

# Ducks between drugs – or the “Ziegelweiherpark“

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The Ziegelweiherpark is a place everybody knows in Erkelenz. It is sometimes dangerous but has also beautiful sides at the same time. It is just the question at which time you are in the park. When would you go there?



At first, let's have a look at the positive sides of the Ziegelweiher. It is a nice park and full of flowers. You can have wonderful walks with your dog or nice rides with your bike. You can see ducks and geese at the pond in the middle of the park. You can have a rest at one of the many benches in the park. It is beautiful

to have a park in the middle of the town. This makes you able to dive into nature and have a time out from the stressful life in the city.

On the other hand, there are some bad sides in our park. When the sun goes down the “evil” awakes. It's not kind of a horror movie but in the dark, there are some strange and suspicious persons in the park. They meet there, drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and even consume drugs.



Worst of all are the drug dealers you might meet in the park. You should know, it is illegal to consume and sell drugs in Germany. Sadly, the drug consumers leave their “drug stuff” in the park. That means, kids and animals are confronted with rests of drug cigarettes, or even injections.

But what does this all mean for the park and the people visiting it. I would put it that way. If you visit the park by daylight, you can have a beautiful time enjoying all the flowers, trees, and animals in the park. Once it gets dark you should leave or be aware that some illegal things might happen next to you. When would you give the park a go?