

7 Mühlen - Seven Mills



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Description In Pfarrwerfen, farmers from previous generations used water power to grind their home-grown cereals. This idea increased sevenfold (as there are seven mills), but the mill wheels fell silent in the last century, as modern appliances do the laborious milling in a cheaper and better way. The romantic mills in the mountain slope, however, performed an important service. They allowed young lovers an hour of undisturbed time on a babbling rivulet, and when storm clouds came up, they gave the couples a sense of cozy togetherness and security. But when the number of these visits decreased, the seven mills seemed to foresee the coming end. A few years ago, some determined men took pity on these lonely, dreamy huts and brought them back to life with a lot of busyness. They were sawing and hammering, and it seemed as if the mills were impatiently waiting for their revival. And indeed, when the mill wheel, for the first time after innumerable years, turned around its own axis moaningly and groaningly, and the water filled the blades quickly, the mills experienced their second youth. Even more so - they were listed for preservation and thus became a regional tourist attraction. Today you can try and buy the spicy 'Mill Bread' at the local bakery. And each bite has wistful, but also joyful overtones of the story of the seven mills.

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