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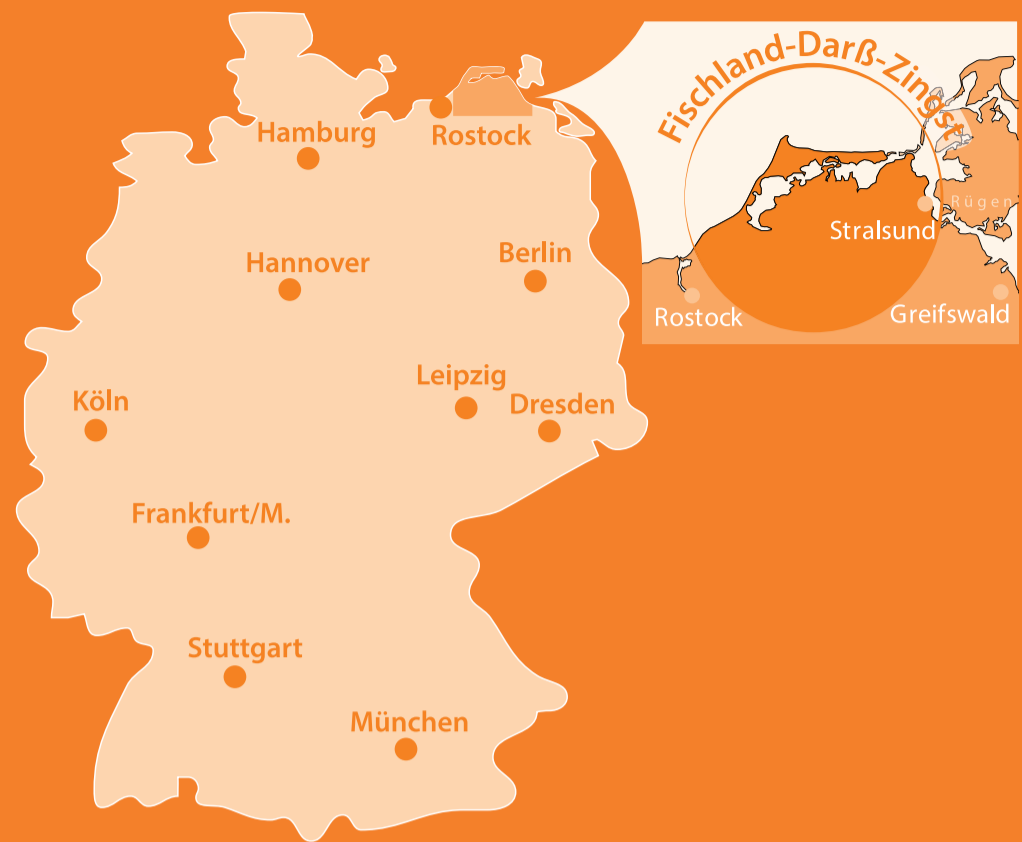
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The workshop of nature:

The Vorpommersche Boddenlandschaft National Park

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Fischland

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Sights

- sandy beaches, small harbors, living traditions
- Museum of Art and other galleries in Ahrenshoop
- Rhododendron Park in Graal-Müritz
- picturesque churches



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Darß

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- lighthouse at Darßer Ort
- Weststrand (untouched beach, a must see)
- unspoiled and beautiful nature
- traditional doors "Darßer Türen"



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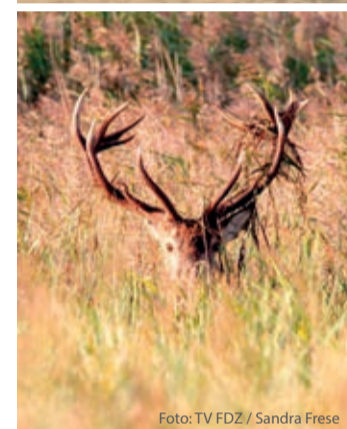


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Zingst

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Sights

- place of photography with outdoor and indoor exhibitions
- Leica Gallery, Max Hünten Haus
- annual environmental photography festival »horizonte zingst«
- photography workshops and photographic excursions



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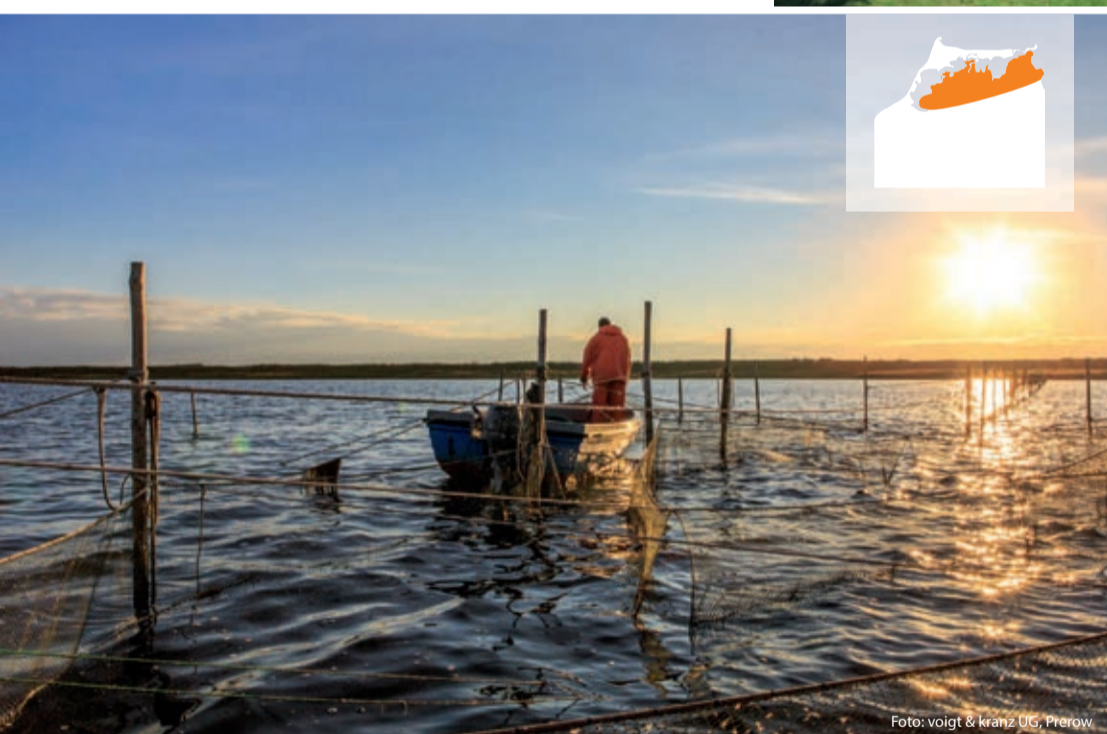


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Boddenküste

Along the coast of the Bodden one finds several charming villages and towns. Two of them are the so called "gates to the peninsula": the Amber City Ribnitz-Damgarten to the west and Barth with its lovingly restored town houses to the east. One will also find that the varied nature of the foreshore is very appealing for long bike rides, hiking tours and prolonged rides on horseback. Beyond that, the Bodden is also the ideal territory for water sportsmen.

Sights

- German Museum of Amber and Manufacture of Amber Jewelry in Ribnitz-Damgarten
- Bible Center and Vineta Museum in Barth
- small villages and harbors



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Vogelparkregion Recknitztal

South of the cities Barth and Ribnitz-Damgarten begins the Recknitztal region. This is where the river Recknitz winds through marshlands, blooming marshy meadows and colorful fields of rape, poppies and cornflowers. The best way to experience nature is to hike or bike on the Recknitztal-circular-track or to canoe on the river itself. Along the way one finds lovely towns with redbrick and manor houses that are worth seeing as well.

Sights

- Vogelpark Marlow (zoo)
- regional producers
- castles and manor houses



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Nordvorpommersche Waldlandschaft and Trebeltal

East of the river Recknitz and west of the city Stralsund extends the Nordvorpommersche Waldlandschaft. Thanks to its vast stretches of timber it is the ideal habitat for the critically endangered European lesser spotted eagle. Due to this fact the region also got the byname "Schreidlerland". If one wants to leave civilization behind for a few hours to feel closer to nature, he will find refuge here as well.

Sights

- river Trebel and a lot of nature
- churches in Tribsees and Franzburg



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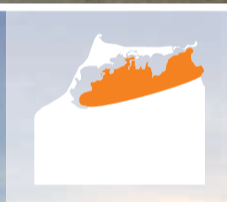
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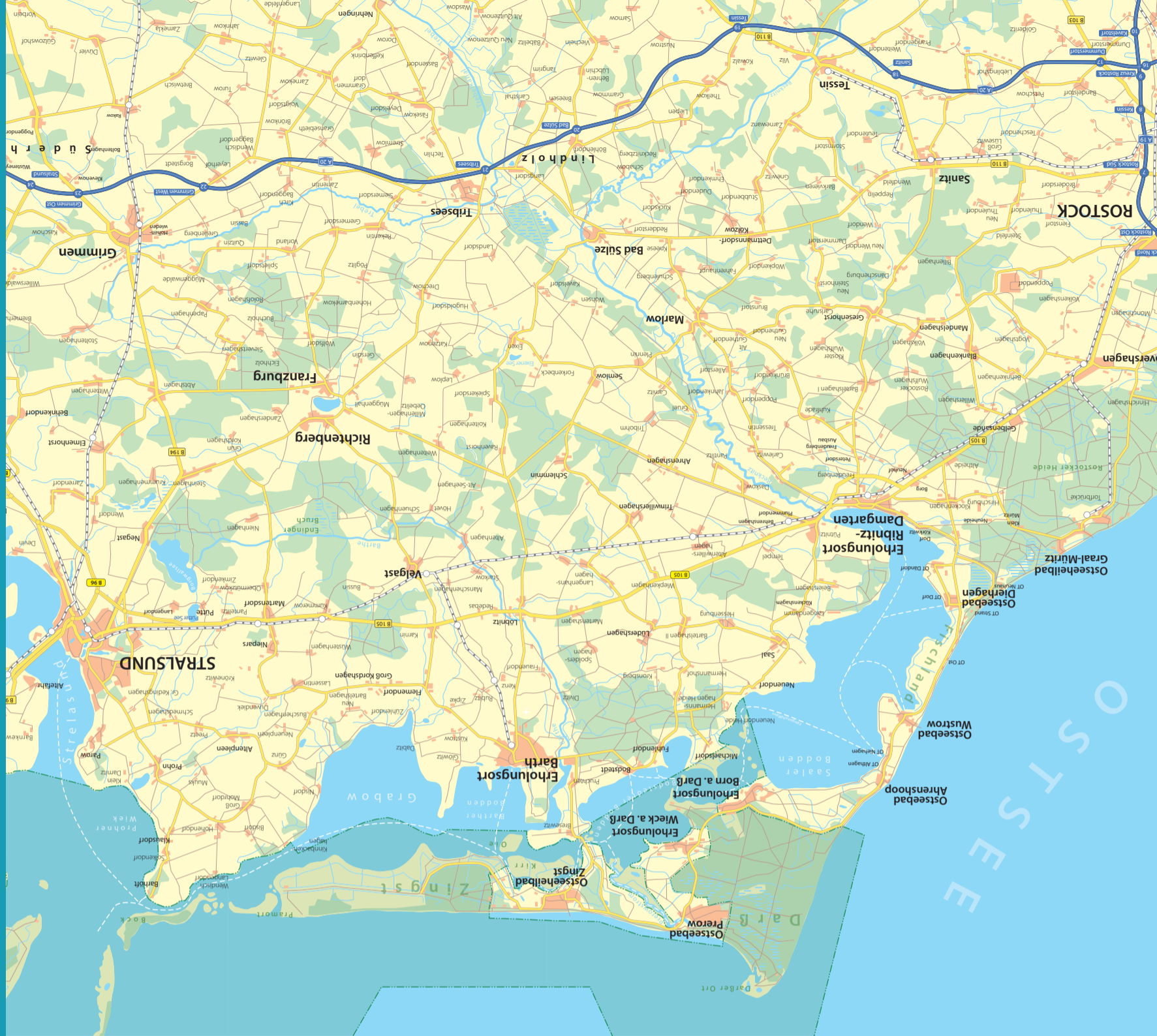
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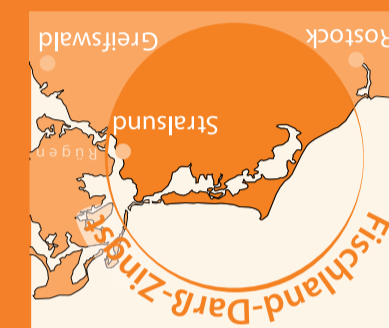
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