GREEN INDUSTRY ON LAKE GOITZSCHE
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Bitterfeld-Wolfen is getting in on the game. The city is playing it's trump cards and piquing everyone's interest. The city came about in 2007 following the voluntary union of five municipalities - the sixth joined in 2009 - and with close to 40,000 inhabitants it is one of the biggest cities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt. The city can look back over centuries-long histories in the various districts and build on this. Bitterfeld is heading for its 800th birthday. Wolfen celebrated its 600th birthday at the turn of the new millenium.

The city is looking ahead and invites you to help shape its future.

There are five great features to note about Bitterfeld-Wolfen.

The city is green. Parks and green areas are everywhere. Woods and fields surround the community. Nature parks are barely a stone's throw away.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen supports industry. Global names such as Bayer, Heraeus and Guardian are building a positive reputation for the city. However, the economy also thrives on numerous small and medium-sized companies, craft businesses and service providers.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen is a city. It has both a well-developed urban infrastructure and a captivating rural atmosphere in the small districts.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen is right in the middle of it all. It’s the location that makes the city special. Thanks to motorways, main roads, rail connections and the Leipzig/Halle airport, the major cities are within reach.

It’s a maritime city. Lake Goitzsche, one of the biggest artificial lakes in the country, is right on the doorstep. It’s both a resort location and a symbol of change. Tourism and relaxation have taken over from the former mining industry.

But it’s the city’s people that make the difference. They shape their home-town. They feel comfortable in Bitterfeld-Wolfen.

We invite you to be won over and inspired as well!
From tree-lined avenues to parks, forests and meadows - Bitterfeld-Wolfen is an industrial city, but by no means a gray place. The heart of the city is green. A quarter of the city is covered by forest. Almost a third is provided for agricultural use. Ten percent is purely recreational space.

Gems such as the park around Holzweißig town hall are just waiting to be discovered. Others are talked about by everyone. The Göltzsch lake is the biggest attraction for visitors. The former Auenwald forest got a brand new look after the end of mining. Large areas were reforested and are now streaked with well-signposted foot and cycle paths. An abundance of animal and plant life calls this place home.

NATURE FANS WILL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN BITTERFELD-WOLFEN.

A giant in the countryside
81 metres long, 14 metres wide and 28 metres tall: The measurements alone make the Bitterfeld Arch a particularly special feature. The steel construction created by the Frankfurt artist Claus Bury towers high above the city. The arch is a hard to miss sight for anyone coming to Bitterfeld-Wolfen. Climbing up to the lofty heights is well worth it. The panoramic view of this green industrial city is unique. In good weather even the city of Leipzig is visible.
NATURE
BITTERFELD-WOLFEN
IS A GREEN CITY

Biodiversity
Mother Nature Takes Control
Goitzsche-Wildnis

This is all protected by the Goitzsche wardens. Landscape art brought Anatol Herzfeld to Bitterfeld-Wolfen.

The Goitzsche-Wildnis overseen by the BUND association is an experiment. Humans refrain from any construction and development in or use of the designated areas. Nature should be allowed to develop undisturbed. The „courage to do nothing“ is an opportunity to develop and sustain biodiversity.

Light, Air, Green

Light, air, green. Nobody can ignore the extensive green spaces. Inner-city parks such as the Grüne Lunge in Bitterfeld are the perfect place for a stroll. The Fuhneauue, including the open-air theatre is the recreational area of choice for the people of Wolfen. Trips around town are worthwhile. There are three small animal parks. Each of the facilities in Bitterfeld, Greppin and Reuden has its own special touch.

Greenery is such an important part of the city that it’s even present in the industrial area. The greenery that accompanies the town couldn’t even be forgone in the Chemiepark.

Extensive Pedestrian and Cycle Network in Goitzsche Forest, and Reudener and Wolfener Areas.

The “Goitzsche-Wildnis“ Nature Project

3 Animal Enclosures
BITTERFELD-WOLFEN CHEMIEPARK
THE FLAGSHIP OF OUR INDUSTRY FOR OVER 125 YEARS

The flagship of this industry is Bitterfeld-Wolfen Chemiepark. It is one of the biggest of its kind in Germany and has a cutting-edge infrastructure. More than 360 businesses employ 12,000 people. But the need for employees has never been greater. Bitterfeld-Wolfen, the big companies and the numerous small businesses all need committed colleagues. Both specialists and those just starting out have great prospects. Those returning to the industry are also welcome.

The Technology Park of Central Germany has made a name for itself as Solar Valley. Hanwha Q-Cells relies on Bitterfeld-Wolfen as a research and development location in the field of photovoltaics. The park is home to modern and innovative companies. They turn the area into another high-tech centre in the region.

The birthplace of colour film
Did you already know that colour images got their start in Wolfen? In 1936 the film factory caused a sensation with the introduction of Agfacolor Neu. Under the leadership of the chemists Wilhelm Schneider and Gustav Wilmanns, the first workable multilayer colour film in the world was developed.
ECONOMY
BITTERFELD-WOLFEN
FOUNDS, WORKS AND INVESTS

MANY HAVE COME.
MUCH MORE IS POSSIBLE.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen founds, works and invests. Bitterfeld-Wolfen is an industrial centre with a lot of history and a promising future. The mix of sectors is as colourful and varied as the companies that are based here. But one thing has outshone everything else for over 125 years. Bitterfeld-Wolfen is the cradle of the country’s chemical industry. What started out as the purchase of land by Berliner AEG and the construction of a chlorine electrolysis plant in 1893 is still relevant today. Chemistry shapes the region – people live with and from it.

SINCE GENERATIONS

1,720
HEKTAR

TEN INDUSTRIAL ZONES
BUSINESS PARKS
MIXED-USE AREAS

YOUNG, DYNAMIC, FIT.

Young, dynamic, fit. That’s the way to describe the industry behind “made in Bitterfeld-Wolfen”. That’s no coincidence. The area was and still is open to new ideas and inquiring minds. The tech and start-up centre in the district of Wolfen provides start-ups with the best foundations to launch themselves on the market.

The location is characterized by industry. However, there are also attractive jobs in numerous other sectors, such as in the manufacturing sector, in trade and in the service sector, but also in traditional crafts.
Enjoy some free time at our two leisure centres

Do you want that holiday feeling of salt on your skin, the pounding of the waves and the smooth flow of water? You’ll find all of that at “Woliday”, the leisure centre in the Stadt Wolfen district. The 75 metre long giant slide is the biggest of its kind in the area. You can swim against the current in a whitewater canal. Or enjoy a dip in the saltwater pools. The “Heinz Deininger” swimming centre in Bitterfeld has a 25 m competition lane, non-swimmers pool and wading pool.

LIFE IN BITTERFELD-WOLFEN REPRESENTS DIVERSITY.

Life in Bitterfeld-Wolfen has many facets. Urban flair is one of them. But also the slower paced everyday life in rural areas. It’s all a matter of opinion. Enjoy life and feel good: That’s the motto of this city formed in 2007. There’s an extensive range of modern housing. A view of the water or one of the many green areas is possible, depending on your personal preference and price expectations. You can even fulfill your dream of owning your own home in the city and its districts.

The city is covered by a dense network of public facilities, which are easily accessible by public transport. The youngest inhabitants of Bitterfeld-Wolfen are looked after in 18 nurseries, each with a different direction or focus and managed by various bodies. There are seven primary schools in the city, including the protestant primary school in the Wolfen district. The line-up of educational facilities is completed by three schools for children with disabilities, two secondary schools and two grammar schools, as well as the “August von Parseval” vocational training centre.
Inhabitants of Bitterfeld-Wolfen never have to travel out of their way. The city provides all the things that make life pleasant. The Bitterfeld-Wolfen healthcare centre is one of few hospitals run by a local authority. The Academic Training Hospital of the Martin-Luther-University in Halle-Wittenberg has twelve clinics and 430 beds as well as two day clinics, a nursing home and a medical care centre with ten medical practices. Other practising doctors and therapists work throughout the city.

Art, culture, education. Life in Bitterfeld-Wolfen is colourful. The city has a strong heartbeat. You can spend your free time in more than 200 clubs. If you feel like it, you can enjoy a break from everyday life at the city’s cultural centre. Or visit the city museum, the industry and film museum, libraries, the art gallery or one of the two public pools. Forget about the daily grind. Variety is the spice of urban life.
BITTERFELD-WOLFEN IS A PERFECTLY SITUATED TRANSPORTATION HUB.

Everybody wants to be close to the action. Many things are judged by this. Bitterfeld-Wolfen scores points in that respect. The city is right in the middle of Saxony-Anhalt and right in the middle of Germany. It has its own pulse, but you can still feel the heartbeat of the big cities.

Its location is what makes Bitterfeld-Wolfen special. Autobahn 9 is practically on the doorstep. The nearby access to this important North-South route is another big plus for businesses, inhabitants and visitors. Bitterfeld-Wolfen is easily accessible by car. But it’s also just as fast to get from here to anywhere in the world. You travel less than an hour north or south on highways 2 and 14 to reach more main traffic routes. Those who want to travel to the capital city of Berlin won’t be on the road that much longer.

Airships and balloons

Autobahns, main roads, railways: Bitterfeld-Wolfen has a few trump cards when it comes to accessibility. But the city has another ace up its sleeves. The Bitterfeld club for aviation has set its sights high. Its members honour the great tradition of balloon rides. Gas-balloons leaving from here have made record breaking trips. The farthest travelled all the way to the Ural mountains. The chemical industry has always supplied the necessary gases for filling balloons. That made Bitterfeld an attractive place for the airship industry. In the local shipyard, August von Parseval had airships built according to his designs.
Bitterfeld-Wolfen is very conveniently located. The main roads 100, 183 and 184, three important routes, run through the city. That was also true in the past. The trade routes from Dessau to Leipzig and Berlin to Halle met in Bitterfeld. The point of intersection was and still is at the Kreuzeck crossroads. Travellers soon learnt the saying: Sehn wir uns nicht in dieser Welt, dann sehn wir uns in Bitterfeld.

**Location**

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Rail, road, air.

With industrialisation, the railway joined the network of roads. Bitterfeld-Wolfen is connected to the long distance rail network. The city is both an ICE train station and a station on the Central Germany railway. Both the inner cities of Halle and Leipzig as well as Berlin and the government district found there are easily reachable.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen takes to the skies. Leipzig-Halle airport can be reached quickly by car and train. It serves as a gateway to the whole world. There you’ll find direct flights to many European regions. In addition to that, the airport is also one of the most important air freight hubs in Germany. The airport in Frankfurt/Main is approached several times a day.
OUR STAR ATTRACTION
THE GOITZSCHE

The new lake landscape
After the mining industry came to an end, extensive renovation work and the flooding of the opencast mining pit created a lake landscape on the outskirts of Bitterfeld-Wolfen. The Große Goitzsche lake alone is 13.5 square kilometres in size.

The gold of the Goitzsche lake
Did you know that Bitterfeld was the biggest producer of amber in the GDR? Between 1975 and 1993, the Goitzsche ‘gold’ was mined near today’s gauge tower. The peak in 1983 was 49 tons a year. Material value of the fossil resin: 20 million East German marks. The majority of the amber was processed by the publicly owned jewellery enterprise in Ribnitz-Damgarten.

There are always many reasons for success. The Goitzsche has plenty of attractions. The Weimar architect Wolfgang Christ and Klaus Bollinger from Frankfurt created a landmark with the gauge tower. On the banks of the lake, visitors can stroll along the promenade, dine in one of the numerous restaurants and even stay in a real mountain style hut. Or they can just let their eyes wander over the lake. Nowadays passenger boats are perfectly at home on the water. The ‘Vineta’ is great for leisurely tours. The “Reudnitz” has become a pirate ship, which is one of the reasons it’s now a particularly special feature. This ship was originally designed for the open sea. This also applies to the “Lucia”. The catamaran is probably the only seaworthy model of its kind which sails on an inland lake.

The Goitzsche is more than a lake.
It’s also an attraction and event location. Fancy a marathon around the former opencast mine? The race takes place at the beginning of May every year. The traditional harbour festival is held in June.
Bitterfeld-Wolfen is a popular location. Lovers of the maritime way of life will feel perfectly at home here. The maritime style fits the city wonderfully. Lignite mining is to thank for the lake scenery right on the city’s doorstep.

With the beginning of the 90s came redevelopment, and the idea to flood the former mine pits was quickly put on the agenda. Water from the Mulde river flowed into the Goitzsche. The lake took shape. After the flooding of the Elbe and Mulde in 2002, everything was a done deal. Something that had been planned for years happened in a few days. The lake was flooded and quickly became a tourist attraction.

Nature, recreation, action. The Goitzsche lake is a mecca for water sports enthusiasts. Sailors feel right at home here. Rowers have conquered the lake. Water skiing is also very trendy. Beaches for bathing are the perfect place to while away time. The lake has repeatedly been voted the most popular in the country.

In order to extract 315 million tonnes of coal.

850 million cubic metres of waste material had to be moved.
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