

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

**FEIERTAGE UND FESTE IM MAI
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May bonfires

Dancing around a fire is not just part of Walpurgis Night. People light big bonfires in villages around Germany. In some regions, a witch doll made of straw and old clothing is thrown into the fire to chase away bad spirits.

Jumping over fires



A 'May fire' in Sieversdorf, Brandenburg.

Another way to celebrate the witches' night on May 1st is to light a bonfire, or *Maifeuer*, and jump over it, though in some regions this isn't always connected to magical sorceresses.

Other regions like Brandenburg light stick wooden figures of witches on fire to ward off any evil-doers.