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Nine ways to celebrate Easter like a German



2. **Make a wheely big fire:** Not content with a standard fire, some regions stuff hay into a large wooden wheel, set it on fire, and roll it down a hill at night. It is supposed to bring a good harvest, if it makes it all the way down the hill intact. Lügde in Lower Saxony is particularly famous for its burning wheel rolling.



3. **An Easter fox?:** The Easter bunny bringing eggs to children can be traced back to Germany. German and Dutch settlers brought the tradition to the US in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. But in some parts of the country, children used to wait for the Easter fox or a stork instead to bring them their gifts. The bunny has now taken over, however.