

Rauschenberg, Hesse

Rauschenberg is a town in the north of Marburg-Biedenkopf district in Hesse, Germany.

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Geography

Location

Rauschenberg lies at the southern edge of the *Burgwald*, a low mountain range, near Marburg and Kirchhain.

Neighbouring communities

Rauschenberg borders in the north on the town of Rosenthal (Waldeck-Frankenberg) as well as on the communities of Wohratal (Marburg-Biedenkopf) and Gilserberg (Schwalm-Eder-Kreis), in the east on the town of Stadtallendorf, in the south on the town of Kirchhain, in the southwest on the community of Cölbe, and in the west on the town of Wetter (all in Marburg-Biedenkopf).

Municipality divisions

Rauschenberg consists out of following villages:

- Albshausen
- Bracht
- Ernsthausen
- Josbach
- Rauschenberg (town)
- Schwabendorf
- Wolfskaute

History

Even as far back as 1000, a castle was built in what is now Rauschenberg. After a fire about 1250, almost the whole settlement was destroyed. Shortly after Rauschenberg was founded by the Counts of Ziegenhain, it was granted town rights. When the "von Ziegenhain" family died out in 1450, the castle and the town fell to the House of Hesse. In this time, the castle was expanded and made into a hunting lodge.

During the Thirty Years' War, Rauschenberg was mostly destroyed and thoroughly plundered by Swedish troops. Ever since the castle was blown up at a Kassel colonel's behest two years before the war ended, there has been nothing left of it but a ruin.

Politics

Town council

Results of municipal election on 6 March 2016:



Coordinates: 50°52′0″N 8°55′0″E﻿ / ﻿50.866666666667°N 8.9166666666667°E﻿ / 50.866666666667; 8.9166666666667

Country	<u>Germany</u>
State	<u>Hesse</u>
Admin. region	<u>Gießen</u>
District	<u>Marburg-Biedenkopf</u>
Subdivisions	7 <u>Ortsteile</u>
Government	
• Mayor (2018–24)	Michael Emmerich ^[1] (CDU)
Area	
• Total	67.33 km ² (26.00 sq mi)
Elevation	227 m (745 ft)
Population (2020-12-31) ^[2]	
• Total	4,410
• Density	65/km ² (170/sq mi)
Time zone	<u>UTC+01:00 (CET)</u>
• Summer (DST)	<u>UTC+02:00 (CEST)</u>
Postal codes	35282
Dialling codes	06425
Vehicle registration	MR
Website	<u>www.rauschenberg.de</u> (<u>http://www.rauschenberg.de/</u>)

Parties and voter coalitions		Share in %	Seats
CDU	<u>Christian Democratic Union</u>	26.1	6
SPD	<u>Social Democratic Party of Germany</u>	23.1	5
Greens	<u>Alliance '90/The Greens</u>	21.1	5
FBL	<u>Freie Bürgerliste (citizens' coalition)</u>	29.7	7
total		100	23



Rauschenberg's town hall

Coat of arms

Rauschenberg's civic coat of arms might be described thus: Party per fess; above, in sable a six-pointed star argent; below in Or. It matches the arms used by the town's old overlords, the Counts of Ziegenhain.^[3] An eight-pointed star in a modification of the Counts coat of arms.^[4]

Town partnership

-  Westende, Belgium.

Culture and Sightseeing

Buildings

There has not been much left of the castle, later stately home, of Rauschenberg since it was destroyed in the Thirty Years' War. The ruins on the hill over the constituent community – also known as Rauschenberg – are open and free to all.

Economy and infrastructure

Transport

Rauschenberg is connected to the road network by Federal Highway (*Bundesstraße*) B 3 between Frankfurt and Kassel, and by *Bundesstraße* B 62. As for public transportation, there is a bus connection to Kirchhain which runs many times daily.

Personalities

People born in Rauschenberg

- Johannes Hinderbach (1418-1486), Bishop of Trento
- Gustav Simon (1878-1962), administrative official

Personalities who have lived or worked in Rauschenberg

- Peter Janich (1942-2016), philosopher and co-founder of Methodical Culturalism, died in Rauschenberg

In pop culture

A Finnish industrial music group, named Rauschenmaschine (German for noisemaschine) has a song on their website called Rauschenberg.^[5]

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External links

- Town's official website (<http://www.rauschenberg.net/>)
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