

City information



Welcome

to the European City of Castrop-Rauxel!

Castrop-Rauxel is a large town in the district of Recklinghausen in the administrative district of Münster in North Rhine-Westphalia. The Ruhr valley city is represented in the Regionalverband Ruhr (RVR) by the district of Recklinghausen and is part of the Rhine-Ruhr Metropolitan Region. In the regional planning of North Rhine-Westphalia, Castrop-Rauxel is classified as a medium-sized centre .

Castrop-Rauxel's townscape was strongly influenced by the mining industry in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Erin, Graf Schwerin, Ickern and Victor collieries were established in the course of industrialisation. The closure of the Erin Colliery in 1983 marked the end of mining in Castrop-Rauxel. Industrial monuments such as the winding tower of the Erin Colliery and its hammerhead tower are reminders of this tradition. The former motto Industriestadt im Grünen was changed to Europastadt im Grünen .

Spatial location

Castrop-Rauxel is located in the Emscherland, It is the northern part of the Ruhr valley. As a city in the Recklinghausen district, it is part of the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan region. The Rhine-Herne Canal and the Emscher run through the northern districts of Pöppinghausen, Habinghorst, Henrichenburg and Ickern. The traditionally vestal Henrichenburg is separated from Habinghorst to the south by the Emscher, which runs south of the canal.

City area

The city is divided into 15 districts. From north to south and within a line from west (southwest) to east (northeast) these are: Henrichenburg (with Becklem in the extreme north), Pöppinghausen, Habinghorst, Ickern, Bladenhorst, Rauxel, Deininghausen, Behringhausen, Castrop, Dingen, Obercastrop, Schwerin, Bövinghausen, Merklind, Frohlind.

Numbers, data and facts

Population

- Total population: 75,338 (as of: 31/12/2020, own update)
- 38,331 women
- 37,005 men
- 2 diverse

Green spaces and recreational areas

- Grutholz (with game reserve), Castroper Holz, Stadtgarten, Volkspark Ickern, Beerenbruch, Wagenbruch, Langeloh, Nierholz, Riepersberg, Klöppersberg, Rhine-Herne Canal, Habinghorst Green and Leisure Areas, Henrichenburg Landscape Archaeological Park, Schellenberg Leisure Areas (Cottentburg Forest, Cottentburg Gorge, former racecourse, sculpture park)



- 14 allotment garden sites with 690 allotment gardens
- Forest areas in municipal hands
- Regional-Verband-Ruhr forest areas
- Green spaces in municipal maintenance
- Nature reserves

Day care centres

- 38 day care centres, 8 of which are certified family centres
- 1 school nursery
- 1 curative education day care centre

Schools

- 10 primary schools (community schools)
- 2 primary schools (Catholic confessional schools)
- 1 special school for the learning impaired 1 Förderschule for the speech impaired
- 2 Hauptschulen (Gemeinschaftsschulen)
- 2 Realschulen
- 2 Gesamtschulen
- 2 Gymnasien
- 1 Sekundarschule
- 1 Berufskolleg

Further education

Volkshochschule

📍 [Widumer Straße 26](#)

☎ [02305/5488-410](#), [02305/5488-411](#), [02305/5488-412](#)

Centre for Women in Career and Technology

📍 [Erinstraße 6](#)

☎ [02305/92150-0](#)

City library

📍 [Im Ort 2](#)

☎ [02305/440679](#)

Hospitals

Ev. Krankenhaus

📍 [Grutholzallee 21](#)



[02305/1020](#)

St. Rochus Hospital

📍 [Glückaufstraße 10](#)

 [02305/2940](tel:02305/2940)

Outpatient and inpatient care

- 21 outpatient care services
- 36 day care places
- 3 shared accommodations (24 places for dementia patients)
- 8 nursing homes
- Counselling centre for senior citizens, people in need of care and their relatives: [Counselling and Infocentre Care \(BIP\)](#) in the Town Hall