

Draisines and Tourism

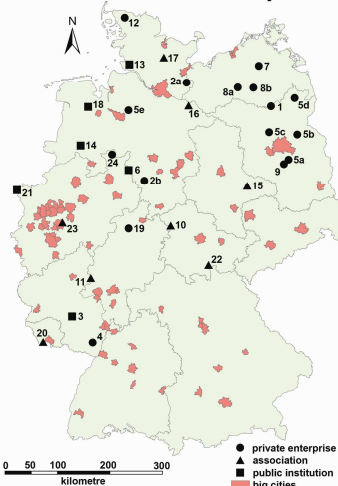
New perspectives on historical railway tracks

Locations of Draisine rentals in Germany
Companies meet the following criteria:

- Operating with special-constructed rail-vehicles for tourist purposes
- Tour distance of at least 4 kilometres
- Reliable operating season (April to September)

Map created by Brauckmann 2011

Tourist Draisines in Germany 2010



1	BEX-Reisen Fürstentum - Templin (since 1996, 28 kilometre)
2	Erlebnisbahn Ratzelberg GmbH a Ratzelberg - Schmilau - Hohenbeck (since 1998, 13 kilometre) b Buchhagen - Dietrichsen (since 2004, 5 kilometre)
3	Naheland Touristik GmbH Altenhan - Lauterdecken - Staudernheim (since 2000, 41 kilometre)
4	Südgate Draisinenbahn Landsau - Lingenfeld (since 2000, 13 kilometre)
5	Draisinenbahn Berlin Brandenburg (Altpack-Gruppe) a Königs Wusterhausen - Mittenwalde - Lepkitt (since 2001, 25 kilometre) b Tiefensee - Starnsee (seit 2004, 12 kilometre) c Kremmen - Gernsdorf (since 2006, 10 kilometre) d Prenzlau - Templin (since 2009, 23 kilometre)
6	Draisinexpäsi im Extertal - Extertaldräisine (Fv Rinteln e.V.) e Wiltsahl - Zeyen (since 2009, 25 kilometre) f Rinteln - Alverdisum (since 2001, 18 kilometre)
7	Naturparkdräisine Dargun (Warnow Hausverwaltung GmbH) Dargun - Salzen (since 2002, 17 kilometre)
8	Mecklenburger Draisinenbahn a Anklam - Portow (since 2005, 24 kilometre) b Warnow - Schwandorf (since 2009, 19 kilometre)
9	Erlebnisbahn Zossen-Jüterbog GmbH & Co. KG Sprenberg - Jüterbog (since 2003, 49 kilometre)
10	Eichsfelder Kanonenbahn gGmbH Götmar - Siebgarthen (since 2003, 14 kilometre)
11	Draisinentour Nordfriesland Leck - Linaffen (since 2004, 20 kilometre)
12	Marchenbahn Draisine GbR St. Michaelisdamm - Marz (since 2004, 8 kilometre)
13	Haveltal Touristik GmbH Fünften - Quakenbrunn (since 2004, 18 kilometre)
14	Freie Bergbau- und Erlebnisbahn e.V. Vickertsee - Urumthum (since 2004, 6 kilometre)
15	IG Draisine Elbtal e.V. Alt Carge - Blockede (since 2005, 6 kilometre)
16	Draisinen Freunde Mittelhessen e.V. Wenkendorf - Tasdorf (since 2006, 12 kilometre)
17	Draisinexpäsi Ammerland (Touristik Westerstede e.V.) Ocholtz - Westerstede (since 2006, 7 kilometre)
18	Eder Draisine a Rißfelden - Hainfarth (since 2006, 2 kilometre)
19	Warnald Express (Verein zur Förderung des Warnald Tourismus) Großmühl - Warnald - Weßden (since 2007, 12 kilometre)
20	Grenzlanddräisine GmbH Grenzbeck - Krummberg - Klöve (since 2008, 20 kilometre)
21	Max und Moritz Erlebnisbahn e.V. Lippoldsdorf - Schmiedefeld - Eintracht (since 2008, 12 kilometre)
22	Wuppertal e.V. Wuppertal-Bochum - Dahlhausen - Wilhelmthal (since 2009, 9 kilometre)
23	Auenland-Draisine UG Rahden - Wagenfeld (since 2009, 15 kilometre)

Draisines or hand-cars are rail vehicles formerly used for track control nowadays for tourist purposes. In Germany this tourist attraction was first permitted in 1996. Today there are approximately 250.000 customers each year driving a Draisine on one of the 30 locations. The German market is still booming. Already 500 kilometres of abandoned historical railway tracks retained from demolition on that way.

Theoretically Draisines allow to view a railway track from the perspective of a railway maintenance worker and to learn about the history. In reality, there is a lot of unexploited potential for a better linkage between “event” and teaching history.



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