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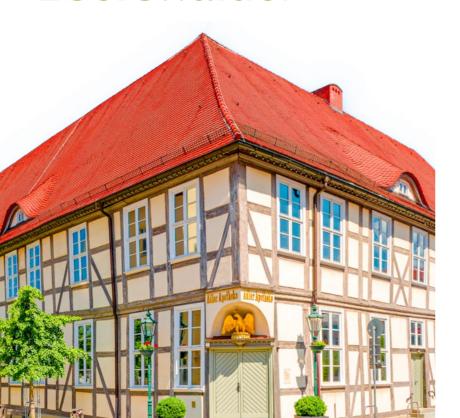


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# WELCOME TO Eberswalde.



Eberswalde, a city located around 50 km to the north of Berlin, is characterised by its relaxed and multifaceted atmosphere. Numerous sights, the city's rich tradition as the cradle of Brandenburg-Prussian industry, and the densely wooded surroundings invite you to embark on a journey of discovery.

The city of the Cruller doughnut awaits! Visit one of the beautiful little zoos; the fantastic Familiengarten Eberswalde, or the Forest-Botanical Garden. The region's historic treasures, both large and small, can be discovered in the Eberswalde Museum, while the Finow Water Tower inspires with its panoramic views. The baff outdoor swimming pool also offers the opportunity to indulge in some refreshment and relaxation.

One of Eberswalde's defining pieces of infrastructure is the Finow Canal, which has wound its way through the city district for more than 400 years. Here you will find the perfect conditions for relaxed boat trips, with numerous opportunities to step ashore for a spot of sightseeing.

Thanks to the woodlands, lakes, and numerous tourist attractions, an excursion into the surrounding area promises abundant relaxation and recreation. Experience the landscape - shaped during the Ice Age - on the well-developed cycling and hiking trails.

In this brochure you can uncover the highlights and hidden gems of Eberswalde. Three tours will guide you through the city centre, along the Schwärzetal recreational area and the Finow Canal. Whether travelling by land or water, there are also numerous sightseeing tours within the surrounding area that are waiting to be discovered.

# **Tourist Information**

Further information on tourist attractions and the diverse range of leisure and recreational activities can be found on our website www.tourismus-eberswalde.de.

In our certified Tourist Information
Eberswalde, our friendly staff are on
hand to answer any questions you may
have and offer tips.



# **Tourist Information Eberswalde**

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Email: tourist-info@eberswalde.de

## Opening hours

Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 5 p.m.

Closed on the following public holidays:

Good Friday, 24/25/26/31 December, and 1 January





# **Two Eberswalde Originals**

## The Trolley Bus (Oberleitungs-Bus, O-Bus)

Also affectionately referred to as the "Strippe", the overhead lines of the O-Bus have zig-zagged their way through Eberswalde since 1940, making it Germany's oldest trolleybus service. What sets it apart from a tram system is that, while the buses are indeed confined to their designated route by the network of overhead lines, they are not actually steered via this connection. A journey on Eberswalde's mobile tourist attraction is a must during any visit.

# **Eberswalder Spritzkuchen (Cruller Doughnuts)**

Upon stepping into the foyer of the Eberswalde Central Station, you are welcomed by the statue of Gustav the Spritzkuchen boy, whose story has become a popular local anecdote. When the railway line between Berlin and Stettin first opened in 1842, Gustav Louis Zietemann sold his baked goods directly from the platform. So began the success story of the Spritzkuchen, a delicious sou-

venir that visitors from Berlin particularly liked to take home with them. Be sure to sample the original during your visit to Eberswalde at one of the city's many local bakeries and patisseries.





# There's always something going on!

# **Guten Morgen Eberswalde** (Good Morning Eberswalde)

Every Saturday - 10:30 a.m.

Depending on the weather, either on Marktplatz (Market Square), in the Paul-Wunderlich-Haus (Paul Wunderlich Building), or occasionally somewhere else altogether. Info at www.mescal.de

## "jazz in e." Jazz Festival

Wednesday - Saturday in May (around Ascension Day)

Info available at www.mescal.de

#### Waldstadt Festival

### First weekend in June

Festival in Eberswalde and open day at the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development in the city centre, info at www.eberswalde.de

### PurPur - a Festival in the Forest-Botanical Garden

#### One week in July

Concerts and film screenings, info at www.mescal.de



### **Zoofest at Eberswalde Zoo**

Mid-August

Infos at www.zoo-eberswalde.de

### **Provinziale Film Festival**

In October

In the Schwärzetal Building, info at www.filmfest-eberswalde.de

## Halloween in the Familiengarten (Family Garden)

Always on 30 October

Infos at www.familiengarten-eberswalde.de

## **Christmas Market on Marktplatz**

Friday before the 1st day of Advent - Sunday, the 2nd day of Advent

Dates for the Christmas markets in the various districts available at www.eberswalde.de



# **Eberswalder Höhenpass** (high trail)

The Eberswalder Höhenpass joins together four unique highlights, for which sought-after stamps can be collected each year from the start of April until the end of October. The viewing platforms of the Finow Water Tower, the Eberkran assembly crane in the Familiengarten (Family Garden), and the Maria-Magdalenen-Kirche (St. Mary Magdalene Church) offer fantastic views over Eberswalde and the surrounding area, while the Tiger Tower in the Eberswalder Zoo provides insight into the life of the Siberian tiger.

Once you have scaled at least three out of the four viewpoints, you receive a certificate and select restaurants in the city centre offer a 10% discount on food and drinks upon submission of the stamped Höhenpass card. As a special keepsake, you will then be awarded a

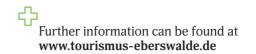
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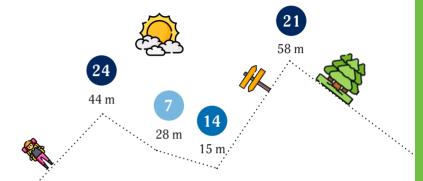
# All info on the Höhenpass is available from the Tourist Information Eberswalde

Telephone 03334 - 64520 www.tourismus-eberswalde.de

The flyer with the participation card is available in the Eberswalde Tourist Information Office and at the viewpoints.







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# City Walk I: Historical and new

## **Eberswalde city centre**



# A city walk through Eberswalde city centre

Our first city walk beckons you into the diverse Eberswalde city centre. Here you will find a host of tourist attractions, numerous shops, and charming eateries. Shopping enthusiasts are sure to be in their element, especially on Steinstraße in der Tourist Information Office, on Friedrich-Ebert-Straße with its numerous small shops and boutiques, and on Breiten Straße with the Rathauspassage (City Hall Arcade). Following a circular route, you will discover the Maria-Magdalenen-Kirche (St. Mary Magdalene Church), the Park am Weidendamm, and the new City Promenade that runs along the Finow Canal. The city centre is also home to the Hochschule für nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde (Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development), with the campus also being worth a visit. For younger visitors, there are numerous sporting activities throughout the city centre. If all that walking has made you hungry, take a break at Marktplatz (Market Square) and treat yourself to one of the famous Eberswalder Spritzkuchen (Cruller doughnuts).

## **City tours in Eberswalde**

City tours focusing on a varied range of topics run from March until October on the last Saturday of each month, starting at 2 p.m. at the Tourist Information Office. If you like, you can also arrange a personal city tour here.



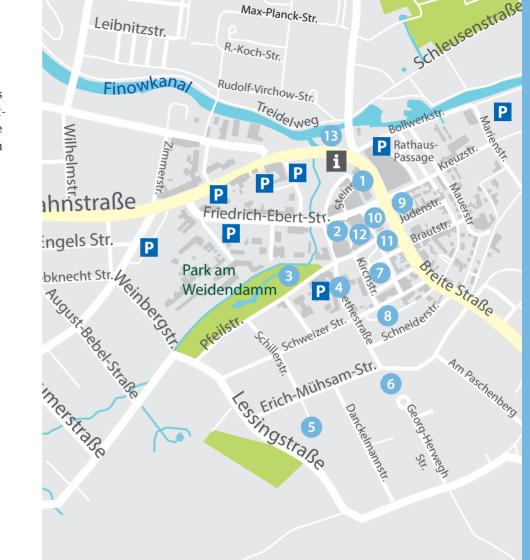
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Places to stay in Eberswalde





# 1

# **Eberswalde Museum and the Old Town Square**

#### Steinstraße 3

The Eberswalde Museum is housed within the city's oldest half-timbered building and presents its prized collection showcasing the history of the building, the city, and the wider region. Key areas of focus include the period of industrialisation in the 18th century and the period of enlightenment in the field of forestry in the early 19th century. Marvel at the replica of the famous "Eberswalder Goldschatz" (Eberswalde Hoard), the most significant finding of gold from the Late Bronze Age in Central Europe. Children can also enjoy an actual treasure hunt in the museum.

The Tourist Information Office is in a modern extension right beside the museum, in the Old Town Square, where, together with the adjacent Rathauspassage (City Hall Arcade), small shops invite you to indulge in some retail therapy.



Tours of the museum are possible subject to prior reservation.

Telephone 03334 - 64435 www.museum-eberswalde.de museum@eberswalde.de

Prices can be found on the website.







# **City Campus of the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development**

#### Friedrich-Ebert-Straße · Schicklerstraße 3 - 5

Eberswalde has a rich tradition of research and teaching! As early as 1830, the Höhere Forstlehranstalt (Higher Academy of Forestry) was relocated from Berlin to Eberswalde. There is a lot to discover on the premises of the Hochschule für nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde (Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development, HNEE). The University Library is among the buildings of architectural interest as it is the recipient of the Brandenburg Architectural Award on account of its striking façade, adorned with silkscreen-printed patterns. Time-honoured buildings include the brick building of the New Forestry Academy, constructed in the Neo-Renaissance style from 1873-76, and the building of the Old Forestry Academy, originally built as a two-storey residential property in 1793.



## Park am Weidendamm

#### between Schicklerstraße and Pfeilstraße

The Park am Weidendamm sits right on the banks of the Schwärze River. With its ancient tree population, a small pond area, and its expansive meadows, the park invites visitors to enjoy some time out, while smaller guests can let off steam to their hearts' desire in the wooden playground.

If, once nice and relaxed, you should now fancy a little culture, why not let yourself be inspired by the various sculptures? Among other sculptures in the park you will find the "Amazone" (The Fighting Amazon), a bronze statue by the renowned Munich-based sculptor Franz von Stuck, a life-size bronze statue of the royal Landforstmeister (Country Forest Master) Bernhard Danckelmann, and the "Raubvogel" (Bird of Prey) statue by Eberswalde-based artist and honorary citizen Paul Wunderlich.





# Synagogue memorial: "Wachsen mit **Erinnerung**" (Growing Memory)

#### Goethestraße 8

75 years after the complete destruction of the synagogue in Eberswalde, the "Wachsen mit Erinnerung" (Growing Memory) memorial site was inaugurated in 2013. For the new design, the remains of the foundations of the old synagogue were exposed and, following their contours, a continuous, 2.5-metre-tall wall was constructed. The interior space is planted with lime trees, representing growing memory. Outside the walls, benches invite you to sit down and pause for a moment of reflection.



# **Schiller Steps**

#### Schillerstraße

Small obelisks and the water-spouting boar's head are just some of the many lovingly crafted details waiting to be discovered on your climb to the top of the Schiller Steps, which were completed in 1905. Once at the top, you can relax in the beautiful park, for example beneath the Luther Oak. In terms of sporting activities, there is a fitness trail, a football pitch, and a basketball court.



# **Goethe Steps**

#### Goethestraße

The Goethe Steps were constructed in 1934 as a decorative instalment, according to designs drawn up by municipal park inspector Fritz Schuhmann. They climb to 42 m above sea level and provide a fantastic view over the city.



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# Maria-Magdalenen-Kirche (St. Mary Magdalene Church)

#### Kirchstraße 7

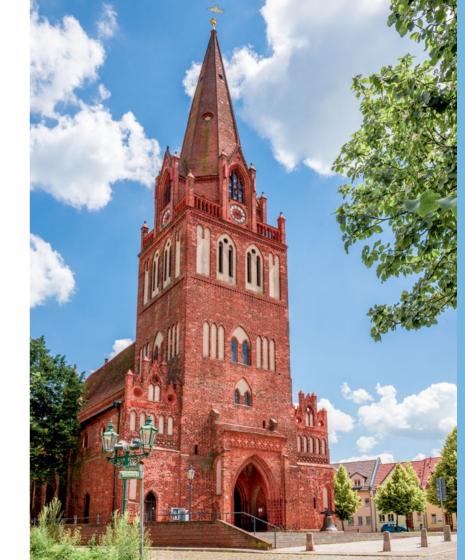
The Maria-Magdalenen-Kirche was built in the 13th century as a Gothic basilica and is now considered one of the most important parish churches in the Mark Brandenburg. It also has one of the tallest brick church towers in Germany. The four viewing balconies at a height of 28 m offer a stunning view of the city. Special features include the terracotta reliefs on the doorways, the bronze baptismal font, the carved altar dating back to the late Renaissance period, and the organ that belonged to Wagner student Ernst Marx, dating back to 1783. In front of the church you can also marvel at the original tower bell from 1518, affectionately known as "Barbara".



# The tower climb is part of the Eberswalder Höhenpass (see Page 24/25).

Tours are possible subject to arrangement with the church office.

Telephone 03334 - 287508 www.kirche-eberswalde.de info@kirche-eberswalde.de



# **City Wall**

## Nagelstraße

The restored city wall remains on Nagelstraße are a testament to the fortifications first officially documented in 1322. The upper section of the wall is made of brick, while the base and the lower section are constructed of boulders. The fortification had a watchtower and 34 guard houses, as well as a double wall and triple moat. There also used to be several gates. Due to their deteriorated condition, the walls and other buildings were stripped back to leave just a few remnants during the period from 1821 to 1823.







# Old and New City Hall

#### Breite Straße 41 - 44

The Old City Hall was built in 1775 as a residential property and has been used by the city as a City Hall since 1825. Since 1866, the coat of arms created by Potsdam-based sculptor Wilhelm Koch has adorned the main entrance of the Baroque community centre. During the period from 1903 until 1905, the New City Hall was constructed according to plans drawn up by Berlin Architects Köhler and Kranz. With its elaborate architecture and artistic design, it is a typical example of the Renaissance-style reception area often favoured in city hall construction projects. There are many details to be discovered in this architectural gem - ambitiously crafted sandstone railings, natural stone columns featuring capitals decorated with figures, wall paintings, and much more.

# Marktplatz (Market Square) with Lion Fountain

#### Am Markt

Marktplatz is the centrepiece of Eberwalde's city centre. It combines historical buildings, such as the Löwenapotheke (Lion Pharmacy) that was built in 1703, with the modern architecture of the Paul-Wunderlich-Haus. The numerous dining establishments and retail outlets invite you to linger for a while, as do the various cultural events that take place here. For instance, every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., "Guten Morgen Eberswalde" puts on concerts, theatre performances, readings, and other street culture initiatives – free of charge and to the great delight of visitors. On the south-east corner of Marktplatz you will find the Löwenbrunnen (Lion Fountain), built in 1836. The imposing iron lion is a work by Christian Daniel Rauch, who is counted among the most significant sculptors of German classicism.

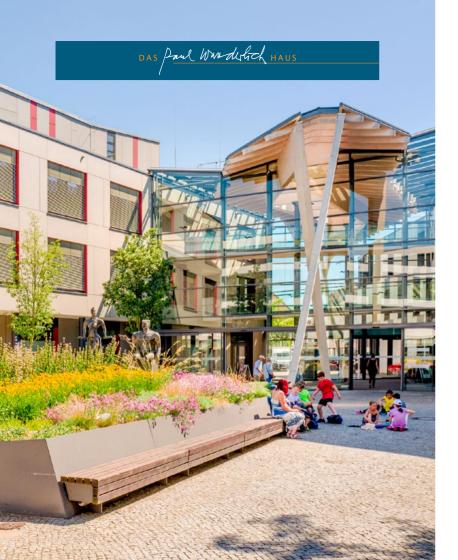
# 11 Model city on the church hill

## The corner of Ratzeburgstraße / Erich-Schuppan-Straße

Directly in front of the Maria-Magdalenen-Kirche, the hill on which the church stands drops away towards Marktplatz. This underwent renovation in 2013 and a path now winds its way down the slope, without any steps or obstacles. Benches and

various pieces of play equipment invite passers-by to stop and stay for a while. At the foot of the church hill, there is a model of the city, cast in bronze, which shows the inner city as it was in 1938, prior to the significant destruction during the war. Here you literally have Eberswalde's history at your fingertips. Since-disappeared buildings, rows of houses, and the synagogue can be rediscovered through the model.







#### Am Markt 1

Shopping, drinking coffee, or simply relaxing in the inner courtyard. With the Paul-Wunderlich-Haus (Paul Wunderlich Building), one of Germany's most modern and environmentally friendly service and administrative buildings, was constructed in 2007. Spanning an area of 2,500 m², it is the administrative seat of the district and also home to several restaurants and shops. More than 300 original works by artist and honorary citizen Paul Wunderlich - born in Eberswalde in 1927 - are on display here.

The painter, graphic artist, sculptor, and designer is considered to be one of the most important German representatives of Fantastic Realism of the 20th century. His at times surreal works are characterised by his fascination with mythological topics and the representation of feminine beauty. Wunderlich set new standards in the development of the technical possibilities in lithography.



Telephone 03334 - 214-0 www.paul-wunderlich-haus.de info@paul-wunderlich-stiftung.de

# 13 Finow Canal

#### An der Stadtpromenade

For more than 400 years, the picturesque Finow Canal has connected the waterways of the Havel and the Oder, and it is proud to be the oldest navigable artificial waterway in Germany. As an infrastructural lifeline, it played a crucial role in the rapid industrial development of the Finow Valley until right into the 20th century. Today, monuments to industrial culture, which can be seen lined up along the Finow Canal like a strong of pearls, testify to the area's history. For a long time now, the Finow Canal has been a place of recreation, inviting visitors to explore it on the water or land. Particularly fascinating features include the 12 partially hand-operated historical locks, which have been undergoing gradual renovation since 2022, meaning that the canal will in future be enjoyed by boaters travelling from near and far.

The Finow Canal runs alongside the idyllic Oder-Havel cycle route, while the accessible City Promenade with its numerous places to sit down invites you to relax and enjoy a comfortable stroll. Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of this waterway and experience the unique connection between nature, culture, and recreation along the Finow Canal.





Up-to-date information is available from the Finow Canal Regional Administrative Union: Telephone 03334 - 8192880 · www.finowkanal.info

Boating info and tips can be found at www.elwis.de.

# City Walk II: Discover flora and fauna

## Schwärzetal recreational area



## A city walk along the Schwärzetal recreational area

On the second city walk you experience diverse plant and animal life. This includes idyllic near-natural sites such as the Forest-Botanical Garden, as well as an experience-filled trip to the Z00.

## **Getting married in Eberswalde**

Couples who want to tie the knot in a unique atmosphere are well catered for in Eberswalde. Since 2004, the registry office has been located in the Märchenvilla (Fairytale Villa), where the wonderful wedding ceremony venue or the historic banqueting hall provide a fairytale setting for the most beautiful day of your life. Those who are keen to mix things up a little can also say their "I do" in the Eberswalder Zoo. Following the ceremony, animal parades can be arranged for photographs, or you can even have an animal named in honour of the happy couple. Continuing an ancient tradition, you can also plant a tree or a shrub on zoo premises.

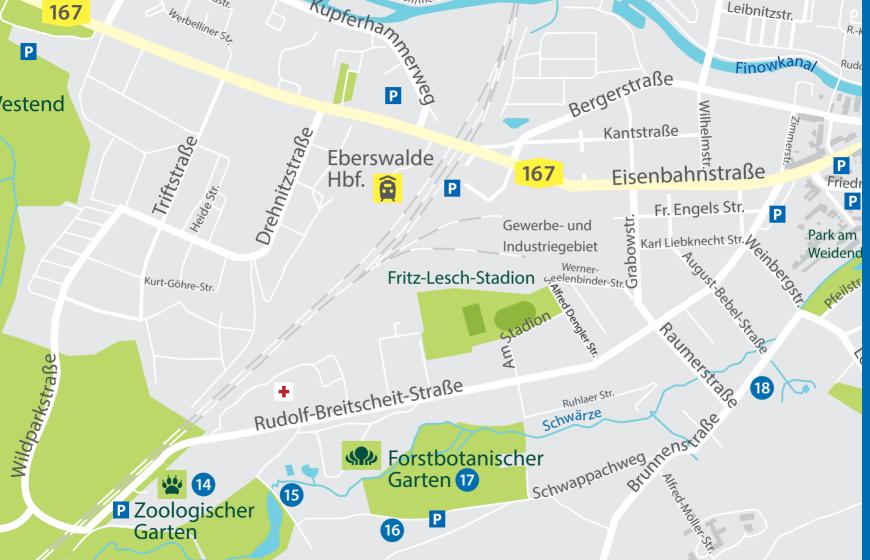


### Marriage registration:

Eberswalde Registry Office, Brunnenstraße 9, 16225 Eberswalde Telephone 03334 - 64168



For queries relating to weddings at the Eberswalde Zoo: Telephone 03334 - 22809 · zooschule@eberswalde.de









#### Am Wasserfall 1

1,500 animals from five continents await in the enclosures, which are designed to mirror the animal's natural habitats. One truly special attraction is the walk-through lion enclosure. Via a tunnel, you can make your way to a glazed cavern set right amongst the lions, from which you can observe the feline predators – and vice versa. This is not the only place you can encounter the animals up close and personal. Monkeys are allowed to climb freely in the trees, and the kangaroo and fallow deer enclosures are also accessible. Every year, around 150 baby animals are born here, thus ensuring the survival of many endangered species. Climbing the Tiger Tower is well worth the effort, offering a glimpse into the habitat of the Siberian tiger, while five adventure playgrounds invite your little explorers to romp around.



## Tours are possible subject to reservation.

Telephone 03334 - 22733 www.zoo.eberswalde.de · zoo@eberswalde.de Prices and opening hours can be found on the website.



# Zainhammer Mühle (Zainhamr



#### Am Zainhammer 3b

In 1779, thin pulled iron bars used by cutlers, known as "Zaine", were made here. From 1824 onwards though, bones were transported here via the Finow Canal, which were ground down in the mill to produce organic fertilisers. The building was completely destroyed by a fire in 1866 and was then used as a flour mill following its reconstruction. The iron shafts and vast bevel wheels serve as witnesses to this past technology.

The "Die Mühle e.V." art association hosts exhibitions here and works to preserve the monument. Among the regular events is the "WeihnachtsKUNSTmarkt" (ChristmasARTmarket).

#### www.diemuehle.de



# 16 Stiftung WaldWelten (WoodlandWorlds Foundation)

#### Am Zainhammer 5

"Woodland is important" – under this guiding principle, charitable foundation "WaldWelten" (WoodlandWorlds) works in the areas of woodland research, environmental education, nature conservation, and the promotion of culture. Guided tours and cultural events teach children and adults alike of the importance of the woodlands and their role in contributing to the ecological balance of our planet.

With the WaldWelten Experience rucksack, children and parents can also conquer the foundation woodland by themselves, even when events are not running. A task booklet with small woodland spirits guides you to different stations throughout the forest. Here, young visitors can discover the woodland through puzzles, games, and experiments.



Telephone 03334 - 657476 www.waldwelten.de · info@waldwelten.de

The WaldWelten Experience rucksack is available at: Stiftung WaldWelten (WoodlandWorlds Foundation), Am Zainhammer 5, 16225 Eberswalde Eberswalde Tourist Information Office, Steinstraße 3, 16225 Eberswalde



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## **Forest-Botanical Garden**

#### Am Zainhammer 5

Relax among more than 1,200 species of native and exotic shrubs and discover unusual flora such as the catalpa (Indian bean tree), the giant rhubarb, or the great horsetail. The clearly laid out herbal, healing, and poisonous plants annex shows both well-known as well as almost forgotten plants, which have been used for medicinal purposes for many years.

Numerous seating facilities along the paths invite you to stop and enjoy some time in the Forest-Botanical Garden, which was established in 1830 and as such is counted among the oldest gardens in Europe. The Chinese Pavilion in the East-Asian Quarter offers a beautiful view of the surrounding area.



Telephone 03334 - 657476 www.hnee.de/fbg · fbg@hnee.de

All-year-round  $\cdot$  daily from 9 a.m. until dusk

Free admission



# 18 Märchenvilla - Standesamt Eberswalde (Fairytale Villa - Eberswalde Registry Office)

#### Brunnenstraße 9

The classical villa was built in 1833/34 by Johann-Friedrich Dictus. In 1836, an artistically landscaped park was installed around the prestigious country house, featuring numerous fairytale sculptures. Following several restoration projects, this important monument was reopened in 2004. Since then, it has been home to the Eberswalde Registry Office, which was selected as "Germany's Most Beautiful Registry Office" in 2014. The incredibly beautiful wedding venue and historic banqueting hall offer a suitable setting for wedding celebrations and classical concerts. High-quality cultural events are also regularly held in the Märchenvilla.

# City Walk III: Water, family fun, and industrial culture

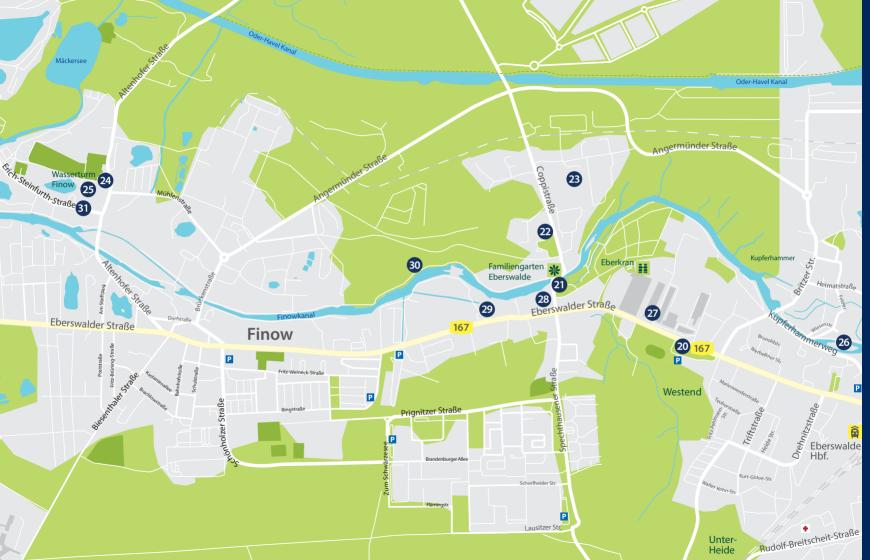


# A city walk along the Finow Canal

The Finow Canal attracts visitors with its combination of nature and quiet, as well as numerous experience activities, and invites you to hike, cycle, or go boating. Highlights along the blue waterway include a visit to the Eberswalde Family Garden with its enchanting fairytale landscape, the view from the Eber Crane, and a visit to the former Brass Factory Estate. Here you will have the opportunity to climb the 49 m tall water tower and enjoy the unique view over the surrounding area. Other leisure activities also await, such as swimming and relaxing in the baff outdoor swimming pool or burning off some energy in the Fitolino indoor playground.

During this tour you will repeatedly come across testimonies to the area's industrial history, lined up along Germany's oldest yet still navigable artificial waterway.







## 20 baff Outdoor Swimming Pool



### Heegermühler Straße 69a

The baff outdoor swimming pool guarantees fun for all the family. The activities on offer here range from sport and leisure bathing, to outdoor pools, hot tubs, and huge slides. Smaller guests can also gather experience in the water in the non-swimmers pool, complete with a counter-current system, or in the baby pool. In the adjacent fitness and wellness area, sporting activities and blissful relaxation await. The log sauna in the rooftop garden and additional saunas promise relaxing variety and restful time to relax.



Telephone 03334 - 23322 www.baff-bad.de · twe@twe.telta.de The opening hours of the outdoor pool, sauna and fitness suite, as well as all prices can be found on the website.



# 21 Eberswalde Family Garden



#### Heegermühler Straße 69a

Discover fantastical little kingdoms! In the Fairytale Forest, winding paths, dark tunnels, and crazy tree houses carry you off to another world. Fantastical wooden creatures in an adventure city await smaller children. Climbing aboard a pedal boat, you can make your way through the mystical underground archways, or enjoy an incredible view from the viewing platform of the "Eber" assembly crane. Many other attractions such as the Garden World, two beach volleyball courts, and the Frisbee Golf course invite you to try out new things and have fun. Numerous cultural events also take place throughout the year.



Tip: Climbing the Eber crane is part of the Eberswalder Höhenpass (see pages 24/25).

Telephone 03334 - 384910 www.familiengarten-eberswalde.de info@familiengarten-eberswalde.de Prices and opening hours can be found on the website.





# Indoor-Kinderspielwelt FITOLINO (Fitolino Children's Indoor Play World)

## Coppistraße 1e

The FITOLINO-Kinderspielwelt is in the Fit & Fun Sport and Health Park. Here children can play, romp around, and have fun, regardless of the outdoor weather conditions. In an area spanning 2,000 m², large and small children alike will discover movement, fun, and adventure – for example on the climbing volcano, the huge wave slide, the trampolines, in the electric cars, or in the mega climbing and adventure park. There is a dedicated area for very small children. Parents can join in the fun, or sit back and relax in the bright bistro area, from which they can keep a continual eye on their kids. Fitolino is also great for a fun-filled kid's birthday party.



Telephone 03334 - 207450 www.fitolino.de · info@fitolino.de Prices and opening hours can be found on the website.



## bloc.48 Boulderhalle



### Coppistraße 3/Halle 48

"Bouldering" is the term used to refer to climbing on rocks. Climbers remain at jumping height, without needing climbing ropes or safety equipment. The bouldering area spans 1000 m<sup>2</sup> and offers a similar experience to climbing on cliff faces.

The bouldering centre in Eberswalde, bloc.48, is located in an old warehouse belonging to the former pipework industrial park. Challenging climbs for beginners, advanced climbers, and experts are all present, in equal measure.

Bloc.48 is also home to the bloc.Café. After a spot of bouldering, you can enjoy home-made cakes, other tasty treats, and speciality coffees.



Telephone: 03334 4293657 www.bloc48.de · hallo@bloc48.de

Mon-Fri: 2 - 10 p.m.

Sat & Sun, public holidays: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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# Messingwerksiedlung

A journey of discovery on the route via Erich-Steinfurth-Straße, Gustav-Hirsch-Platz, Straße am Wasserturm, and Altenhofer Straße

Dating back more than 300 years, the Messingwerksiedlung (Brass Factory Estate) in the district of Finow is the oldest preserved factory estate of its kind in the State of Brandenburg. In 1913, the "Eberswalder Goldschatz" (Eberswalde Hoard) was also discovered close to the workers' houses on Gustav-Hirsch-Platz. Among the buildings worth seeing are the Hüttenamt (iron works office) built in the half-timbered style in 1736, the Manufacturer's Residence constructed in the 19th century, the Torbogenhaus administrative building built in 1916, and the Water Tower erected in 1917/18. One special attraction are the copper houses, which were built in 1930/31 based on a prefabricated design with copper panel cladding, as part of a model housing scheme.

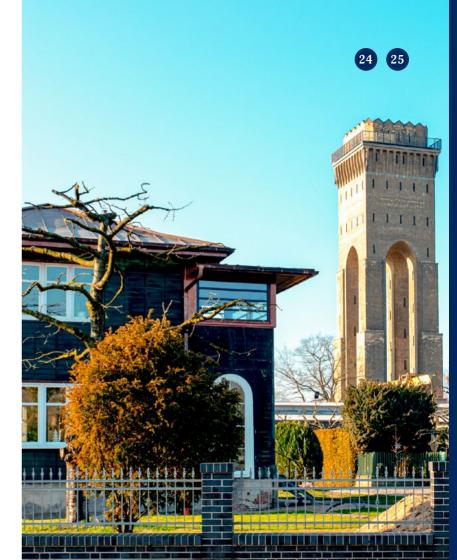


# Tours of the Messingwerksiedlung are possible subject to prior arrangement.

Finower Wasserturm und sein Umfeld e.V. association (Friends of the Finow Water Tower and its Surrounding Area)

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finower-wasserturm@gmx.de



# **25** Finow Water Tower

#### Am Wasserturm Nr. 2

The Finow Water Tower in the Messingwerksiedlung (Brass Factory Estate) is the architectural icon of the Finow Valley. The water tower, which was erected in 1917/1918, once served to supply the brass factory estate and plant facilities with drinking and service water. The tower is known even beyond the region's borders for its Brick Expressionism, characterised by Gothic design features. Today it houses an exhibition on the brass factory, and you can enjoy a sweeping view over the Brandenburg countryside from its viewing platform. You can even see the Berlin TV Tower on a clear day. The Water Tower is accessible to disabled visitors via a lift, up to the 2nd floor (exhibition area).



**Tip:** Climbing the Water Tower is part of the Eberswalder Höhenpass (see pages 24/25).

Finower Wasserturm und sein Umfeld e.V. association (Friends of the Finow Water Tower and its Surrounding Area)
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Opening hours, prices, and other information can be found on the website.

# Monuments from 300 years of industrial history

Numerous significant industrial memorials can be found in Eberswalde, along the Finow Canal, as the city played a major role during the industrialisation of Prussia. With the construction of the Finow Canal in the 17th century, alongside the construction of the Berlin-Stettin railway line, optimal conditions were established for the fast and affordable transportation of products, thus driving industrial development. This era can still be clearly traced today, for example during a cycling tour on the Oder-Havel cycle route.



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# Wagon elevator of the former horse shoe factory

## Kupferhammerweg 6 - 7, a narrow cul-de-sac branching off the Kupferhammerweg leads to the wagon elevator.

The wagon elevator, which can be sourced back to the Borsig Plant in Berlin, was commissioned in 1908 and served as a lifting platform for the swift transportation of rail wagons, solving the problem of the 6 m height difference between the plant premises and the rail connection. A 30-tonne wagon could be transported with each run. The wagon elevator can be viewed from outside, but is not accessible.



## **Crane construction**

## Premises of the former Ardelt Works: Heegermühler Straße 64

One landmark of the industrial landscape in the Finow Valley is the crane construction industry and the "Eber" assembly crane, which was built as a prototype for an entire series of assembly cranes. Due to its high-quality crane production, the company became the leading specialist manufacturer of harbour and ship-yard cranes in Europe after 1948. The "Eber" assembly crane can be found in the Family Garden. The premises of the crane-building plant are not accessible.







# Eisenspalterei (iron splitting factory) and Borsighalle

Familiengarten Eberswalde, Am Alten Walzwerk 1 Borsighalle: opposite the entrance to the Eberswalde Family Garden

The plate rolling mill was constructed from 1816–18 based on English design models and featuring a classical façade. The expansion of the plant towards the end of the 19th century resulted in the construction of the "Neuen Walzwerkes" (New Rolling Mill), and consequently to a change in product. Neustadt sheet metal, quality iron bars, and horse shoes were now also produced. The Borsighalle was built in 1847–49 as a prototype for a columnfree, readily extendible construction in front of the Berlin Borsig Plant. Around 1900, the hall was dismantled there and relocated to its current location. It served as a prototype for numerous factory and exhibition halls, and for the Friedrichstraße and Alexanderplatz railway station concourses in Berlin, as well as London's St. Pancras Station.







In the Eberswalde Family Garden (P. 41) there are a number of witnesses of the past that you can visit.

**Altes Walzwerk (Old Rolling Mill):** Blechenhaus, now the workshop of the Metal sculptor Eckhard Herrmann.

Neues Walzwerk (New Rolling Mill): the underground arches can be explored by pedal boat and the imposing flywheel of the steam machine remains preserved.

Hufeisenfabrik (Horse Shoe Factory): now a civic centre

**"Eber" assembly crane:** an accessible crane with a viewing platform, part of the neighbouring Ardelt Works.



# **Wolfswinkel Paper Factory**

#### Eberswalder Straße 27 - 31

The Royal Heegermühle Paper Mill, in modern day Finow, was built in 1728 prior to being destroyed in 1760 during the Seven Year War, and was reconstructed by paper maker Daniel Gottlieb Schottler from 1762-65, to the south of the Wolfswinkel Lock. Handmade paper, high-quality writing and postcard paper, and even bank notes were manufactured here. Beginning in 1812, businessman Johann Friedrich Nitsche oversaw a modernisation; from then on, steam machines were used as a power source rather than water wheels.

The Wolfswinkel Paper Factory can be clearly seen from the Finow Canal/Oder-Havel cycle route. Unfortunately it is not possible to visit the inside of the building.

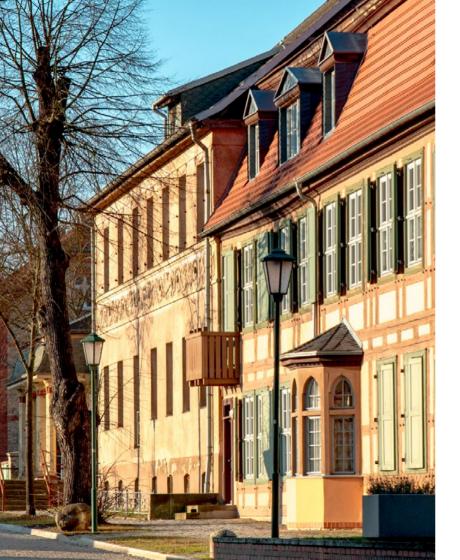
# 30 Heegermühle Power Station

#### Eberswalder Straße 27 - 31

The Brandenburg Electrical Power Station ("Märkische Elektrizitätskraftwerk", MEW), built in 1909, was for a long time considered a flagship facility within the sparsely developed Brandenburg energy industry, and was used as a template for numerous power stations both at home and abroad. The one and only: It was the first, and to this day remains the only, industrial complex within the Finow Valley intentionally designed with its front façade facing the water.

The Heegermühle Power Station can be clearly seen from the Finow Canal/Oder-Havel cycle route. Unfortunately it is not possible to visit the inside of the building.





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# Messingwerk (Brass Factory)

A journey of discovery on the route via Erich-Steinfurth-Straße, Gustav-Hirsch-Platz, Straße am Wasserturm, and Altenhofer Straße

Brandenburg's first brass works was built from 1696-97 and it was one of the most important suppliers to Prussian arms factories during the time of Frederick the Great. In 1863 the plant was taken over by a Jewish family of entrepreneurs named Hirsch. During the period around 1917 it was considered to be the highest-performing bronze factory in Europe. From 1952 to 1955, a hot strip mill was constructed on the site, which was the most modern facility of its kind in the GDR at that time.

Further information can be found on the pages dedicated to the Messingwerksiedlung (Brass Factory Estate) and the Finow Water Tower (P. 43 / 44).

# Getting active in and around Eberswalde

## Sightseeing tours



# Sightseeing tours on foot, by bike, and on the water

The rich water and woodland landscape of the Finow Valley is an ideal excursion and recreational destination. Well developed and marked cycling and hiking routes as well as idyllic waterways await and lead you through a diverse landscape. During your journeys of discovery, there are many opportunities for a short break, with seating areas all along the trails and waterside inviting you to stop and stay for a while. In these landscapes, which were shaped by the Ice Age, picturesque lakes entice you to swim; pine and beech woods alternate with gnarled oak trees; and small medieval villages and towns offer some welcome variation. Technology buffs will be fascinated by the historic locks on the Finow Canal, which are still opened and closed using a hand crank, just as they were 400 years ago.



# Short city circular route



### Distance: approx. 9.5 km (green dot)

Route: Marktplatz - Goethestraße - Goethe Steps - Hardenbergstraße – Lessingstraße Crossing – Further through the woodland area – Woodland Campus of the HNEE – Hertha River/ Hertha Pond – Eberswalde Zoo – Zainhammer Mill – Forest-Botanical Garden - Schwappachweg - Brunnenstraße - Park am Weidendamm - Kienwerder - Friedrich-Ebert-Straße/Puschkinstraße – Eisenbahnstraße – Ammonstraße – Finow Canal Crossing – Treidelweg (tow path) – Stadtschleuse (City Lock) – Nagelstraße - Kreuzstraße - Marktplatz

The short circular city route takes you via Goethestraße, past the Synagogue Memorial and on to the Goethe Steps. From here you have a fantastic view over the city centre. On it heads towards the Woodland Campus of the Hochschule für nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde (Eberwalde University for Sustainable Development, HNEE) and through the woods to the Hertha Pond and the zoo, which invites you on an entertaining detour. From the zoo, the hiking route passes by the Zainhammer Mill to the Forest-Botanical Garden, where the many seating options invite you to sit down among the native and exotic shrubs. Passing along the Schwärzetal recreational area, the route continues on to the EnergieCampus, past the Märchenvilla (Fairytale Villa), and through the Park am Weidendamm on its way back to the city centre. The final section of the route runs directly along the Finow Canal to the Stadtschleuse

# 32 Long city circular route



### Distance: approx. 25 km (yellow dot)

Route: Marktplatz - Goethestraße - Goethe Steps - Hardenbergstraße – Lessingstraße Crossing – Further through the woodland area - Woodland Campus of the HNEE - Hertha River/Hertha Pond - Eberswalde Zoo - Through a wooded area to Spechthausener/Lichterfelder Straße - Eberswalde Family Garden – Tow path to the Drahthammer Lock – Through the "Höllen" woodland - Am Containerbahnhof - Am Wurzelberg - Along the Oder-Havel Canal - Mönchsbrück (along the Ragöse River) – Treidelweg (tow path) – Ragöse Lock – Along forest trails and through the fields to Sommerfelde - Through the fields to Eberswalde/Ostend - Am Tempelberg - Saarstraße - Dirt road along an allotment garden- Eichwerder Straße - Mauerstraße -Kreuzstraße – Marktplatz

The long circular city route initially follows the same itinerary as the short one, passing through the picturesque Schwärzetal Valley until it reaches Eberswalde Zoo. From there it heads to the Family Garden, where a fairytale playscape and various sporting facilities await. Via the Treidelweg tow path, the route continues on towards the Oder-Havel Canal. The hiking trail then takes you through the woods to the Ragöse Lock on the Finow Canal, further on towards Sommerfelde, over the fields at Ostender Höhen, and back into the city centre.

# Hike through the Nonnenfließ

### Distance: approx. 11 km

Route: Forest-Botanical Garden – Eberswalde Zoo - Spechthausen – Branch off to the Nonnenfließ river in Spechthausen – as far as Liesenkreuz am Nonnenfließ (shelter) – same route back towards Spechthausen – continue towards Eberswalde Zoo – Branch off to Hertha river source shortly before the zoo – along the Hertha stream – back to the Forest-Botanical Garden

The hike takes you along existing hiking trails, but is not sign-posted as such in the area.

The 489-hectare Nonnenfließ-Schwärzetal nature reserve developed around 15,000 years ago and lies embedded within Barnim Nature Park. The Nonnenfließ and Schwärze carve their way through the Barnim high plateau, forming a landscape that is almost like a low mountain range. Numerous small brooks, springs, and moors in the untouched alder and beech woodlands characterise the area. Rare animal and plant species, such as the bullhead fish, the alpine flatworm, golden saxifrage, and true lover's knot thrive here in their natural habitat. With all its natural beauty, the Nonnenfließ offers a truly unique nature experience.

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"Rund um die Schorfheide" circular hiking route, voted "Germany's Most Beautiful Hiking Trail 2022"

Distance: 135 km

Route: Eberswalde Central Station — city centre — Zainhammermühle (Zainhammer Mill) — Forest-Botanical Garden — Zoological Garden - Nonnenfließ Nature Reserve — Barnim Nature Park — Melchow — Biesenthal — Finowtal-Pregnitzfließ — Schorfheide — Grafenbrücker Lock — Marienwerder — Werbellin Canal — Rosenbeck — Eichhorst — Wildau — Joachimsthal — Buchenwald Grumsin — Groß-Ziethen — Chorin Monastery Church — Brodowin Eco-Village — Oderberg — Liepe — Niederfinow — Schiffshebewerke Hohenfinow — Tornow — Eberswalde City Forest — Eberswalde Central Station

Hiking enthusiasts have the opportunity to explore the impressive Schorfheide landscape on the 135-kilometre-long "Rund um die Schorfheide" circular route, which is divided into seven stages. The starting point for this diverse route is located in the wooded city of Eberswalde.

From there the trail runs though Barnim Nature Park, crosses the Schorfheide reserve with Grumsin beech wood - a UNESCO World Heritage site - and runs through the Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve, before finally returning to its starting point.



The route is characterised by its unique landscape, which was shaped by the Ice Age and features picturesque woods, dreamlike waters, and impressive views out over the open landscapes. A circular hiking trail offering a rich wealth of experience is waiting to be discovered.

The hike runs from Eberswalde, via Biesenthal and on in the direction of Eichhorst, along the romantic Werbellin Canal, and on towards Joachimsthal. The most northerly point of the tour in the Barnim Region takes you to Chorin, then further to Niederfinow (Lower Finow) with its two locks, before returning to the county seat.

# Providers of guided hiking tours

# Oder-Havel - Sustainable hiking tours in the Barnim and Uckermark regions

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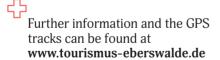
www.waldsolarheim.de, info@waldsolarheim.de



Hiking maps can be purchased in the Eberswalde Tourist Information Office Steinstraße 3, 16225 Eberswalde.

# "Cycling by numbers" -Numbered node cycle network in the Barnim Region

Crossing the Barnim region by bike — it doesn't get much better than this! Alongside classic signposting, you can also plan your tour using the nodes, and thus spontaneously shorten or extend your journey. If at least three cycle routes converge, the point of intersection is a node. They are easily recognised by means of a red cube with a white number inside a circle on the signposts. Using the maps at the nodes, you can decide which node you wish to head to next.







# 35 Oder-Havel Cycle Route



Distance: approx. 63 km

Route: Liebenwalde – Zerpen Lock – Marienwerder – Finowfurt – Eberswalde – Niederfinow – Bralitz – Oderberg – Hohensaaten

Marking: blue boot on a white background

**Nodes** (only between Ruhlsdorf and Oderberg): 35 - 39 - 97 - 96 - 95 - 94 - 91 - 89 - 86 - 88 - 92 - 21 - 22 - 20

The Oder-Havel cycle route runs along the 400-year-old Finow Canal and is exceptionally well developed with the exception of a few kilometres. In parts, the route is designated as tow paths and calls to mind a time when boats were still hauled along the canal using muscle power. From the Oder-Havel cycle route there are connections to the Berlin-Copenhagen and Berlin-Usedom long-distance cycle routes, and to the Oder-Neiße cycle route.

# **36** Barnim Triangle Tour



Distance: approx. 74 km

**Route:** Eberswalde – Finowfurt – Marienwerder - Eichhorst – Joachimsthal – Althüttendorf – Chorin – Niederfinow – Eberswalde

Marking: Blue triangle with the letters "BAR"

**Nodes:** 87 - 89 - 91 - 94 - 95 - 96 - 97 - 40 - 80 - 70 - 98 - 49 - 66 - 50 - 10 - 82 - 83 - 85 - 88 - 86 - 89 - 87

The Barnim Triangle Tour cuts across Barnim and runs almost exclusively along well-developed sections of the Oder-Havel cycle route, the Berlin-Usedom long-distance cycle route, and the Tour Brandenburg, thus meeting all the requirements if you want to progress easily and quickly. On your journey you will note that the blend of natural beauty and the astonishing industrial culture - both to be discovered in equal measure on this tour - make for a particularly stimulating journey.

# Bike hire providers

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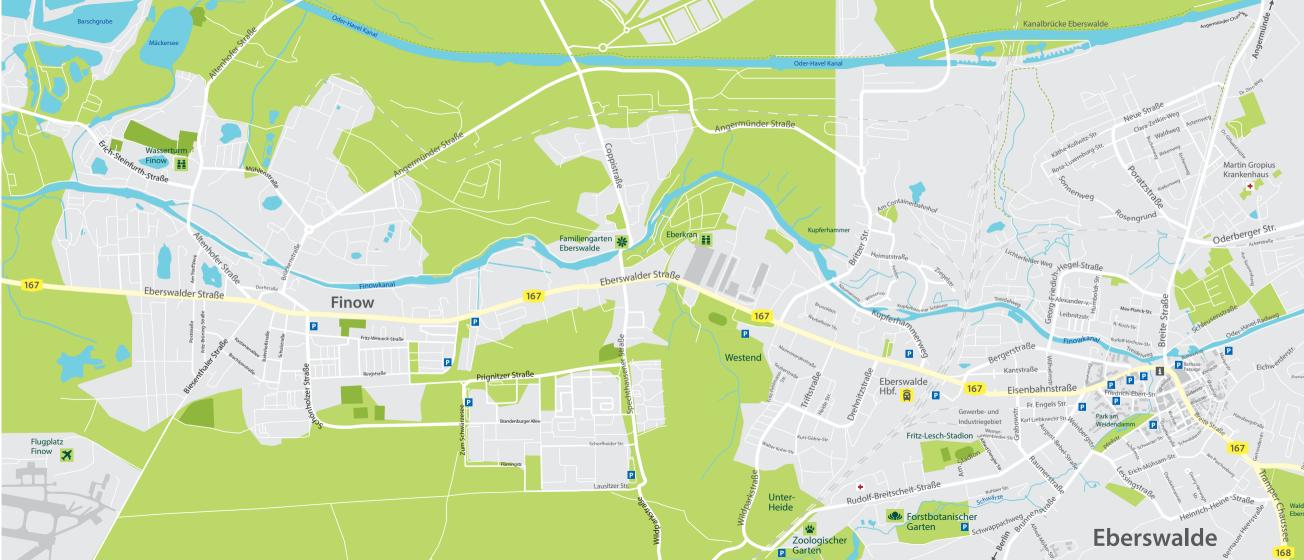
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