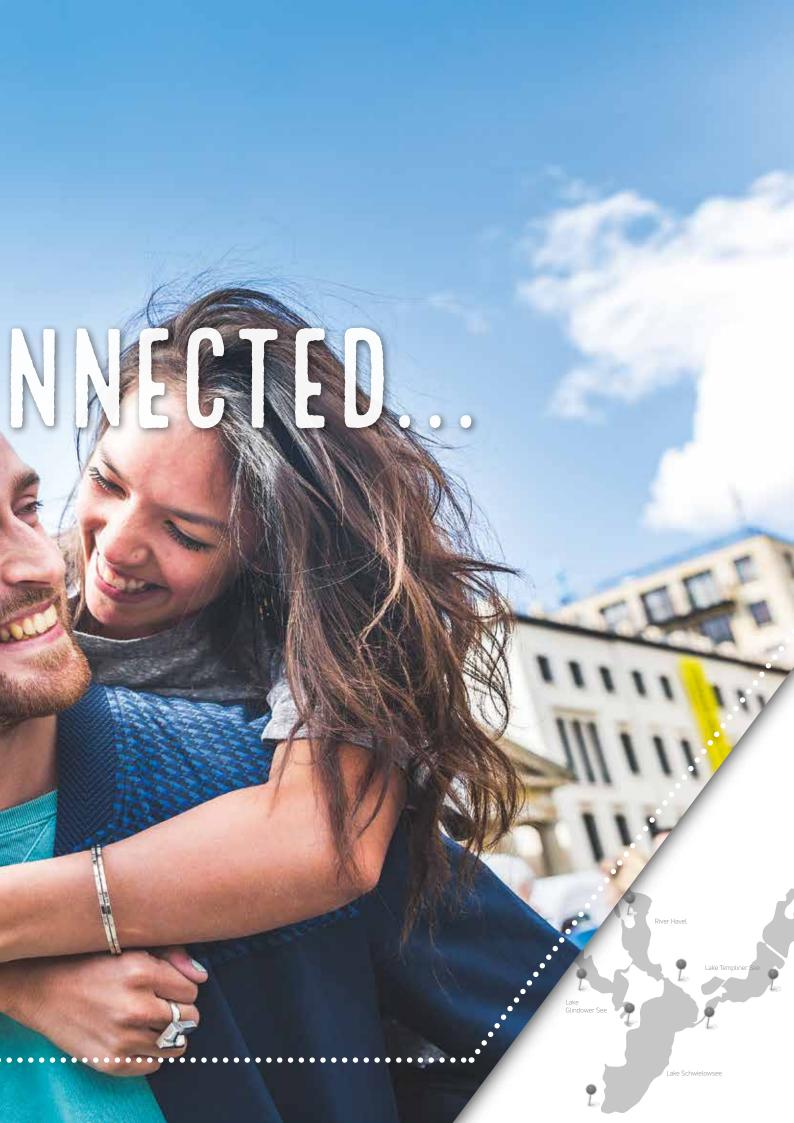


Since 2017, "Zum Rittmeister" has been one of the stops on the Brandenburg Beer Trail, which is formed of 17 small regional breweries.

#brandenburgerbierstrasse











# Within sight: the metropolises of the region

We leave the island of Töplitz behind us and head towards Werder's newest district, the Havelauen. North of the railway lines that connect Werder to the pulsating heart of the region's big cities, an urban environment has been created by the waterside, with a shopping centre, two marinas and a promenade that invites visitors to wander. At the end of the artificially created harbour, the Havel-Therme spa is being built. From 2021, it will offer wellness lovers a selection of therapies and treatments to pamper all the senses.

The Havel-Therme spa will be a paradise of relaxation with a Mediterranean architecture and décor in the midst of nature, right on the banks of Lake Großer Zernsee.

www.havel-therme.de







# From Lake Schwielowsee to Park Sanssouci

**Distance:** 25 km | **Time:** 2-3 hr | **Path type:** Mainly paved cycle paths,

alongside the road in some places | **Transport connection:** RB23 regional rail to Caputh-Geltow Station

This tour combines a leisurely cycle ride along the Havel with a visit to Potsdam's UNESCO World Heritage Site. From Caputh-Geltow Station, you cross the small bridge over the Wentorfgraben and begin by heading in the direction of Potsdam on the Havel Cycle Path. At Luftschiffhafen Stadium, follow the signs for Bornstedt. You can pull into Park Sanssouci at the end of Forststraße and cross it on the Ökonomieweg. Please note that cycling is not permitted on all the paths in the park.

You head back past the New Palace in the beautifully designed Lindenallee and over the Kuhforter Damm to Wildpark-West. Follow the Havelpromenade and continue along the banks of the lake through Geltow to return to your starting point.





The DB Navigator for local and long-distance trains:

https://www.bahn.com/en/ view/booking-information/ booking/db-navigator-app. shtml

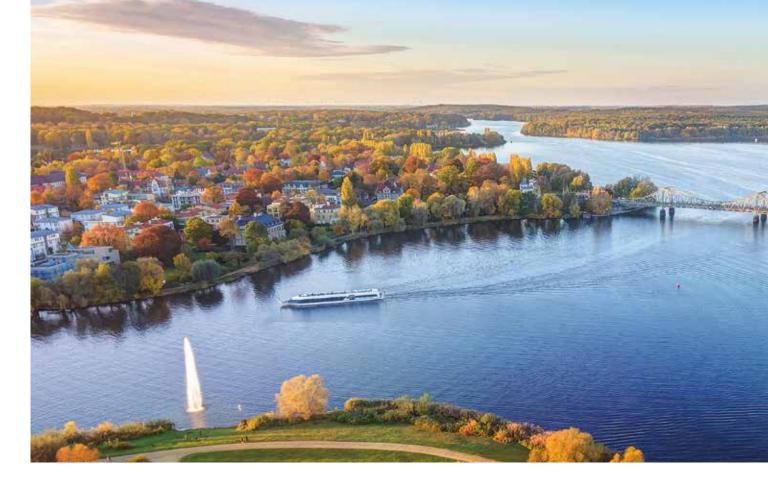


And if you're in the mood for a big city after your helping of nature and relaxation, you can be in Potsdam within ten minutes or Berlin within 40 minutes with the RE1 regional express railway line. You will have only just left Werder behind you when you reach the first stop, Park Sanssouci Station. A day in the magnificent palace gardens and the Orangery, calling in at the Chinese Teahouse, takes you back to a time when "The Old Fritz", as Frederick the Great was nicknamed, had the grand palace built, modelled on Versailles. Right beside the park is Potsdam's main shopping street, which

### Frederick II or Frederick the

**Great** (\* 24 January 1712 in Berlin; † 17 August 1786 in Potsdam), colloquially known as **"The Old Fritz"**, was Elector of Brandenburg from 1740 and King of Prussia from 1772.





The Glienicke Bridge crosses the Havel and connects south-west Berlin to Potsdam. Reichsstraße 1, once the longest road connection in northern Europe, crossed the river here. The road ran from the Netherlands via Potsdam and Berlin to East Prussia

The collections on display on Museum Island range from prehistory and antiquity right up to 19th-century art. The unique ensemble in the heart of Berlin has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999. http://www.museumsinsel-berlin.de/en





Those who venture a little way away from the main street will discover a host of restaurants and independent shops in the small alleyways. Potsdam has an extensive and varied museum landscape. On the eastern edge of Potsdam, you will find the Glienicke Bridge, where spy swaps between East and West once took place. Here the federal capital lies snuggled up close to the state borders of Brandenburg.

Berlin – take a walk through the Brandenburg Gate or climb the Reichstag dome and look down onto the German parliament, the Bundestag. Stroll along the open-air East Side Gallery, admiring the art on the old remains of the Berlin Wall, and immerse yourself in the city's history in the DDR Museum, where you can explore everyday life in East Germany at the foot of Berlin Cathedral.







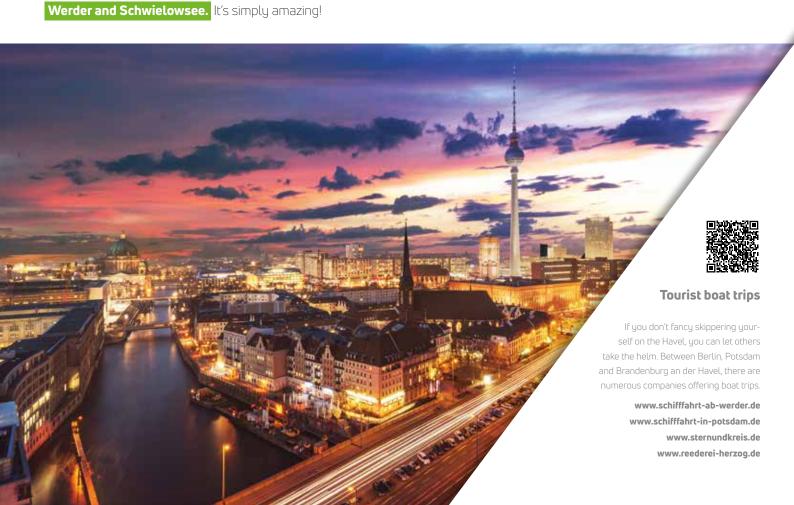


Berlin truly has so much to offer. It leaves a powerful impression behind and has an almost endless choice of activities with something for all ages.

In the evening, you can look back on what you have experienced as you gaze over Havelland, savouring the stillness with a glass of wine in your hand – <a href="the urban hustle">the urban hustle</a> and bustle is so far away and yet so near, thanks to the perfect train connection to

### There and back by rail

RE1 regional express from Werder (Havel) to Potsdam (approx. 10 min) and Berlin (approx. 35 min) RB23 regional rail from Caputh to Potsdam (approx. 10 min)











### Post windmills

A typical feature of central and northern Germany is its post windmills, whose sails turned mainly in the 19th century. Milling rights are first mentioned in Werder (Havel) in around 1500.



# Paddle-powered sightseeing

Here on the landside, you will be embarrassed for choice between kayaks, Canadian canoes, pedalos, motorboats and, of course, stand-up paddleboards, all of which are available to hire. The characteristic island silhouette, **shaped by the Holy Spirit Church, the Church of Maria Meeresstern and the old post windmill in front of the town hall,** is something beautiful to behold from the water from very different perspectives. It is impressive to think that this skyline has not changed significantly for centuries and has accompanied fishermen as they go about their work with their nets and traps since time immemorial. This tradition is still alive today, as you can tell from the tempting smell of smoked fish that wafts through the air.

Right, left, right, left... As you go around the island, the lowest point is the Island Bridge.



### Through Werder's old town

Distance: 2 km | Time: approx. 1 hr

Transport connection: Bus line 630 from Werder (Havel) Station

The island tour allows you to explore Werder's old town with its winding streets, historical fishermen's houses, the post windmill and Holy Spirit Church. Beautiful views of the Havel open up as soon as you cross the bridge. Other sights worth seeing are the market square and the Uferpromenade along the









Admission to all the exhibitions and events at the KUNST-GESCHOSS gallery is free of charge.

www.kunst-geschoss.de



Werder (Havel) is home to numerous artists and gallery owners. Many of their works are influenced by the region, its people and its landscape. On the northern tip of the island, art lovers will find beautifully curated exhibitions in the KUNST-GESCHOSS town gallery every year, including internationally highly regarded shows.



You can find the full calendar of events in Werder (Havel) at:

werder-havel.de/tourismus/ veranstaltungen/veranstaltungskalender







Straußwirtschaft = a small seasonal wine bar (known as a Besenwirtschaft or "broom bar" in some parts of Germany)
When the grapes are ripe on the vine, we pour the wine.
Further information is available at:

www.weinverein-werder.de



Sauvignon Blanc and Muscaris are just a small selection of the grape varieties that thrive on Werder's Wachtelberg. Here where you can walk between the vines and discover the view of the island town from a different perspective, the Weintiene seasonal bar invites you to linger for a while in the summer months. Those who would like to learn more about Werder's wine appellation can take guided tours followed by wine tastings.





# Towering over the town from one of its highest points like a mighty sovereign, the Bismarckhöhe stands nestled between old chestnut trees on the Galgenberg ("gal-

**Lows hill").** Where high society once celebrated at glittering parties you will now find one of the most beautiful ballrooms in Brandenburg. Following in the spirit of founder Gustav Altenkirch, who began catering for guests here in 1890, people still gather for festivities in the Bismarckhöhe today. In the tower gallery, the Friends of Bismarckhöhe curate vernissages and exhibitions by artists who are inspired by the Havelland. The museum in the lookout tower of the Bismarckhöhe was opened in 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of the poet Christian Morgenstern, famous for his *Gallows Songs*, and remains to this day the only institution in the world to honour him.

Werder Tourist Information Office is housed in a former fruit-growing farmstead known as Lindowsches Haus, situated at the foot of the Galgenberg vineyard. As a complete ensemble with the vineyard and the traditional "Schuffelgärten" orchards, with fruit trees and crops planted in alternate rows, this place gives Werder's visitors an authentic impression of the little Flower Town.



# Leisure activities in Werder (Havel), Schwielowsee and the surrounding area

The Märkisches Brickworks Museum, Glindow  $\mid$  www.ziegeleimuseum-glindow.de

Indoor playground Werder (Havel) | www.meer-for-kids.de

Klaistow Asparagus Experience Farm  $\mid$  www.spargelhof-klaistow.de

Potsdam Biosphere – Tropical greenhouse | www.biosphaere-potsdam.de

Extavium Potsdam The hands-on science museum for kids | www.extavium.de

Events at Caputh Palace – For the whole family | www.spsg.de

Caputh Ferry Festival – Activities on and beside the water with a waterski show | 1 August 2020

Bismarckhöhe Werder (Havel) – Beautiful views, gallery and museum in the tower | www.werder-havel.de/tourismus

Lilienthal Museum and Monument in Derwitz – In the footsteps of the great aviation pioneer

White Festival – Picnic on the banks of the Havel with live music | 13 June 2020

### Bismarckhöhe

The lookout tower with views over the town and the Christian Morgenstern literature museum are popular tourist destinations

www.bismarckhoehe-inwerder.de



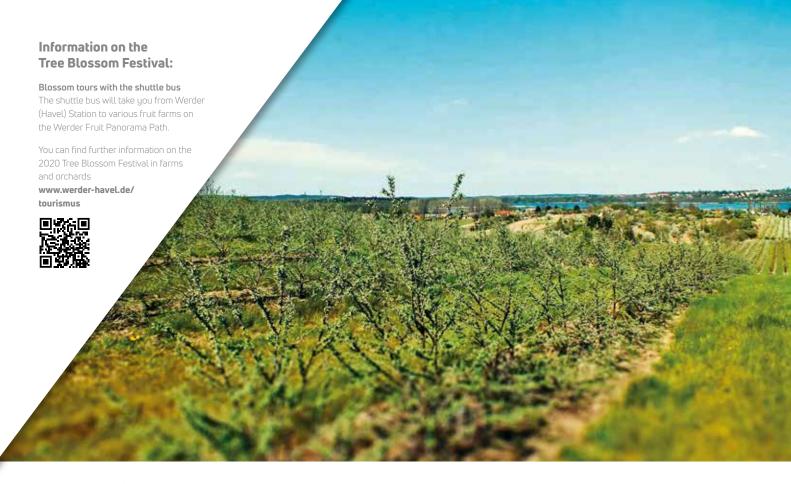














# Glina - the Slavic word for "clay"

the beautiful lake, a branch of the Havel, and began to make use of the "Glindow gold", its clay. Glindow's symbol to this day is its brickworks, which began quarrying clay and firing bricks in 1462. A veritable building boom in the late 19th century made Glindow bricks into best-selling exports. The district's landscape was dominated by the smoking chimneys of the 50 kilns in its 18 brickworks. At peak production, 500 brick workers produced 600,000 bricks a day.

This was the reason why the first settlers in the 14th century made their homes beside

You can find more information on the Märkisches Brickworks Museum and brickmaking in Glindow at:

www.ziegeleimuseumalindow.de





www.ziegelmanufaktur.com





# A walk in the Glindow Alps

Distance: 4 km | Time: 1-2 hr

Path type: Very narrow forest paths in some places, some steps.

This varied nature trail takes you through the hilly landscape created by the brickworks' clay quarrying. A good point to enter the nature conservation area is the car park in front of the tower of Glindow brickworks. Alternatively, you can take the path directly to the plateau where the Belvedere stands. From here you can enjoy the beautiful views over Lake Glindower See and the island town of Werder (Havel).

TIP: The Heimatverein Glindow heritage society offers tours of the Glindow Alps. Tel.: +49 (0)3327-570688 or -44820







### "Kirsch and Brickworks" Festival

An annual event on the first weekend in July with a programme for children and families, a pageant by the Glindow associations and clubs, as well as the crowning of the new kirsch queen.

www.glindow.de/index.php/kirsch-und-ziegelfest



The Glindow Local History Museum, also known as Kochsches Haus.

www.glindow.de/index. php/tourismus/museen-sehenswuerdigkeiten



Today the district has just under 4,000 residents, who call this idyll shaped by water and fruit trees home. The numerous associations and clubs in the district appear at the annual "Kirsch and Brickworks" Festival on the fairgrounds on Jahnufer. The close connection to their home that the residents of Glindow feel is also reflected in the lovingly created Local History Museum, located in the centre of the district right behind the church. Venture inside this listed small dwelling, and you will encounter historical exhibits from Glindow's history.





# The Glindow Alps are a

popular destination for walks and local recreation with signposted trails and interpretation panels explaining the flora and fauna. **The Glindow Alps cover an area of around 120 hectares.** The clay pits that operated for centuries in this tiny area have given it a remarkable and immensely varied relief with sheltered hills, small bodies of water and gorges, some running as deep as 40 metres.

Cycling tour TIPS:

The 20 most beautiful cycle tours around Werder (Havel): www.komoot.de/guide/68738/radtouren-rund-um-werder-havel





From Glindow, you can take the Fruit Panorama Path to easily reach its neighbouring municipalities of Plessow, Plötzin and Neu Plötzin. It's not just in the summer that residents of the three Brandenburg villages and their visitors enjoy the proximity to Lake Plessower See, one of the most beautiful and the cleanest lakes in the region.



# History trail through the Plessow Heath

Distance: 12 km | Time: 2-3 hr

Path type: Forest paths or gravel tracks

The history trail through Werder's largest area of forest begins at the Gasthaus Bliesendorf restaurant and leads past the "two thick oaks", now roughly 400 years old. Follow the signs to Lüttchendorf, which was a significant settlement in the Middle Ages. An old road lined with oaks and a watering point still bear witness to it. In Resau, the historical Forester's Lodge invites you to take a short rest before you head back to Bliesendorf past a group of boulders known as the "three fat men".





# Fruit Panorama Path (section)

Distance: 12 km | Time: approx. 1-1.5 hr | Path type: Asphalt cycle path

This tour will introduce you to regional growers and their produce, including jams, vinegars, liquors and, of course, their fruit wines. Starting from Petzow, the signposted route takes you past numerous fruit fields until you reach the Otto Lilienthal Monument on the summit of the Mühlenberg in Derwitz.

- 1. Werder fruit and vegetable market
- 2. Frucht-Erlebnis-Garten Petzow fruit experience
- Obsthof Wels fruit farm
- 4. Schultz'ens Siedlerhof distillery
- 5. Glindow produce market | Biergarten am See beer gar
- 6. Havelländische Baumschule tree nursery
- 7. Obsthof Lindicke fruit farm
- 8. Weinbau Dr Manfred Lindicke vineyard
- 9. Werderaner Tannenhof Christmas tree farm
- 10. Lohnmosterei Thierschmann fruit press
- 11. Gärtnerei Wolter nursery
- 12. Vierlindenhof farm and farm stay





The Fruit Panorama Path runs from Petzow with its castle, church by Karl Friedrich Schinkel and park by Peter Joseph Lenné beside Lake Glindower See, taking you to the Glindow Alps and the Glindow Brickworks Museum before you reach the Lilienthal Monument on the Mühlenberg

www.werder-havel.de/tourismus/werder-havelentdecken/auf-dem-fahrrad



in Derwitz.

Measuring roughly 15 kilometres, the **Fruit Panorama Path passes many of the region's sights and numerous fruit farms,** where the farmers invite you to touch their produce.

Depending on the season, in some places you can pick juicy strawberries, apples, pears and much more, or buy them direct from the farm. During the Tree Blossom Festival and beyond in some cases, the fruit farms and crop growers give you the chance to taste their fruit wine creations in their fields.

Fruit and produce farms www.obstbauverein-werder. de/obstboefe-erzeuger













**Geltow Village Church**The lively and varied services

are always led by different

priests and accompanied by

www.evkirchepotsdam.de/ gemeinden/geltow

# The gateway to the big city

Behind the banks lined with tall trees, opposite the island of Werder in Wildpark-West, you will find a residential area perfect for relaxation. Between old oaks and chestnuts, a rich variety of flora and fauna lives surrounded by vast meadows and fields. Head along the old avenues towards the Baumgarten Bridge, and you will be **greeted by the** 

patterns on the roof of Geltow Village Church with its green, yellow and red bricks,

modelled on the church in Terlan in South Tyrol.

On his walk through the March of Brandenburg, Theodor Fontane also stopped at the church, which is now one of 19 listening points around Lake Schwielowsee where





# The 19 listening points around Lake Schwielowsee

Caputh – Caputh Palace

Caputh – Stüler Church

Caputh - Einstein's House

Ferch - Obstkistenbühne "fruit crate stage"

Ferch – Fishermen's Church

Ferch – Museum of the Havelland Painters' Colony

Ferch – Wiesensteg path

Ferch – Bonsai Garden

Geltow - Baumgarten Bridge

Geltow - Geltow Church

Geltow – Handweavery

Petzow – Castle

Petzow – Schinkel Church

Petzow – Ziegelhäuser brick houses

Werder (Havel) – Panorama viewing point

Werder (Havel) – Holy Spirit Church

Werder (Havel) – Post windmill

Werder (Havel) – Lindowsches Haus & Schuffelgärten

Glindow – Brickworks Museum





a smartphone app will transport you back in time. Fontane is someone you will encounter often on the audio tour as he called at many places around Lake Schwielow-see. He rhapsodised about the Baumgarten Bridge, calling it "Brühl's Terrace on Lake Schwielowsee" after the ensemble in Dresden, and named it one of the most beautiful places in the March of Brandenburg in his writings.

With the app, you can get to know the poet and his fellow artists and thinkers from times gone by as you travel virtually through time, listening to exciting stories, some of which are narrated by local protagonists themselves.

History is there for you to touch in the handweavery Handweberei Henni Jaensch-Zeymer, where cloth is still woven from linen yarn, cotton and silk on the historical looms to this day. With its 16 operational looms, the weavery is Germany's largest existing and working handweavery, and it invites visitors to find out all about the rich traditions of this craft. Fashion shows and concerts are regularly hosted here and make the weavery and its café an important meeting place for Geltow and its visitors.



# Caputh - Werder (Havel) - Geltow circular tour

**Distance:** approx. 17 km | **Time:** 1-2 hr | **Path type:** Roadside cycle paths, roads with little traffic In Caputh, you cross the Havel with the ferry and follow the Chaussee until you reach the B1 highway. Turn left onto the cycle path, and follow it until you reach Werder. There turn right after the petrol station onto Grüner Weg, which leads you up to the grapevines. Continue right down the slope and pick up the Havel Cycle Path. Continue on it until you reach the railway station. Before the car park, a narrow path leads over the railway bridge (steps!) to Wildpark-West, where you follow the water's edge to Geltow and under the Baumgarten Bridge back to Caputh.

### It couldn't be any easier:

Download www.lauschtour. de (available for Apple and Android) and open Listening Points around Lake Schwielowsee and Werder (Havel)

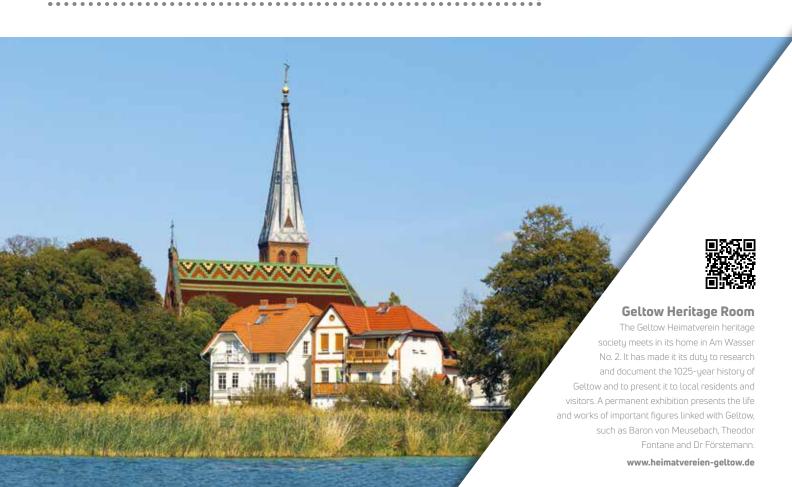






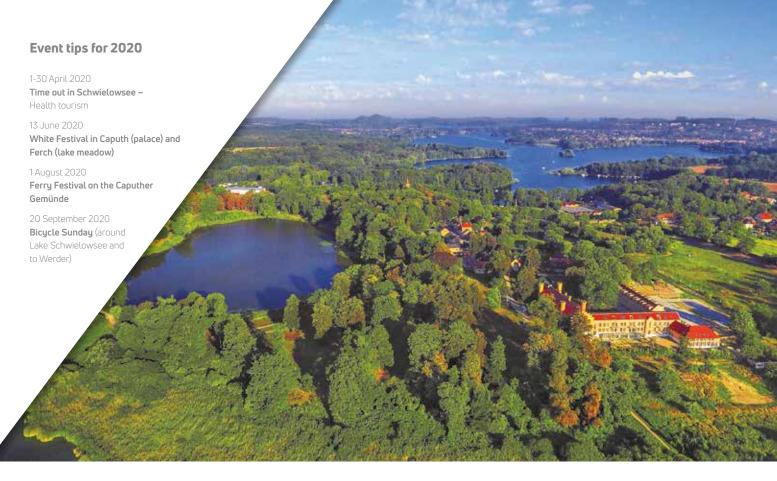
Geltow handweavery is the largest in Germany. Now 70 years old, it is certainly one of the oldest handweaveries. Weavers still work the 200- to 300-year-old looms today. www.handweberei-geltow.de













# Following in Fontane's footsteps

If you walk through Petzow, you will immediately understand why Theodor Fontane was especially fond of this little spot of earth. In his Wanderungen durch die Mark Brandenburg ("Walks through the March of Brandenburg"), the most famous writer from Havelland writes: "As a whole, it is a landscape painting in great style, not of relative, but absolute beauty."

This absolute beauty emerges from a picture-perfect complete work of art formed of architecture and landscape. **The Village Church, Petzow Castle, the Manor House and its grounds, the Castle Park** – all these elements of the idyllic village ensemble

# Heinrich Theodor Fontane

(\* 30 December 1819 in Neuruppin; † 20 September 1898 in Berlin) was a German writer, journalist and critic. He is considered an important representative of realism.

# TIP: The washhouse

Find out about the culture of clothes washing in an authentic site, the washhouse in Petzow Castle Park.







#### Tips for excursions in Werder (Havel) and Schwielowsee

Wietkiekenberg in Ferch – Beautiful views from the new viewing platform

**Japanese Bonsai Garden in Ferch** – Chrysanthemum Festival in September and Lantern Festival in October **www.bonsai-haus.de** 

Day of the Open Press - Am Plessower Eck 2 | 1st Sunday in November | www.wachtelberg.de

Geltow Handweavery - The largest and one of the oldest handweaveries in Germany | www.handweberei-geltow.de

**Bicycle Sunday** Lots of activities for cyclists large and small around Lake Schwielowsee and Werder (Havel) | 3rd Sunday in September

Petzow Park Festival - Theatre and music from classical to modern | 3rd Sunday in September

allow walkers to stroll through centuries past. It's amazing how much history is tied up with this little place. Petzow Castle is surrounded by a 15-hectare park designed by the gardener Peter Joseph Lenné. It is an ideal place to spend some time and wander. If you leave the park and walk towards the church, you will find your route lined with brick houses. Petzow Village Church was built based on plans by the architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel. Today the church is the village's cultural centre and offers fantastic views of Petzow's Lake Haussee. Regular concerts and events are hosted here.

Right beside the park, Lake Schwielowsee offers water sports fans and all those who love being in and on the water the perfect way to spend their free time. Sporty visitors can explore the lake on a SUP while those who prefer greater comfort can leisurely cance along the banks through the Wentorfgraben towards Lake Petzinsee.

What's more, a little berry has made sure that this place is talked about well beyond the town and even across the globe. **The Sanddorn-Garten** invites visitors from near and far to sample culinary delights made from sea buckthorn.

#### Karl Friedrich Schinkel

(\* 13 March 1781 in Neuruppin; † 9 October 1841 in Berlin) was a Prussian master builder, architect, town planner, painter, graphic artist, medallist and stage designer who had a defining influence on classicism and historicism in Prussia.

Take short circular tours in a canoe or a trip around Potsdam island in a motorboat or houseboat.

www.schwielowsee-tourismus.de/urlaubsinspiration/ wasserparadies/tourentipps



www.sanddorn-garten-netzow de













# You could almost be beside the sea

In the midst of the flat scenery of the Potsdam Forest & Lakes landscape protection area, you can climb up to a raised point and look far out into the distance. Between the sparse pines, a 55-metre-high antenna mast with a viewing platform towers from the summit of Wietkiekenberg. After a short walk and a climb up the steps, it rewards visitors with views as far as the Berlin TV Tower on clear days.

At more than 124 metres above sea level, it is the highest elevation in the region of Brandenburg known as the Zauche and one of the landmarks that defines the Havel landscape of lakes. The hill is only accessible by foot or bike.

www.schwielowsee-tourismus.de/schwielowsee/ferch







#### **Around Lake Schwielowsee**

 $\textbf{Distance:} \ approx.\ 34\ km\ |\ \textbf{Time:}\ 3-4\ hr\ |\ \textbf{Path type:}\ Asphalt\ in\ some\ sections,\ gravel\ track\ or\ compacted\ forest\ floor;\ the\ cycle\ tour\ is\ signposted$ 

The fascinating way in which nature and culture interact gives this cycle route from Potsdam around Lake Schwielowsee a special appeal. The unspoilt landscape of forests and lakes, the remarkable abundance of castles, palaces and gardens, picturesque villages and towns, and magnificent sights make a cycle tour through this region a very special experience.

**Sights on the tour:** Caputh Palace / Einstein's House / Havelland painters' colony / Japanese Bonsai Garden / Ferch Obstkistenbühne "fruit crate stage" / Petzow Castle Park with the old washhouse / Fruit Experience Garden / Handweaving Museum

www.havelland-tourismus.de/radfahren/regionale-radrouten



As you survey the landscape, you can get an impression of this idyll and the variety of forests, culture and water that this region offers walkers who explore it. Following in Fontane's footsteps, a hiking trail and cycle path bearing his name takes you around Lake Schwielowsee. If you haven't brought your bike with you on holiday, you can hire one from the various bike docking stations along the banks. The locals enjoy this sporting activity, too, and this is something they demonstrate on Bicycle Sunday, when whole families with their kids and caboodle head off around the lake.





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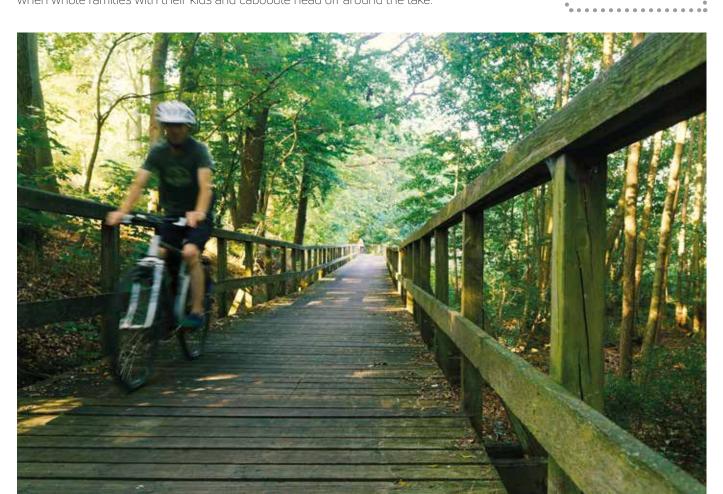
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Automated hire system with more than 30 docking stations in the Potsdam region.











Everywhere along the route you will come across little jewels of places that invite you to catch your breath and admire their diversity. Those in the mood for some art can pull up for a rest at the little house with a thatched roof of the Havelland painters' colony in the centre of Ferch. Lovers of landscape painting will find plenty to catch their fancy and may even recognise scenes that they have already explored in Ferch or neighbouring Geltow and Caputh.

**Small but beautiful sums up the nearby Fishermen's Church,** and observant visitors will enjoy exploring the plentiful fine details of its features. The 17th-century church exudes a special charm at Christmastime, when the sounds of carols ring through the air.

Man has always been at one with nature here, and this is something you can still feel today in two remarkable gardens. Let "Herb Heidi" whisk you away to the world of garden and wild herbs. What we often pass by unaware can prove to be a delicious gift from Mother Nature.

#### Herb workshop

Discover pure relaxation in the grounds of "Herb Heidi's" herb workshop.

www.kraeuter-heidi.de



## Experience and discover culture

KUNST-GESCHOSS – Town gallery | www.kunst-geschoss.de

Havelland Painters' Colony – Exhibition of Havelland artists & motifs | www.havellaendische-malerkolonie.de

Caputher Musiken – Concert series | www.caputher-musiken.de

 ${\bf Schwielowsee\ Culture\ Forum\ -\ Concert\ series\ |\ www.kulturforum\ -schwielowsee.de}$ 

Comédie Soleil - Theatre and cultural centre | www.comediesoleil.com

SCALA-Kulturpalast – Films, concerts and readings | www.scala-kulturpalast.de

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KreativHerbst - Autumn workshop series | www.kreativ-in-schwielowsee.de

Lendelhaus Gallery | www.lendelhaus.de/kunst-werder

 $\textbf{Waldgalerie Ferch} - \textbf{Open-air gallery \& workshops in the forest} \ | \ \textbf{www.wald-galerie-ferch.de}$ 



#### Time out in Schwielowsee

In Schwielowsee, spring is devoted to health. In April, a diverse range of activities and treatments to improve health and reinvigorate mind, body and soul will be presented under the banner of "Time out in Schwielowsee" – with something for everyone to have a go at and try out! Here you can expand your health resources and enjoy mindfulness and relaxation surrounded by enchanting nature and inspiring culture.

www.schwielowsee-tourismus.de/urlaubsinspiration/gesundheit-wellness/auszeit-in-schwielowsee.html



You feel as if you are on a journey around the world when, just a few turns of the pedals later, **you walk through the entrance of the Japanese Bonsai Garden.** It is one of Brandenburg's 30 most beautiful destinations, a complete horticultural work of art and at the same time the centre of Japanese art and culture in the State of Brandenburg. You can enjoy traditional Japanese desserts and tea specialities on the peaceful sun terrace with views of the Zen Garden.

What is probably the quirkiest stage in Brandenburg always has a good workout for the laughter muscles in store with its entertainment and music. The Ferch Obstkistenbühne, or "fruit crate stage", has long since become an institution. Its stories, songs and poems are heard by young and old alike, in the summer months under the linden, which is now more than 100 years old, and in winter by the fireside. A leap into the cool waters revives tired muscles before we continue along the cycle path. The Strandbad Ferch beach is the ideal place for families with its areas for playing games and sunbathing and, of course, a beach, which gently slopes down into the water. You haven't seen everything by far, but you've experienced so much – when the sun goes down over the dense forests in the evening, Caputh will be waiting for you to discover it the next morning.

Check the flower calendar to find out which flowers are currently in blossom.

www.bonsai-haus.de



#### Ferch Obstkistenbühne "fruit crate stage"

In addition to a series of openair events for adults, families and children in the summer season, concerts are hosted beside the crackling cobblestone fireplace from October to April

www.fercherobstkistenbuehne.de













## Culture meets beach culture

Even monarchs and great thinkers appreciated the feeling that you find here. This is where Albert Einstein created his "little paradise", as he put it himself, and enjoyed the time far away from the capital sailing and strolling through the forests. Here where Einstein came when he couldn't care less about the world, visitors can get a step

closer to the famous scientist and his intellectual legacy, discover his little house on the edge of the forest, explore an exciting exhibition in the Citizens' Centre and take part in great events hosted by the Initiativkreis Albert-Einstein-Haus Caputh. Truly inspiring places that illuminated Einstein's work, from both a scientific perspective and a political and philosophical standpoint.



(\* 14 March 1879 in Ulm, Württemberg; † 18 April 1955 in Princeton, United States) is considered one of the most important theoretical physicists in the history of science and is regarded across the world as the most famous scientist of the modern era. His research on the structure of matter, space and time and the essence of gravity fundamentally altered the previously held Newtonian world view.



## Para

#### Circular tour of Lake Caputher See

**Distance:** 4.5 km | **Time:** approx. 1.5 hr | **Starting point:** Caputh, at the church or the Citizen's Centre (Bürgerhaus) This walk begins by taking you along Seestraße until you turn off into Wilhelmshöhe. A wonderful view over Lake Caputher See awaits you at the highest point. Continue to follow the path until you reach the unpaved part of Seestraße. This track leads into a narrow footpath, which takes you to the banks of the lake. Keep bearing right on the beautiful forest path around Lake Caputher See, and you will reach a path on the banks. This will lead you back into Caputh with wonderful views to enjoy en route.

TIP: We recommend our walking tours booklet with eight routes through the municipality of Schwielowsee





Here where the Great Elector and his second wife, Dorothea of Brandenburg, wandered through the palace gardens and filled the early baroque architecture with life, even today you feel as if you have been transported back into their times. **The Caputher Musiken** 

**transform the palace and its gardens into** an unrivalled stage.







#### Caputh Palace

Well worth seeing is the summer dining hall featuring around 7,500 Delftware tiles in the basement.

https://www.spsg.de/en/palaces-gardens/object/caputhpalace-and-garden/



The Caputher Musiken event series includes a wide range of styles. The remarkable venues are every bit as enchanting as the music – the baroque palace, Stüler's romantic church and the garden of Albert Einstein's summerhouse, among others.

www.caputher-musiken.de











Friedrich August Stüler

(28 January 1800 in Mühlhausen/Thuringia; † 18 March 1865 in Berlin) was a German architect. As a high-ranking Prussian buildings inspector, he was among the most influential master builders of his time. The Neues Museum in Berlin is considered his most important work. He also designed the dome on the triumphal arch over the main entrance to the Berlin Palace as well as the Palace Chapel.

In honour of the ferry Tussy, the Caputher Gemünde is transformed into a promenade packed with music, good spirits and delights for one weekend in August. The Caputh Ferry Festival is celebrated on and beside the water, with waterski performances that astonish visitors without fail each year. There has been a ferry connection at this very point since 1853, making it one of the most important transport links within the municipality of Schwielowsee.

Caputh Church has plenty of reasons throughout the year to listen to the old organ, now roughly 160 years old. The Organ Summer opens up these sounds to everyone with an interest in music with a programme that is a match for the largest venues in Potsdam.

The church exudes a real Italian air in the midst of Havelland. The pillar basilica was redesigned by the architect Friedrich August Stüler, who had been commissioned by Frederick William IV and took his inspiration from his visits to Verona. The basilica remains carefully restored to this day.



#### Lake Templiner See – Caputher Gemünde –Wentorfgraben – Lake Petzinsee – Lake Templiner See

Time: approx. 1.5-2 hr | Distance: 5 km

Hire a canoe by Lake Templiner See and paddle through the Caputher Gemünde until you reach Lake Schwielowsee. Continue through the narrow Wentorfgraben and across the tranquil Lake Petzinsee to return to your starting point.

**TIP:** Four special canoe launches invite you to take a break: Ziegelscheune Caputh | Zum Alten Landrat Ferch |

Ziegelscheune Caputh | Zum Alten Landrat Ferch | Havelpromenade Wildpark-West | Baumgarten Bridge in Geltow.





So many of the sights are close to water that they practically invite you to explore them from the water. **Experience the perfect combination of water sports and culture here with a motorboat (no driving licence required) or a canoe.** Canoeists in particular will find numerous launches not far from the cultural highlights, as well as tempting cafés, restaurants and more for a long breather.

The Potsdam lake landscape can also be explored from here **on one of the numerous boat cruises.** 



### Harbours, moorings and launches

Time for some shore leave! Harbours and moorings invite you to explore the places on your route. In addition, Caputh, Ferch and Geltow each have a special cappe launch

www.schwielowsee-tourismus. de/urlaubsinspiration/wasserparadies/haefen-anleger

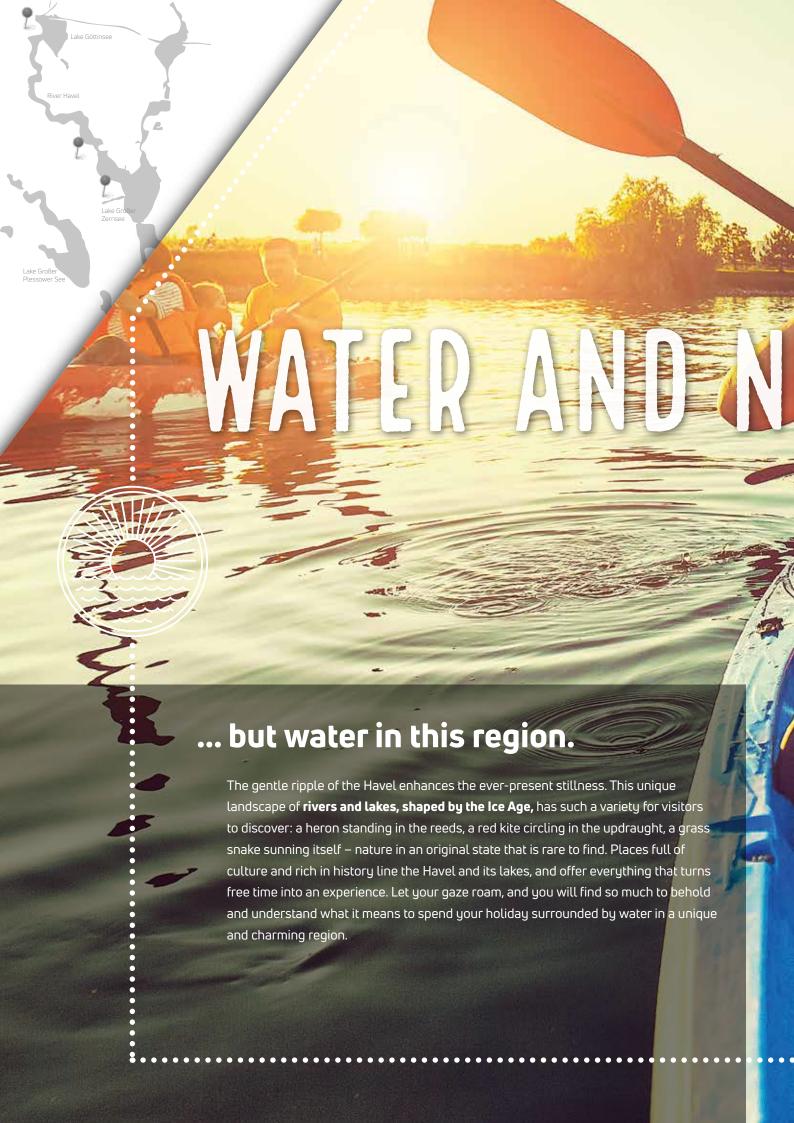


#### Boat tours in Potsdam

The current tours are available at: www.schifffahrt-in-potsdam.de













### Bathing beaches in the region

Strandbad Ferch beach Strandbad Glindow beach Waldbad Templin forest beach Strandbad Werder (Havel) beach Seebad Caputh beach





## A day beside, in and on the water

The water sports activities on offer are as diverse as what visitors of all ages seek here: from relaxation to action and nature experiences by the water. The Waldbad Templin forest beach may belong to Potsdam, but it still makes the perfect place for a laidback day by the water for the whole family, as do the bathing beaches in Caputh, Ferch, Werder and Glindow. Those in search of action can put their skills to the test and go wakeboarding or waterskiing. There is a long tradition of gliding on "boards" along the Havel in Schwielowsee. Some residents of Caputh have even achieved waterskiing successes that go as far as world champion titles.



#### Walk around Lake Templiner See

**Distance:** 9.5 km | **Time:** 2-3 hr | **Path type:** Bankside paths, paved and unpaved paths, steps at the railway dam **Transport connection:** RB23 regional rail to Caputh-Geltow Station

The wonderful backdrop of this walk is more than enough to tempt you to explore Lake Templiner See. Large parts of the walk are directly alongside the water. After the ferry crossing from Caputh, the bankside path takes you around Lake Petzinsee and Lake Templiner See. Cross the railway dam to reach the other side of the lake. Behind the Templin forester's lodge, a forest path takes you in the direction of Caputh. Alternatively, you can use the foot and cycle path alongside the roads.





Whether you glide leisurely through the Wentorfgraben or silently along the beautiful banks in a canoe or on a stand-up paddleboard, or enjoy the warm summer days on a hired motor boat with the cool headwind in your face, or whether you feel the sand between your toes before jumping into the cool waters at one of the bathing beaches, or simply cast your line into the waters and watch the float bobbing in the current without a care in the world — anyone who takes a holiday in Havelland can experience water from all perspectives.



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- Fischerei
- · Campingplatz Neue Scheune
- · Schwielowsee Camping
- · Campingclub Flottstelle
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www.lavb.de





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