

## HISTORICAL FACTS

In the year 900, Franconian farmers started to settle in the area. At this time the whole valley around Möhra was a gigantic moor, which was mentioned for the first time on a document in 1257.

In the 15th century miners found copper ore close by and at this time the growth of Möhra started. Still today we find the same town design with its farms, streets and places. In 1829 the inhabitants succeeded in transforming the moor into useful farming land.

Today, the village lies in an idyllic landscape surrounded by the Thuringian Forest. Further information on [www.moehra.de](http://www.moehra.de)



## FESTIVITIES AROUND Martin Luther in Möhra

Parties for Martin Luther have a long tradition in the village of Möhra. The yearly engagements of the people is remarkable. Every 1st Sunday in May one of the church communities either of Möhra or Steinbach organizes a walk along the historical Luther path in memory of Martin Luther's capture at the Glasbachgrund. A service is held at the Lutherdenkmal (Monument).



## HIKING IN LUTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

The village of Möhra is a part of the Lutherweg, from here you can hike to other places in Luther's life.

*The historical Lutherweg to the Glasbachgrund (13,5 km)*

The myths say that Martin Luther walked along this hiking track when he was captured on the 4th May 1521. Firstly the path leads us through the

Moorgrund to the beautiful village of Gumpelstadt, and further to the Fröbel - Village of Schweina with the castle Altenstein and its park and then to the mountain village of Steinbach. After passing the Luthergrund we reach the Lutherdenkmal memorial. A spring named „Lutherborn“ nearby on an idyllic meadow reminds us of the place where the capture took place.

*Seeking signs of Martin Luther at the „Wartburg“ (ca. 15 km)*

Firstly this trail leads us to the romantic castle park Wilhelmsthal, then along the „Rennsteig“, through a gorge called „Drachenschlucht“, past a meadow named „Sängerwiese“ and then up to the „Wartburg“.

Here he assumed the name of Junker Jörg, grew his hair and beard, wore secular clothes for the first time and after weeks of composure took advantage of the seclusion to create the most important work of his life- the translation of the New Testament of the Bible.

[www.wartburg.de](http://www.wartburg.de)

*about hiking:*

[www.lutherweg.de/wegverlauf/thueringen](http://www.lutherweg.de/wegverlauf/thueringen) | [www.pummpaelz.de](http://www.pummpaelz.de)



## Information

**Guided village and Luther tours** (ca. 60 min.)

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### Luther-Church

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### Dharma Centre

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### Refreshments

**Bakery and Café Göpfert** (Community centre)

Opening times: tue - fr 7 am until 5.30 pm, sat 7 am until 11 am

**Landfleischerei Möhra** (Oberrohmer Str. 5)

[www.ag-moorgrund-eg.de/landfleischerei.html](http://www.ag-moorgrund-eg.de/landfleischerei.html)

The annual highlight is the Pumpälzfest with a Reformation market on Reformation Day on the 31st October in memory of Luther's posting of the theses in Wittenberg.



In the old village squares and in open farm yards local food and drink is served as well as historical crafts presented.

The local parish organizes a cultural program and an open-air church service at the Luther Place. There are also walks covering Martin Luther's footsteps, day concerts and performances in the Luther church.



LUTHER-  
FAMILY HOME

# MÖHRA



„Because it is better to see  
with your own eyes than  
with others.“ (Martin Luther)



*We wish you a pleasant stay in  
the Luther village of Möhra.*

## THE LUTHER MONUMENT

Since 1861 the Reformers Monument stands proudly in the heart of the village of Möhra. Here is an extract from an eyewitness report:



With the last verse of Luther's song 'A firm castle' which was performed by the Meiningen military orchestra and the enthusiastic singing of the festival audience the cover fell.

High and mighty stood the man in ore, in the same place Martin Luther warmed and enlightened the hearts of the people in Möhra 300 years earlier.

(Dr. Pollack, „Die Enthüllung des Lutherdenkmals zu Möhra“, 1861)

The giant statue of Martin Luther shows him offering the opened bible to a visitor. On the page was the following text from the Gospel of John:

*„If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.“* (John 8:31)

On the corners of the monument the four evangelists are shown:

**Matthew** (symbol of the angel), **Mark** (symbol of the lion), **Luke** (symbol of the bull) and **John** (symbol of the eagle).

On the base is shown the three major events in Luther's life:

- Luther's postings of the theses in Wittenberg
- His capture in the Glasbachgrund near Steinbach
- Martin Luther as „Junker Jörg“ at the Wartburg

## LUTHER'S STAMMHAUS

Left of the Luther monument, Luther's Stammhaus is situated. In 1618 Georg Luther – a great grandchild of Martin Luther's uncle built a house on top of the old walls of the original building. In 1656 the house was given by exchange to Family Ihling. The family owns the house still today. It is only open to the public from the outside and accomodates holiday apartments.



## LUTHER CHURCH

The way to the church leads through a wonderful archway decorated with the Saxon crest. When Luther held his prayers in Möhra whilst he was travelling to Worms in 1512 there was only a small chapel (preserved from this time is still the altar table top). In 1560 it was extended to a church. Damaged by numerous storms the church was restored at the beginning of the 18th century. The renovation inside the building took place in the early 20th century.



Three stained glass windows in the choir depict this time. They show Martin Luther and his close companion Phillip Melanchton, Jesus speaking to his followers and the sending of the two apostles Peter and John.

In 1793 there was a mural on the wooden barreled ceiling created by Andreas Schrich. In 1686 a second hand baroque styled organ was bought in Ruhla. Today's organ was built by the company Böhm in Gotha. There is a continuous exhibition at the church entrance about the history of the Luther church.

## LUTHER ROOMS

In 2002 the Luther rooms were opened by the bishop of Thüringen. They depict the following areas:

- Möhra as the home of Martin Luther's family
- Luther's stay in Möhra on the 3rd and 4th May 1512 and his capture
- the history of the Luther monument in 1861

The Luther rooms are found in the community centre above the bakers' cafe. The rooms are open to the public during the cafe opening times or on request.



## CHICKEN FARM

Did you ever hear of Ruhlaer Zwerg-Kauler or Schmalkaldener Mohrenköpfe? If not you should visit the only chicken farm with races in Thuringia. Here you can see all 27 regional breeds of chicken racing aswell as two rabbit races. Also you can visit a veterinarian medical herb garden. This makes the farm a unique one in Germany.

The visit is free of charge and open to the public from the 1st April - 31st October.



## DHARMA CENTRE

A place for Buddhist studies and meditaion is situated 1.8 km north of Möhra. Here one is taught Buddhas ideas according to the Karma-Kagyü tradition.

People can receive instructions for the training of the mind by study, contemplation and meditation. Every 3 months workshops take place to provide methods to support a sensible life creation and to help find the contact with the inner self.



Continous movement training like KumNye and Qi gong supports the deliberate body experiences and allows one to investigate and to deepen the connection of body and mind. The Dharma centre is open daily.

## LIETEBLICKHÜTTEN

Just 2 km north of Möhra are two huts that form the starting point for a beautiful hiking tour along the „Rennsteig“.

They serve refreshments to the hikers every Sunday from the 1st May - 31st October. Here, resting walkers can enjoy views of the Rhön, Werratal and Lietebaum.