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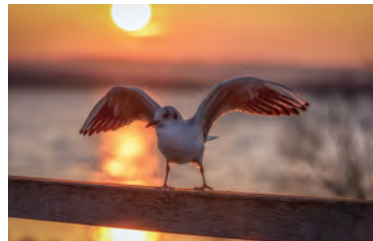


Welcome to

the holiday and excursion region
Lake Steinhuder Meer

Rural, modern and traditional at the same time:

Hardly any other German area is as diverse as the Nature Park Lake Steinhuder Meer. When travelling, we use all our senses: Our eyes and ears, head and heart. Our palate, our hands and our nose also discover, explore and taste new, sometimes unknown universes. Far from day-to-day – and yet very close – this experience awaits you here. Do you like to lie on the beach or do activities like cycling, hiking or water activities? Do you love shopping, going out or are you looking for seclusion in idyllic nature? Do you like to indulge in culinary delights with a glass of wine in a restaurant? Whether travelling alone, as a couple, with the whole family or with your dog: No matter what you are looking for, Lake Steinhuder Meer is the perfect holiday destination!



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Lake Steinhuder Meer holiday destination

Enjoy the scenic diversity of Lake Steinhuder Meer and its outstanding 32 square kilometer water surface attraction. Formed during the last cold period 14,000 years ago, it is the core of Nature Park Lake Steinhuder Meer. To the west, the meadows called Meerbruch extend as a breeding and resting area of international importance. To the east, a unique moor landscape with its typical vegetation awaits you. Get on eye level with nature in a unique landscape. On the north or south shore maritime flair prevails.

The variety of cultural possibilities and idyllic villages invite you to extraordinary excursions in the surrounding area. Even those who have spent their holidays here for many years, always find new things to discover. Depending on the season, it can be quiet and relaxing or busy and active. We shall show you the most beautiful corners and reasons why Lake Steinhuder Meer is so unique.



Waterfront in Steinhude



View of the Kalimanjaro from the north bank in Mardorf

Steinhude

The only fishing village, Steinhude, developed during the last century into an attractive state-recognized recreational spot. Numerous leisure facilities, such as the Nature Park Information Center, the Butterfly Farm or museums will awake your appetite for nature and culture. Boat trips to the north side, round trips or also the trips to the historic Wilhelmstein Island are an absolute must. Of course, the culinary delights are not neglected. The fish specialties are legendary. Everything is possible, nothing is mandatory!

Mardorf

This town is also a state-recognized recreational town and is located in a quiet setting on the north side of Lake Steinhuder Meer. Along a five-kilometer promenade, the small town with its restaurants, boat rentals and jetties for sailboats stretches through a beautiful dune and beach landscape. With its carefully restored half-timbered house ensemble the Aloys-Bunge-Platz, the small chapel and the museum of local history invite you to stay before exploring the region by bike or on foot.



Passenger ships at the boat dock Strandterrassen in Steinhude

Meßwarb fountain and Alte Schule in Rehburg

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Hagenburg

The village in the west of Lake Steinhuder Meer has a lot to offer, especially for guests seeking peace and tranquility. In addition to extensive recreational possibilities, the nearby woodlands offer the opportunity for forays that already inspired the poet Hermann Löns. A detour to Hagenburg Castle along the canal in Hagenburg or to the erratic boulder and moor garden is a worthwhile destination.

Rehburg-Loccum

In the town Rehburg-Loccum the Monastery Loccum is located, where you can experience almost 860 years of monastic history and Cistercian tradition. The historic spa complex Bad Rehburg is a unique building ensemble and cultural monument from the time of the Hanoverian kings, dating back the era of Romanticism – experience royal atmosphere.

Advice

The small castle park along the canal in Hagenburg is open to the public all year round. In June, a magnificent rhododendron avenue blooms there.

Tip

The Nature Park House in Mardorf with its permanent exhibition „From peat cutting to climate protection – the moors and their changing functions“ is a worthwhile destination, not only in bad weather.



Nature at its best

It smells of forest and soil, the morning air is still a little damp and the steps on the natural, soft ground can hardly be heard. Those who choose to explore the Nature Park on horseback are travelling at eye level with nature. Sea eagles and dragonflies can be seen along the way. With a little luck, you may even encounter otters on your walk. Discover the extremely diverse nature of Lake Steinhuder Meer with its flora and fauna and experience exciting natural spectacles every season. In addition to the large water surface, the landscape is characterized by an interesting succession of dunes, moors, meadows and forests, making it one of the most attractive landscapes in the Hannover Region.

Did you know ...

that Lake Steinhuder Meer is home to water buffaloes? You will see them in the Meerbruch Meadows.

The Nature Park informs about flora and fauna in its houses in Steinhude and Mardorf, or during guided theme hikes into the moor or the Meerbruch. Those who would like to get more information on nature in this special location should definitely plan a visit to the Ecological Protection Station in Winzlar. There, scientists regularly record the development of the flora and fauna in order to develop measures for the preservation and protection of nature.



Left: Ecological Protection Station in Winzlar;
Top: Nature Park House



Great adventures for little guests

In addition to the activities for adults, Lake Steinhuder Meer Nature Park also offers numerous nature adventures for children. Throughout the year, the little ones can, for example, develop their manual skills in carving and weaving with natural materials, sharpen their senses while tracking or let off steam in the forest when building leaf huts. Especially during the nature and wilderness days on school holidays, there are many new things to discover and learn: Welcome to Steinhude Fairyland!



Advice:

Go to www.willkommen@steinhuder-meer.de for nature adventures



In the footprints of the dinosaurs...

In Germany's largest open-air Dinosaur Museum in Münchehagen, more than 300 original footprints bear witness to the fact that herds of dinosaurs moved through the Mittelweser-Region about 139 million years ago. The natural monument "dinosaur tracks" (Saurierfährten) is unique in Europe. The Open-Air Museum Münchehagen is Germany's largest scientific experience and theme park. On a 2.5 km path through the park, you will learn everything about the fascinating development of life and the earth's history through 230 life-sized reconstructions of dinosaurs. The park offers numerous and exciting hands-on activities for the entire family. Did that make you curious? Then let's go to Dino Park Münchehagen!



Adventure and excitement in the midst of nature

In Mardorf, one of the most beautiful forest rope courses in Germany awaits you with exciting climbing activities and many other adventures for the whole family. Between trees at a height of up to twelve meters, there are 27 climbing stations. Climbing courses of various difficulty levels have been installed to provide the perfect challenge for everyone. The SeaTree promises great vacation climbing fun at Lake Steinhuder Meer.

Lake Steinhuder Meer: an active paradise



Explore the diversity of Lake Steinhuder Meer on your own! Whether on water or onshore: Lake Steinhuder Meer is a paradise for active vacationers of all kinds. Here you can swim, sail, surf, fish, ride horses, ride a bike or go on extensive natural hikes and guided moor excursions. In the summer, hundreds of sailors are on the water; In the winter, ice sailors can be spotted on the lake. In recent years, the largest lake in northwest Germany has become the center for kite surfers.



Swimmers and water sports enthusiasts enjoy the water, which has a pleasant temperature due to the lake's shallow depth. But not only water sports enthusiasts get their money's worth here – you can take a bike or hike around the lake or along the promenades.



Romantic or athletic? With your own kayak or canoe you can explore the lake in a unique way.

You are the captain

You can rent pedal boats, rowing boats, electric boats and sailing boats from various boat rentals. Experience Lake Steinhuder Meer from the captain's point of view. Of course, you can also bring your own canoe or kayak. The deployment sites are located in Mardorf at Warteweg (Youth Hostel), at DKV Heim (DKV road), at the beach (Strandweg) and at the Neue Moorhütte. On the south shore, the deployment points are located at the Strandterrassen, on the Beach Island (Badeinsel) and on the canal in Hagenburg. More information is available at the tourist information centers.



Active on the water

The water activities on Lake Steinhuder Meer are very popular. Enjoy the excellent bathing conditions on the Beach Island (Badeinsel) in Steinhude or on the beach in Mardorf called Weiße Düne. Whether standing upwind on a surfboard, sailing over the waves in a dinghy cruiser or as a guest on board one of the passenger ships – there are no limits to the activities on the water.



Mecca for surfers

Over the years, Mardorf's kite and surf beach on north shore has developed into a popular meeting place for surfers. Starting here, almost the entire lake can be used during the summer season. Mardorf is also the place to be for the kitesurfing scene, producing acrobatic eye-catchers while standing on small surfboards and hanging on large stunt kites. Experience a spectacle that also beginners can learn in a kite school on site, by the way.

SUP – Stand-up-Paddling

On Lake Steinhuder Meer the surfboard is used even when there is no wind. Necessity is the mother of invention and maybe that's the reason you see more and more surfers with a big paddle on a long board gliding over the water. This new trend from Hawaii is called „stand-up paddling“, or SUP. Even if the first attempts to stand may be a bit shaky, SUP can be learned very quickly and is great for anyone who is not afraid of the water and has some body control. Standing upright, legs at hip width while bending your knees a little and pulling the paddle backwards in the water and forwards above the water – this is how you can easily and comfortably “walk on water”.



Pure sailing pleasure

Lake Steinhuder Meer is one of the most traditional sailing areas in Germany. Several hundred of the approximately 3,300 boats on the north and south shores, are out on the water on pleasant days - a fantastic sight. For water sports enthusiasts, the lake is navigable from mid-March to the end of October; In the off-season, nature conservation has priority according to the winter navigation ban. A small „white industry“ around sailing has developed over the years, therefore sailors can find all sorts of trade and services concerning sailing, ranging from jetty operators to water sports stores, boat rentals and sailing schools. Guests can bring their own boat and moor it at one of the guest jetties during their vacation or rent a suitable boat by hour or day from a local boat rental.

Swimming & fun: Steinhude's Beach Island (Badeinsel) & Mardorf's Beach Weiße Düne

Lake Steinhuder Meer is a magnet for water lovers. Steinhude's Beach Island is 35,000 square meters in size and very popular. Younger and older guests enjoy its beautiful sandy beach, clean water, shallow shores, big sunbathing areas and the playgrounds for children. The beach in Mardorf also offers a beach holiday feeling. Surrounded by pines and alders, there is also a playground. Parking spaces are available in the immediate vicinity of the beach.



Tip:

If you also feel like being active on the water, the providers at Lake Steinhuder Meer will be happy to inform you about beginner courses and equipment.

Active around Lake Steinhuder Meer

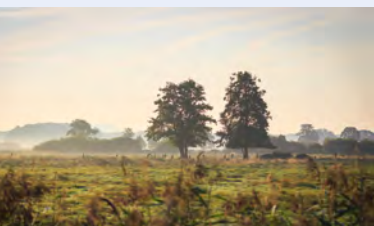
For those who want to be active not only on the water, there are many great recreational opportunities. For professional and amateur athletes, hikers, horseback riders, cyclists, golfers and miniature golfers: The possibilities are almost unlimited and tempting for young and old.

In Nature Park Lake Steinhuder Meer the signposted bicycle paths have a length of approx. 600 kilometers and include 16 elaborated theme routes, making the cyclist's heart beat faster. Tips on the individual tours and much more can be found in our WebApp willkommen.steinhuder-meer.de or in our tourist information centers. We have sufficient maps waiting for you.



Advice:

If transporting your own bike is too difficult, you can rent a well-maintained bike for an hour, a day or a week at a good rate from a large number of bike rentals around Lake Steinhuder Meer.



The most popular theme routes:



Lake Steinhuder Meer Loop Path (32 km)

This trail takes you through diverse landscapes framing the large lake like a sparkling jewel. The landscape along the shore changes several times. Sometimes, trees line up right at the water's edge, sometimes reeds, then the edge of a large dune makes a fine sandy beach. You move in the shade of a forest, which eventually opens up to wide wetlands. Later, you reach a primeval alder swamp forest, a paradise for songbirds and waterfowl, which you can observe from a fortified bridge. Worth mentioning are the observation towers directly on the water's edge, which may even give you the chance to see the sea eagle.

Neustadt's Rural Route (34 km)

Enjoy the outdoors in nature - feel good! Neustadt's Rural Route is an easy day tour and connects, as the name suggests - idyllic villages in the area surrounding Neustadt, known as Neustädter Land with nature in the Leinemasch. A detour to the Monastery Mariensee or the Laderholz Water Mill give a perfect example of the region's diversity. You can start the route at the train station in Hagen. In which direction you start the route, is entirely up to you. Mariensee is not only known for the monastery and its garden, which are well worth seeing, but is also a particularly beautiful spot to rest along the monastery stream.

Dino Tour (30 km)

The Dino Tour takes you through exciting eras of history: From the dinosaurs to the early Middle Ages and the era of Romanticism. On the Dino Tour, cyclists or hikers encounter up close eight experience stations with witnesses of the past. On this scenic route you will see the most beautiful places in the area: The Open-Air Dinosaur Museum in Münchehagen, the Monastery Loccum, the royal spa facilities in Bad Rehburg and the swimming meadows in Winzlar.

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Hiking in the heart of nature

In addition to the popular loop path (32 km), several hiking trails take you on extensive tours leading through the entire area. Many tours, such as the hiking trails in Mardorf and Steinhude, or Poggenhagen's Moorhennies Path promise interesting discoveries for hiking enthusiasts. In addition to these regional trails, several long-distance hiking trails, such as the European Long Distance Trail 1 (North Sea-Mediterranean), and the Roswithaweg cross the Nature Park.



Advice:

There are guided moor hikes starting in Mardorf on a regular basis. Please remember to take weatherproof clothing and shoes, mosquito repellent, if necessary, a camera and binoculars.

Circular hiking trails Mardorf & Steinhude (3.7 to 13 km)

In Mardorf, hikers can take numerous trails to explore the village on different topics. Along the trails, there are scenic beauties and interesting stories to be discovered. Besides the village path or the circular path village-lake (Dorf-Meer) with 3.3 km, other interesting walks are waiting for you. Three hiking tours starting in Steinhude's Barn Quarter also promise special moments. They have a length between 6 and 13 kilometers. Along Lake Steinhuder Meer, or along the former Lake Steinhuder Meer railroad line, or through picturesque meadows and fields, these tours promise pure relaxation.

Moorhenniespfad

On the trail Moorhenniespfad you can discover the cultural and scenic diversity in Poggenhagen and Neustadt on your own or with family. With a smartphone and via QR codes you can listen to contemporary witnesses who live in and with this landscape on 31 stops along the paths. They are divided into north and south route. The story of the Moorhennies takes place between the moor and the river Leine during the time of the Thirty Years' War. The center of action is the Moorkrug on the south circular route.



Monastery Mariensee



Pilgrimage routes from Monastery Mariensee to Monastery Loccum

On the pilgrimage route between the monasteries in Mariensee and Loccum, you can rediscover the slowness of life as a contrast to the busy everyday life and hike between meadows and forests along your inner path. For the approximately 80 kilometers leading through attractive areas of Lake Steinhuder Meer about four days are planned, but the route can also be divided into shorter sections. Groups can use the possibility of monastic, spiritual guidance. Furthermore, there is informative literature about the route and sights.

Sigwardsweg

The 170-kilometer pilgrimage loop path consists of a northern and southern route and follows the footsteps of Bishop Sigward (1120 to 1140). Both routes start in Minden and end at his own and burial church in Idensen. The diocese of Minden was founded by Charlemagne in 798 and shaped the cultural area between the rivers Weser and Leine with churches, monasteries and noble residences. The path leads along river meadows, heath, forests and over the ridges of the Weser Mountains. 24 „holy places“ invite you to inner contemplation. The trails' logo is the quatrefoil window of the west tower at the church Sigwardskirche guiding the pilgrim along the signposted route.

Brüder Grimm Märchenweg (5 km) (Brothers Grimm fairy tale path)

In addition to the historical promenades in Bad Rehburg, a fairy tale path was created. Here, 16 Brothers Grimm fairy tales and two Rehburg-Loccum legends come „alive“ through wooden figures. Young and old can walk and discover the historical promenades. The starting point is in Bad Rehburg at the Romantik Bad Rehburg and also leads directly to the Wilhelmsturm.



Wilhelmstein Island

Built by Count Wilhelm of Schaumburg-Lippe starting in 1761, Germany's smallest inhabited island holds many a secret. You can feel it as soon as the boat docks and you set foot on Wilhelmstein Island for the first time: A world of its own, incomparable in history and construction throughout Europe. Around the old fortress small gardens, idyllic paths and seating areas directly by the water invite you to relax and linger. Small deliciously filled picnic baskets made for you by the island's caterer can be enjoyed here in a very special

surrounding. Discover art objects, the nature park's exhibition room, the fortress as a walk-in museum, delicious food, the Island Resort's maritime small houses and the most beautiful sunsets you have ever seen. With your own boat, SUP board, canoe or as a passenger of Steinhude's Passenger Shipping Company, you can reach this unique island. You can also go around the island on a round trip with the passenger ship „Steinhude“, seeing the island from the water.



Tip

*Conquer the island: „In the footsteps of Count Wilhelm“.
Guided tours from April to October*



By the way, it is also possible to spend the night in the Island Resort. In the modern designed guest rooms of the former officers' houses this is a very special highlight. A weekend on a deserted island with unique culinary delights and a panoramic view over the lake makes your trip truly special.

The island also offers the perfect location for an unforgettable moment for wedding couples. A civil ceremony in the historic fortress or outside the fortress with a panoramic view and an exclusive celebration with a maritime flair will make this special day unforgettable.

Museum variety at lake Steinhuder Meer

Lake Steinhuder Meer has many cultural highlights to offer! Experience historic castles and monasteries, lovely museums, or visit the arts and crafts markets. Over the centuries, the area has also inspired several artists who have settled here as „immigrants“. These include the itinerant preacher Gustav Nagel or the artist Paul Smalian, who immortalized life around Steinhude in many drawings and paintings. Even today, world-class artists make guest appearances in Steinhude and Bad Rehburg. Important exhibitions can be seen in Neustadt in the Landestrost Castle, in Steinhude's Barn Quarter and in the Romantik Bad Rehburg.

Linen Factory Leinenfabrik

Did you know that the oldest weaving mill in Germany is located in Steinhude? The Seegers family business lets you partake in a wonderful exhibition of old weaving techniques and takes you on a journey through the centuries-old weaving history in Steinhude.

Railroad Museum

Here you can learn all about the history of Lake Steinhuder Meer Bahn, a narrow-gauge railroad which was operated from 1898 to 1970. It carried mainly recreation-seeking guests from Uchte via Stolzenau and Bad Rehburg to Steinhude on the 52.7 km long route.

Steinhude's Sculpture Promenade

As the name suggests, 12 works of art are exhibited along the promenade in Steinhude, dealing with elementary themes of nature and history from the area. It is a unique concept in Germany.

Steinhude's Pike

The most famous invention of Count Wilhelm of Schaumburg-Lippe was Steinhude's pike, in German Steinhuder Hecht, the first submarine constructed in Germany. The sketches and a model replica can be found in the fortress on Wilhelmstein Island.



JU 52 Museum

The centerpiece of the exhibition in the JU hangar at Wunstorf Air Base is a Junkers JU 52, one of the world's last examples in original condition. On the outdoor area you can see pioneers of aviation: Noratlas, DO 28, helicopter Bell and many other old-timers of the sky.



Steinhude's Museums - Fishermen's and Weavers' Museum With Toy Museum

They unite under one roof the fishing and weaving tradition of Steinhude and the Toy Museum, which takes visitors back to their childhood. They are located in an originally furnished fishermen's and weavers' house in the town center. The interesting exhibition includes the world's only existing „seamless shirt“, that was woven here around 1765.

Butterfly Farm

Amidst many tropical plants, more than 600 colorful large and small butterflies flutter around. Be enchanted by the colorful hustle and bustle of the butterflies and other insects in Steinhude.

Windmill Paula

Paula, as Steinhude's windmill is affectionately called, is a three-story earthen holland. The mill is driven by four wings that are up to 10 meters long, each equipped with adjustable louvers.

Steinhude's Art Barn

An additional great exhibition venue for various visual artists is the Art Barn Kunstscheune in Steinhude's historical Barn Quarter. With monthly changing exhibitions, the barn has about 20,000 visitors each year. On display are paintings, sculptures, photographs and arts and crafts. The opening hours vary from exhibition to exhibition. You can find them at www.steinhuder-meer.de/kunstscheune.



Historic Spa Facilities Romantik Bad Rehburg

The former royal spa facilities of Bad Rehburg are a monument, unique in its architecture and history in Germany, dating back to the Romantic period. At the time, the place known as the „Madeira of the North“ attracted the Hannoverian royal family for health and recreation with its healing springs. The ensemble consists of the Wandelhalle, the bathhouse with museum and the chapel Friederikenkapelle. There, culture can be experienced in a royal flair. The event calendar is also worth looking at. It includes a sophisticated program ranging from art and theater to classical music and jazz concerts. The event series „World Classics at the Piano“, for example, features only masters of the subject – a must for all music lovers! Every year in mid-April the artisan market opens its doors with high-quality and contemporary products.



Landestrost Castle

Landestrost Castle in the city Neustadt am Rübenberge was built between 1573 and 1584 by Duke Erich II. of Braunschweig-Lüneburg. It was used as a representative residential building in the Weserrenaissance style and is one of the most beautiful building ensembles built in that era. The Renaissance wing hosts changing art exhibitions. The great hall hosts musical highlights, ranging from classical music to Jazz.

Monastery Mariensee

The Protestant Monastery Mariensee is located north of Neustadt am Rübenberge. Founded around 1207 as a women's monastery with Cistercian rules, the monastery became Protestant during the Reformation. Even today, a convent of women lives there. The best way to visit the wonderful building with its simple architecture is by taking a guided tour between April and October. Seminars, retreats, concerts and exhibitions are also held at the monastery.



Monastery Loccum

Until today, it is one of the most impressive Cistercian monasteries with its massive walls and magnificent abbey church. In 1163 a group of Cistercian monks founded the monastery near Lake Steinhuder Meer. Since then, it has been an exceptional place of Christian work. Cultural events, readings, concerts and, of course, peace and relaxation in the midst of a magnificent natural landscape in the heart of Lower Saxony attract the visitor.



Church Sigwardskirche Idensen

The outside of the church is characterized by carefully shaped ashlars and clear shapes of the Romanesque architecture. The rich wall and ceiling paintings are completely unadulterated and one of the most beautiful of its kind, also dating back to the Romanesque period. Between 11.00 am and dawn the church can be visited by using the key inside the showcase in front of the community building across the street. Guided tours can be organized by the church community.



Hidden jewel

Neustadt am Rübenberge

Start your discovery journey through the Neustädter Land best in Neustadt am Rübenberge's city center.

The old town is mainly characterized by its rural character – many half-timbered houses with large barn entrances can be found there. Highlights include Landestrost Castle, the Stork House, the market square with the church Liebfrauenkirche and the Leine meadows.

Historical city center of Wunstorf

The street Wasserzucht with the historical abbey in Wunstorf's old town used to be the town's poor alley. Today, located between the market square and the church Stadtkirche this charming cobblestone alley is one of the city's most beautiful corners. Here you can go shopping in cozy stores, enjoy the exquisite food in local restaurants or simply stroll along the restored half-timbered houses.

Advice:

Every night at 6.00 pm (except Sundays and weekends) the Loccum Monastery holds the Hora, the traditional evening prayer. For more information, please visit www.kloster-loccum.de

Entertainment at its best

The holiday destination Lake Steinhuder Meer is a very special event venue. The music, culture and comedy events on Wilhelmstein Island with its beautiful sunsets remain in the visitor's memory for a long time. The swimming stage Seebühne is perfect for guests enjoying small but excellent events.

Every year in August, Steinhude and Mardorf are transformed into a maritime festive site. The Festive Weekend with great fireworks, thousands of illuminated boats on the lake and music on 5 stages charms its guests year after year.



Cultural highlights on Wilhelmstein Island



Lake Steinhuder Meer stage



Events around Lake Steinhuder Meer!

Ranging from small, but special events on our swimming stage Seebühne to our highlights such as the Festive Weekend and the Mallorca Party or even the large arts and crafts markets: At Lake Steinhuder Meer everyone finds something they like!

Numerous event series, such as the "White Night", poetry slams or the "Irish Night" are only a few examples for the diverse event program that the area around Lake Steinhuder Meer has in store for you.



Culinary delights

There are many culinary delights in the area around Lake Steinhuder Meer: Whether you prefer it hearty, healthy or have a liking for fine wines, everyone gets one's money worth here. Numerous restaurants offer not only excellent fish dishes, but also many other classics of the German cuisine.

Take the opportunity to visit the farmer's market in Mardorf, which has been there for more than 20 years, and enjoy the unique atmosphere and fresh products. Whether on the north or south shore, there is one thing you should not miss out on: The delicious fresh rolls with fish – especially with eel!



Eel – a special treat!

Lake Steinhuder Meer is known for its smoked eel. Its exquisite taste is owed to a special smoking technique over beech wood. For fish gourmets, a visit to a typical smokehouse is mandatory. There, you can see how the eel is refined and turned into a treat. Have you tried jellied eel or the "green" eel for cooking or frying? The smokehouses offer eel in many different variations.

The smoking process over beech wood makes the eel a true delicacy. It finds its way to gourmets all over Europe as a culinary souvenir and can even be sent by mail. It is a true delight – not only cold!



Especially smoked eel is one of the culinary landmarks of Lake Steinhuder Meer. Some of Steinhude's fishermen catch eel already in the 7th generation. Since then, the traditional trap fishing has been preserved.



Nienburg's asparagus – a true treat!

The area is well known for the queen of vegetables: Nienburg's asparagus. Besides many other agricultural products, you can buy Nienburg's fresh asparagus in many farm stores, at mobile stands on the roadside or at one of the region's farmers markets.

Sparkling wine cellars with tradition

Landestrost Castle is home to a sparkling wine cellar which dates back to the 17th century. It produces its famous sparkling wine by classic bottle fermentation, thus making the finest sparkling wines. It remains in the same bottle for up to six years, which is stored on champagne yeast in the cool castle cellars. Visiting one of the few sparkling wine cellars in Lower Saxony, including a sparkling wine tasting, is an unforgettable experience, not only for sparkling wine enthusiasts.

Steinhude's chocolate factory

Did you know that Germany's oldest chocolate factory officially opened in 1765 in Steinhude? The tradition is carried on in the Landsitz Kapellenhöhe in Wiederbrügge, where unique interpretations and exquisite creations with unusual ingredients are presented.

Weekly markets, farm stores & more

Farm stores and other direct marketers offer best regional products on the popular weekly markets, farmers markets or on ecological markets everywhere around Lake Steinhuder Meer: In Mardorf on the idyllic market-place called Aloys-Bunge-Platz, the Barn Quarter in Steinhude, the pedestrian zone in Wunstorf or the church square in Neustadt.



Weekly markets

Neustadt a. Rbge.
Marktstraße (church square),
Fridays 8.00 am – 1.00 pm

Wunstorf
Pedestrian Zone
Fridays 8.00 am – 2.00 pm

Wunstorf
Pedestrian Zone
Tuesdays 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Wunstorf
Barneplatz
Tuesdays 2.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Steinhude
An der Friedenseiche
Saturdays 8.00 am – 2.00 pm

Farmers markets

Neustadt a. Rbge.
Marktstraße (church square)
Tuesdays 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Mardorf
Aloys-Bunge-Platz,
Wednesdays 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
(July and August only)

Flea market

Mardorf
Mardorfer Straße/Pferdeweg,
Every other Saturday

Rehburg
Town Square in the center
Every 1st Saturday between May
and October

Advice:

Visit us on the arts and crafts market in Mardorf on the German holidays Ascension Day and German Unification Day. For further information, please visit: www.steinhuder-meer.de



A blue wonder!

For some, it is about the experience to pick delicious blueberries in beautiful nature, or showing their kids where blueberries grow and how healthy they are. For others, it is the low price of the harvest that matters. No matter the reason, you will not get your blueberries anywhere fresher than picking them yourself from the bush. The nature experience of picking your own berries is the best way to take home fresh berries at a fair price. There are two plantations in Nature Park Lake Steinhuder Meer, where you can harvest the delicious berries or enjoy the berry products.

Getting away!

There is a lot to discover at Lake Steinhuder Meer – for families and friends, soccer teams or study groups, group activities are fun for all ages! You can experience special moments, participate in interesting guided tours and have encounters worth talking about at home.

Nature Park Lake Steinhuder Meer is well prepared for bigger and smaller groups and has something great to offer for everyone. Take a breather from your everyday life! Unwind your soul, go by bike around the Lower Saxons' favorite lake or try stand-up paddling! Enjoy the summer – if not now, then when?

Advice

Why not spend your winter vacation at Lake Steinhuder Meer? Discover the nature park in a cozy winter atmosphere.



Steinhude ahoy

Explore the various facets of Lake Steinhuder Meer on land and on water. Join our tour guides on a stroll through the historical town center. On a round trip on our boat "Steinhude" along the shores and around the island the captain tells you many interesting things. During the trip the caterer on board will take good care of you.

"In count Wilhelm's footsteps"

Join us on an entertaining discovery journey. Did you know that the builder of the fortress, Imperial Count Wilhelm, was a personality of European importance? Kings of Prussia, England and Portugal were among his friends. The various museum rooms give insight into the count's military talent and history of the country. Probably the most remarkable invention was Steinhude's pike (Steinhuder Hecht) – the oldest German submarine.

"Completely carefree days"

Experience Lake Steinhuder Meer by bike or by boat...relax and let your mind wander, because we take care of everything. This includes accommodation for 2 nights including breakfast. Explore our area by bike on your own, we are glad to provide you with maps and some insider tips in advance. The 32 km loop path takes you around the nature park's jewel. Visit Wilhelmstein Island, explore the unique fortress and let the day end with an unforgettable sunset.


This is only a small excerpt of ideas and possibilities that we have prepared for you. Gladly we will prepare an individual offer for you. Do not hesitate to contact us!






— Lake Steinhuder Meer circular route
— bicycle bus


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Wilhelmstein Island
www.wilhelmstein.de
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Steinhuder Nature Park Info Center
www.steinhuder-meer.de
www.naturpark-steinhuder-meer.de
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Tourist Information Mardorf
www.steinhuder-meer.de
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Landestrost Castle
www.schloss-landestrost.de
- 5




Pedestrian Zone Wunstorf
www.wunstorf.de
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Church Sigwardskirche Idensen
www.sigwardskirche.de
- 7




Monastery Loccum
www.kloster-loccum.de
- 8



Romantik Bad Rehburg
www.badrehburg.de
- 9



Meerbruch Ecological Protection Station (ÖSSM)
www.oessm.de
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Dinosaur Park Müncheshagen
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Feel free to use our booking service at
www.steihuder-meer.de



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