

**Werdau** is part of the Landkreis Zwickau in the Free State of Saxony. It is situated on the river Pleiße, 8 km from Zwickau.

Werdau's history dates back to the 13th century, but it is most proud of a landmark that was constructed less than a hundred years ago. In 1905, the city held a contest for the design of a new town hall, as the old one built in 1727 had become too small. The tower and floorplan of one design was combined with the façade of another, and ground was broken for construction on August 1, 1908. It was inaugurated on April 26, 1911. With its exquisite sandstone façade and 59-meter tower, the newer government building has become the town's centerpiece and also serves as the location for a variety of festivities.

The town has also given its old marketplace a facelift, installing a lovely new fountain. Tented markets are held here weekly, along with an annual market event in September. Just nearby, medieval St. Mary's Church has been renovated, too. And by designating much of the town center as a pedestrian zone, with footbridges and resting areas to make movement easy, a new atmosphere of tranquility has been created.

Among other sights to see in the area is a Steam Engine Museum opened in 1899. Just outside town, you can tour a Roman viaduct, 23 meters high with seventeen brickwork arches spanning more than 200 meters in length.