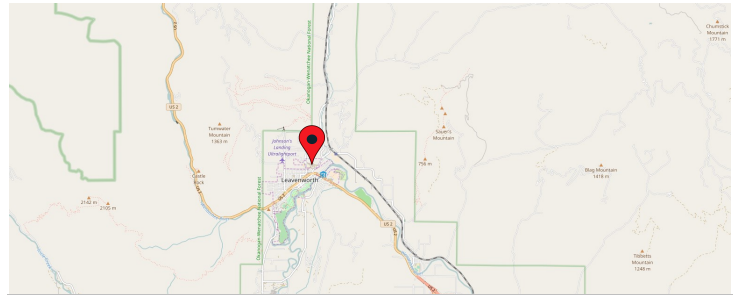


Leavenworth

A village which looks like Germany



Whether you're into spas, geocaching, outdoor theatres, wine tours or interesting museums, Leavenworth has what you're looking for. Leavenworth is a village in USA, which looks like a Bavarian village. It is situated between some mountains, so it looks very Bavarian. At first, Leavenworth was a normal village, but in the 19th century the people who lived there didn't find work, so Leavenworth was about to become a ghost town. But then some of the inhabitants had the idea to live off tourism. So they made Leavenworth look like Bavaria. The idea behind it was that Americans can go to Bavaria without travelling and spending a lot of money.



Park

latitude : 47.426477 longitude : -120.30723

opening hours: always open

location: Wenatchee

admission: free

And today Leavenworth is a big success. More than one million visitors come per year and enjoy German shops, the Oktoberfest, the Bierfest, the Mai-Fest,...

My experience:

Now I know what Americans think about Germany and I think they are wrong.

They believe that Germans always wear Dirndl and Lederhosen. Maybe they wanted to make Leavenworth look like Bavaria, but actually it doesn't.

When you go to the shops, you would think, that there were German things you can buy. But nobody in Germany would buy or sell such things.

My personal impressions:

When we went over there, we went to most of the shops and we spent about 3 hours there.

I found it very funny because the Americans really have a wrong impression of us, but anyway I liked the feeling there.

In my opinion, some shops were really stuffed with corny things and I didn't like that.

And I think, as the village isn't really genuine, it doesn't help Americans to understand what it's like in Germany.

To me as a German girl it seemed to represent the common prejudices of Americans towards Germany.



My tipp:

When you visit Leavenworth, you have to go to "Wok about grill". It is a Chinese restaurant, where you can order whatever you want to eat and then you can see how they roast it on a big hot stone. It smells and tastes very good!!