

WALPURGISNACHT / WITCHES' NIGHT**im Harz Gebirge auf dem Gipfel des Brockens**

In rural regions of Germany, especially the Harz Mountains, Walpurgisnacht celebrations of pagan origin are traditionally held on the night before May Day, including bonfires and the wrapping of a *Maibaum* (maypole).



Celebrations of the 'Witches' Night' in the Harz mountains.

Partying with witches and devils

The dancing tradition is also associated with *Walpurgisnacht* or *Hexennacht* (Witches' Night), on which Germanic folklore says witches would meet on the peak of Brocken within the Harz mountains to revel with the Devil.

To this day, women in the Harz area (and beyond) will dress up and go dance on the mountain top, warts, horns and all.