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Naturpark
Zillertaler Alpen



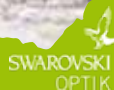
Summer Programme 2017

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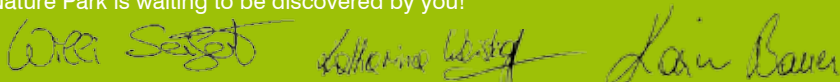
Dear Nature Park Enthusiast,

Our Nature Park is a high alpine conservation area in the truest sense of the words. It extends from the traditional mountaineering village of Ginzling to the Hochfeiler Peak at 3,509 m. Five different sub-valleys, narrow gorges, glaciated summits, innate and cultivated landscapes as well as an extraordinary biodiversity are the defining characteristics of the „Nature Park of the Year 2015“.

We invite you to discover the Nature Park together with our guides and find out more about the region. There is something to suit everyone – with hikes to the Berlin Hut, herbal walks, the Alpine Pastures Experience Zillergrund, the forest pixie day or an ascent to Mount Ahorn's peak with Peter Habeler.

We highly recommend a visit to the Nature Park House, as well as staying with one of our partner companies who work in close collaboration with the Nature Park. Guests of our partner companies can participate in all our hikes and visit the exhibition at the Nature Park House for free.

The Nature Park is waiting to be discovered by you!



The Nature Park Team, Manager Willi Seifert, Katharina Weiskopf, Karin Bauer



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Fakten & Highlights

- ➔ Size: **422 km²**
- ➔ Protected natural area **since 1991**
- ➔ Altitude profile ranging from **1,000 m** at *Ginzling* to 3,509 m at *Hochfeiler*
- ➔ An unparalleled experience of natural landscapes with **80 glaciers**, **rich biodiversity** at all alpine altitudes and **unique crystal deposits**.
Unspoiled cultural landscapes on alpine pastures and meadows
- ➔ **Nature has priority** - permanent developments with public roads or lift systems are prohibited with no exception
- ➔ **Nature Park House** in the mountaineering village of *Ginzling*
- ➔ **Alpine** and **Nature Park library** with a selection of books and maps in the Nature Park House
- ➔ Several fascinating **permanent** and **special exhibitions**
- ➔ **Over 200 guided walks** with our Nature Park Guides covering a variety of Nature Park themes
- ➔ **Eight mountain refuge huts from the German Alpine Association**
- ➔ Walk through the Nature Park from hut to hut along the **Berlin Hiking trail**
- ➔ **Several themed trails**
- ➔ **Internationally renowned climbing & bouldering areas**



More Information on the Nature Park and themed guided walks is available from the Nature Park House in Ginzling or from the Mayrhofen-Hippach and Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Boards, see page 59 for further information.

Nature Park Partner business

A Nature Park Partner business is a **quality tested accommodation provider**, who identifies with the ideals and philosophy of the Zillertal Alps Nature Park..

- Strong affinity with the Nature Park
- Competent information on the Nature Park region provided by the Nature Park host
- Nature Park holiday packages
- Free participation on the Nature Park guided tours
- Free admission to the Nature Park House exhibition
- Free use of the Nature Park library
- Sustainable business management
- Increased use of regional products



Presentation series „Magical Moments in the Nature Park“

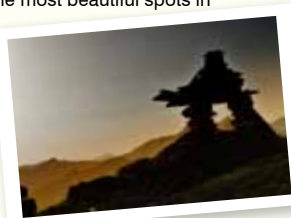
Impressions, interesting facts and hiking tips for our visitors

Nature photographer and Nature Park Ranger, Herbert Grasl, accompanies visitors to the most beautiful spots in the Tux Valley and tells them about the region's special characteristics. He has captured many a magical moment with his camera. "Seen through the heart" - is how he describes the rugged, beautiful world amidst these high mountains. As Nature Park and Mountain Guide he is a hive of information on hiking in the Tux and Zillertal Alps.

The “Magical Moments” presentation takes place every Monday from 19.06 - 18.09.

Begins in Tux: 17.30 hrs at the Tux-Center, Lanersbach, in the „Gletschersaal“

Begins in Finkenberg: 20.30 hrs at Volksschule Finkenberg in the Aula (lobby)



We are your Nature Park guides and would like to introduce ourselves:

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„In der Natur lässt sich super Kraft danken und vom Alltag abschalten. Hier herrscht Schönheit und Ruhe. Und genau das möchte ich gerne weitervermitteln“

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Events 2017

„Significance of the Landscape“ - Thursday 13.07.2017

The alpine landscape is varied. Sometimes lovely, often harsh. It is a reflection of numerous natural processes. Appealing and fascinating for its visitors. Space for movement and recreation in the mountains and a natural arena for a whole host of interests. To which degree, however, does the phrase “of inestimable value” apply? On this particular evening, we will explore the value of the alpine landscape together with Swiss expert, Dr. Raimund Rodewald.

Lecture by Dr. Rodewald: Thursday, 13th Juli at um 19:30 Uhr in the „Mehrzweckgebäude“ in Ginzling, free admission.



Lecture „The World Beneath the Olperer Peak“ - Thursday 24.08.2017

The mountains of the Zillertal Alps tower up to 3,509 m above sea level. Visitors are captivated by the charm of the majestic glaciers and rugged summits. But what actually goes on inside the mountains? Caves marvel us some exciting insights. Only very few caves, however, are open to the public, so the treasures of the deep remain largely hidden. This lecture by Prof. Christoph Spötl reveals the fascinating world beneath the Olperer and in other parts of Tyrol, as well as what there is to discover and amazing sights that can be found in caves.

Lecture by Prof. Christoph Spötl: Thursday, 24th August at 20:00 Uhr in the Tux-Center in Lanersbach, free admission. A competition takes place during the lecture, where visitors have the chance to win a guided tour of the Spannagel Caves.



Nature Park Festival and Nature Park Hiking Day - Saturday 19.08.2017

Nature Park Festival for visitors of all ages in the mountaineering village of Ginzling - with a guided family hike and exciting children's and family programme in the festival grounds. Visitors can look forward to a whole host of adventure and handicraft stations focussed on the alpine ibex, as well as the Alpine Association's climbing tower. But that is not all; the Life Radio team will be also be in attendance and reporting live on all the action.



All events at a glance

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Glückshormone für alle.

Bewegung in der Natur ist gesund und macht glücklich.

Unsere traditionelle Kulturlandschaft, die aus dem Zusammenwirken von Mensch und Natur entstanden ist, ist ein kostbares Gut. Der Sparkasse liegt es am Herzen, dass unsere beeindruckende Bergwelt für alle Menschen erlebbar ist und Erholung bietet.

Damit das auch so bleibt, ist es wichtig, die Natur zu schützen und zu bewahren. Aus dieser Überzeugung unterstützt die Sparkasse in Mayrhofen den Naturpark Zillertaler Alpen.

Reintroduction of Alpine Ibex to the Floitental Valley on 29th June 2017

9 alpine ibex goats are to be released into the wild freedom of the Zillertal Alps Nature Park



The alpine ibex (Capra ibex) is known as the “King of the Alps”, because of its imposing appearance and the fact that it embodies the high mountain region like no other animal. The alpine ibex also has great significance for the Zillertal Valley. It is with good reason that it graces the coat of arms of the municipality of Mayrhofen. After having been hunted almost to extinction in the Zillertal Valley and the entire Alpine area a few centuries ago, one of the most successful reintroduction projects began.

In the meantime, the reserves in the Zillertal Alps have recovered slightly, thanks to several release projects. Currently, around 80-90 animals are thought to be in the region. In a joint project, the Zillertal Alps Nature Park and Austrian Forestry Office combined forces with several other partners to continue towards improving long term conservation of the population. In addition to releasing alpine ibex into the wild, extra emphasis is being placed on research. Some of the animals have been fitted with a sensor to enable the spatial behaviour of the animals to be examined. After the initial release of animals in Zemmgrund (2016), a new initiative is taking place in the Floitental Valley in 2017. On June 29th at around 10.00 hrs, a few young animals from Alpenzoos Innsbruck and Nürnberg Zoo will be released near the Greizer Hut.

Finer details on the release will be published on the Nature Park's homepage (www.naturpark-zillertal.at) closer to the day. We recommend hiking up to the Greizer Hut and spending the night there to all those wanting to be part of this special experience.



Registration and Equipment

Registration

- via www.naturpark-zillertal.at by latest 20.00 hrs on the day before your proposed tour
- via your accommodation provider by latest 20.00 hrs on the day before your proposed tour
- direct with the Nature Park/Tourist Board offices by latest 17.00 hrs on the day before your tour

Costs

- **Free of charge for guests staying at our partner businesses!** Please show your Nature Park guest card to your Guide before the tour. The card is issued by your accommodation
- Or else, please check the individual tour descriptions
- Children up to the age of 5 years are free of charge, children between the age 6-14 years only pay half
- Costs incurred for buses, trains, possible use of cable cars or taxis is not included.

Equipment

Appropriate hiking clothing with sturdy shoes, rain and sun protection as well as a water bottle are essential on all tours!

Meeting Points

- See the **map** on page 3, **network plan** on page 54 and **tour descriptions**
- All meeting points are easily accessible using public transport



Level of difficulty

Tour difficulty rating	Rating	Trail and terrain	Requirements and equipment
	easy hike	hiking trail, relatively flat terrain, easy uphill climbs, ascents of 100 - 300 metres in altitude, 2 -4 hours of walking	not particularly physically demanding, trainers with good soles or trekking shoes will suffice
	moderate hike	hiking trail, relatively flat terrain, easy uphill climbs, ascents of 300 - 700 metres in altitude, 3 -4 hours of walking	moderately demanding, relatively good fitness levels required, as are decent trekking shoes with a good sole or hiking boots
	difficult hike	marked trails and/or routes off the beaten track, sections of steep alpine terrain, ascents of 500 - 1,200 metres in altitude, 4 -8 hours of walking	good stamina and fitness levels required, steady footing and a good head for heights, hiking boots
	difficult summit hike	steep terrain, exposed sections with danger of falling, high alpine terrain, over 1,000 metres in altitude, 6 - 8 hours of walking	excellent stamina and fitness levels required, steady footing and a good head for heights, hiking boot



= Take your own food and drink

The organizers reserve the right to make last minute programme changes or postponements in the event of adverse weather conditions or any other reason. Participation is at your own risk - the Zillertal Alps Nature Park administration team accept no liability of any kind!

Nature Park Rangers: The nature pros are out and about for you!

What do Rangers actually do?

The Rangers are out and about in the Nature Park twice a week in summer. Whilst underway, they inform visitors about the nature reserve and its special features. Nature Park visitors can observe and experience nature right up close at their various stations. Using binoculars and a telescope, the Rangers will help you identify otherwise invisible details both near and far: The World of Ice Giants, wild animals that live in alpine landscapes, as well as the beauty of the flora. They are more than happy to share their extensive knowledge and give advice on walks and excursions, how to behave correctly in the wild and support volunteering projects. **You can also participate there - the projects are marked in blue!**

The dates of the volunteering projects:

Volunteering project at the Kolmhaus:	18.07. 25.07. 08.08.
Volunteering project at the Entalhof:	11.07. 12.09.

Registration at the
Nature park office!

Clean Mountains

The Rangers pay great attention to keeping the trails clean and remove any debris they find. However, this shouldn't be happening in the first place. Remember: waste has a long life, so take your rubbish home with you!



Our Ranger Team

The Nature Park has three Rangers - **Nina**, **Janine** and **Herbert**. They are specially trained and advocates of high quality and competent visitor information.

Nina



Janine



Herbert



Höllensteinhütte

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Family and Children Programme

Llama trek and Tux Mill

A tour for walkers of all ages



Together with our four legged friends, Sam, Sanchez and Ferdl we walk leisurely along the banks of the Tux Stream from Lanersbach to Madseit. As we walk, we have plenty of time to savour the beautiful landscape with all our senses as we adopt the leisurely pace of the llamas. You will learn

how to lead the llamas and get to know them a little better. On our way, we can take a step back in time at Tuxer Mühle (Tux Mill). This water-powered mill dates back to 1839 and is still in use today during the summer months.

Suitable for children from the age of 5.



Meeting point:

10.45 hrs – Tux Center in Lanersbach, car park behind the Center

Dates:

03.07. | 10.07. | 17.07. | 24.07. | 31.07. | 07.08. | 14.08. | 21.08. | 28.08. | 04.09.

Duration:

circa 5 hours; 3 of which spent walking („Llama speed“)



Characteristics:

easy walk with circa 200 m in altitude difference

Cost:

Children ≤ 5 years free - Children 6-14 years € 2,50 - Adults € 5
free for all guests of our partner businesses

Arriving by bus:

10.10 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	15.57/ 16.27 hrs
10.37 hrs arr.		Tux Center		dep.	15.33/ 16.03 hrs

Refreshments:

None - please bring a snack and drink!

Maximum number of participants: 12! Advance registration is required - also for parents!

Family and Children Programme





Forest Pixie day

An invitation to all budding natural scientists and their parents!

Children's programme in the "Glocke" protected area. Together we can discover the Glocke, an island full of botanical features with a fascinating ravine forest. While we pretend to be forest pixies, we learn about the forest from the forest and investigate the Glocke using our imagination and creativity. The focus is on children and their natural inquisitiveness during this family hike.



Suitable for children from the age of 3 - 9.

Meeting point:	10.00 hrs – Finkenberg, car park opposite the church						
Dates:	12.07. 19.07. 26.07. 02.08. 09.08. 16.08. 23.08. 30.08. 06.09.						
Duration:	circa 3-4 hrs; 45 min of which spent walking						
Characteristics:	easy walk with circa 140 m in altitude difference						
Cost:	Children ≤ 5 years free - Children 6-14 years € 2,50 - Adults € 5 free for all guests of our partner businesses						
Arriving by bus:	9.40 hrs	dep.		Mayrhofen station		arr.	13.57/ 14.27 hrs
	9.52 hrs	arr.		Finkenberg Dorf		dep.	13.48/ 14.18 hrs
Refreshments:	None - please bring a snack and drink!						
Maximum number of participants: 12! Advance registration is required - also for parents!							





Family and Children Programme

Kid's adventures in Scheulingwald Forest

Journey over Hill and Dale



Scheulingwald Forest is home to many secrets... We explore the hidden treasures of the forest in the protected area around Mayrhofen. This family hike takes us along narrow trails until "Schlangenkopffelsen - Snake Head Rock". Using fun and games, we

explore the forest with its plants and inhabitants together. The hike ends at the water playground in Scheulingwald Forest, where you can enjoy spending the rest of the afternoon.

Especially suitable for children aged 3 - 9 years.

Meeting point: 10.00 hrs – Europahaus Mayrhofen

Dates: 21.07. | 04.08. | 18.08. | 25.08.

Duration: circa 3-4 hrs; 45 min of which spent walking

Characteristics: easy walk

Cost: Children ≤ 5 years free - Children 6-14 years € 2,50 - Adults € 5
free for all guests of our partner businesses

Arriving by bus: 9.33 hrs dep. ↓ Tux-Center ↑ arr. 14.37/ 15.07 hrs
9.57 hrs arr. ↓ Mayrhofen station ↑ dep. 14.10/ 14.40 hrs

Refreshments: None, please bring a snack & drink! Kiosk near mini golf course (after the tour)

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required - also for parents!

Alpine Pastures Experience Zillergrund

Take your time and savour with all your senses



What animals can be found roaming on mountain pastures? Why must the pastures be cleared of stones? What do alpine roses and wild thyme smell like? How does “Melchermuas” taste – a typical Tyrolean alpine snack? We walk together from Gasthof In der Au to the Sulzbodenalm alpine farm, where the farmers will welcome us and tell us fascinating stories about alpine life. We are also allowed to take a peek inside their alpine dwelling. We can discover the world of alpine animals in an entertaining way today, smell the alpine roses, gentian and co., and lend a hand on the alpine farm.

Meeting point: 09.30 hrs – Gasthof in der Au in the Zillergrund Valley

Dates: 18.07. | 28.07. | 01.08. | 11.08.

Duration: circa 4-5 hrs; circa 2 hrs of which spent walking

Characteristics: easy walk with circa 150 m in altitude difference

Cost: Children ≤ 5 years free - Children 6-14 years € 2,50 - Adults € 5
free for all guests of our partner businesses

Arriving by bus: 8.50 hrs dep. ↓ Mayrhofen station ↑ arr. 14.42/ 15.42 hrs
9.26 hrs arr. ↓ GH In der Au / Bärenbadalm ↑ dep. 14.05/ 15.05 hrs

Refreshments: Bärenbadalm

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required - also for parents!





Family and Children Programme



The Mill Clatters...

An exciting family walk in Brandberg



The mountain farmers of Brandberg live and work, in the truest sense of the words, on the sunny side of life. Thanks to the favourable conditions, the people of Brandberg cultivated cereals at high altitudes around their farms until only a few decades ago. We bring the mountain farmers experiences to life, as we walk around the farms and trails to the Schrofén Mill. Once there, we grind flour from corn and discover the various grains that can grow in the mountains. We observe wildlife along the meadow's edge and solve the odd puzzle or two on the historic Mitterstall Barn. Our efforts are then rewarded with a tasting session of farmer's bread.

Especially suitable for children aged 3 - 9 years.

	Meeting point::	10.00 hrs – Gasthof Thanner in Brandberg			
	Dates:	13.07. 27.07. 10.08. 24.08.			
	Duration:	circa 3 hrs; circa 1 hr of which spent walking			
	Characteristics:	easy walk (not suitable for pushchairs), circa 140 m in altitude difference			
	Cost:	Children ≤ 5 years free - Children 6-14 years € 2,50 - Adults € 5 free for all guests of our partner businesses			
	Arriving by bus:	9.40 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑ arr. 14.33 hrs
		9.55 hrs arr.		Brandberg GH Thanner	dep. 14.20 hrs
	Refreshments:	Gasthof Thanner			
	Maximum number of participants:	12! Advance registration is required - also for parents!			

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Discovery Tour through Mayrhofen

In the Scheuling Forest protected area

After receiving information on the Zillertal Alps Nature Park, we walk through the Scheuling Forest, home to a particularly rich world of flora and fauna. This walk takes us through the village with its' assortment of historical buildings and into the protected area of the Scheuling Forest. We will then walk over the Zillersteg Bridge to Kumbichl, from where we have excellent views of the Ziller Gorge and Tuxer Gorge. Afterwards

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we will reach the sub-district of Dorf-Haus, which is particularly pretty with its old farmhouses. The knowledgeable Nature Park guides *Maria*, *Walter* and *Andrea* will tell you all about the cultural and natural features of the region.



Meeting point: 13.00 hrs – Europahaus Mayrhofen
Dates: 15.05 - 02.10 on Mondays
Duration: circa 3 hours; 2 of which spent walking
Characteristics: easy walk in and around the village with circa 150 m in altitude difference
Cost: € 4 (free for guests of our partner businesses and from the tourist region Mayrhofen Hippach with their guest card)

Arriving by bus*: 12.03 hrs dep. ↓ Tux Center ↑ arr. 17.07/17.37 hrs
 12.27 hrs arr. ↓ Mayrhofen station ↑ dep. 16.40/17.10 hrs

Refreshments: several guest houses in Mayrhofen

Maximum number of participants: 20! Advance registration is required!

Herbal Walk in the Scheuling Forest

There is a herb for every ailment

During this informative and entertaining walk through the protected Scheulingwald Forest, Mayrhofen's recreation area, we will pick tasty herbs just next to the path, discuss their healing properties and prepare a delicious and healthy soup. The group will share basic knowledge and experiences concerning medicinal plants. Curious about the natural resource and source of energy, we will try to track down the secrets of these magical herbs.



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Meeting point:	10.00 hrs – Europahaus Mayrhofen					
Dates:	25.05.* 08.06. 06.07. 20.07 03.08 17.08 31.08					
Duration:	circa 4 hours; 1 of which spent walking					
Characteristics:	easy walking in easy terrain					
Cost:	€ 5 (free for guests of our partner businesses)					
Arriving by bus:	9.33 Uhr dep.			Tux Center		arr. 15.07 Uhr
	9.57 Uhr arr.	↓		Mayrhofen Bahnhof	↑	dep. 14.40 Uhr
Refreshments:	several guest houses in Mayrhofen					
Maximum number of participants: 20! Advance registration is required!						



***Attention: On 25.05 other departure time in Mayrhofen: 15.40 hrs!**



Culinary Herb Trail in Ramsau

From yarrow, comfrey and co. to your own herbal salt

Andrea, our “Herbalist” will lead you on an informative and entertaining walk through the meadows of Hippach and tell you long forgotten facts about local medicinal and culinary herbs. Whether comfrey, as a wound healing and anti-inflammatory agent, or yarrow with its properties for treating digestive and gynaecological conditions, experienced herbalist And-

rea knows every herb and its medicinal properties. We stop at a scenic spot at the forest edge, to make some herbal salt as a little memento of our tour.

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Meeting point:	10.00 hrs – Station Ramsau-Hippach			
Dates:	18.05. 01.06. 15.06. 29.06. 13.07. 27.07. 10.08. 24.08. 07.09.			
Duration:	circa 4 hours; 1 of which spent walking			
Characteristics:	easy walking in easy terrain			
Cost:	€ 5 (free for guests of our partner businesses)			
Arriving by train:	9.45 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑ arr. 13.57/ 14.27 hrs
	9.50 hrs arr.		Hippach station	dep. 13.51/ 14.21 hrs
Refreshments:	several guest houses in Ramsau und Hippach			
Maximum number of participants:	20! Advance registration is required!			

Out and about in the valley - the source of the Ziller River

Alongside the rushing waters of the Ziller, from Bärenbad to Klaushof



We walk leisurely down the valley alongside the Ziller River, from Bärenbadalm at the entrance to Hundskehle. After about one hour, we reach the very quaint Gasthof in der Au. Another tributary valley, the “Sunder”, branches off from here, which is very popular with climbing fans because of its imposing boulder blocks. Our route takes us from the Au past numerous alpine pastures and on to Häusling. In contrast to the steep, black rock ridges on the opposite side of the valley, the bright facade of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow shimmers a bright welcome in the distance. The last section of our tour takes us directly alongside the rushing Ziller River to Klaushof, where we can take a break before catch-ing the bus back to Mayrhofen.

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Meeting point: 09.45 hrs – Bus stop Bärenbad in the Zillergrund Valley

Dates: 29.06. | 19.07. | 02.08. | 16.08. | 30.08.

Duration: ca. 5 hours; 4 of which spent walking

Characteristics: easy walk

Cost: € 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)

Arriving by bus:	8.50 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	15.42/ 16.42 hrs
	9.35 hrs arr.				Bärenbad / GH Klaushof	dep.

Refreshments: Gasthof Häusling, Gasthof Klaushof

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!





The “Glocke” natural gem

Botanical walk through a breathtaking ravine forest

The nature trail is located in a protected area called the Glocke, an island full of an interesting mix of geological and botanical rarities in the Nature Park member village of Finkenberg. Only three of this type of botanical rarity has remained intact in the Eastern European Alps since the Ice Age – and one of them is here in Finkenberg! Particularly impressive is the 70 metre deep Tux Stream Gorge and the legendary “Teufelsbrücke” – Devil’s

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Bridge. Learn some interesting facts about this very special forest, its’ historical uses, unique plant world and extraordinary geological features. This exciting round walk is full of mystery, unexpected secrets and interesting.



Meeting point:	10.00 hrs – Finkenberg, car park opposite the church			
Dates:	16.05. - 03.10 on tuesdays			
Duration:	circa 4 hours, 1.5 of which spent walking			
Characteristics:	easy walk in and around Finkenberg (ca. 120 m in altitude difference)			
Cost:	€ 5 (free for guests of our partner businesses)			
Arriving by bus:	9.40 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑ arr. 14.27/ 14.57 hrs
	9.52 hrs arr.		Finkenberg Dorf	dep. 14.18/ 14.48 hrs*
Refreshments:	Hotel Schöne Aussicht, several guest houses in Finkenberg			
Maximum number of participants:	15! Advance registration is required!			

Through magical forests into the untamed Gunggl

Forest tour in a wild and romantic valley near Ginzling

Starting from the Nature Park House, walk along the “Ginzlinger Rundwanderweg” (Round Walk) for a short way, before turning off into the small Gunggl Valley. We follow an ancient, winding path uphill through a dense mountain forest. Whilst walking along this trail, we find out lots of exciting information about the forest and its inhabitants. As soon as we hear the bubbling waters of the stream, we know the Maxhütte can't be far off. The valley suddenly opens up to reveal wide grazing pastures and high peaks that mark the end of the valley. We walk a little further through lovely alpine pastures until we see a distinctive step in the topography, where small waterfalls tumble down into the valley basin. On the way back, we can stop at the quaint Max Hut and enjoy some welcome refreshments before our descent back to Ginzling.



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Meeting point:	9.45 hrs - Naturparkhaus Ginzling				
Dates:	28.06. 13.07. 27.07. 10.08. 22.08.				
Duration:	circa 5 hours, 4 hrs of which spent walking				
Characteristics:	moderate hike with steep sections (600 metres in altitude)				
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)				
Arriving by bus:	9.10 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr. 14.45/ 16.45 hrs
	9.38 hrs arr.		Naturparkhaus Ginzling		dep. 14.30/ 16.30 hrs
Refreshments:	Maxhütte, several guest houses in Ginzling				
Maximum number of participants:	15! Advance registration is required!				





From the Ziller River to the Talbach Waterfall

Discovering the treasures of the valley floor

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From Hippach-Ramsau station, we walk along the banks of the Ziller River for a short distance before turning off along the „Laimacher Waldweg“ (Laimach Forest Trail). Just above the valley floor we make our way

down-valley along the forest edge, while enjoying fabulous views of the well-kept cultural landscapes of the Nature Park Region. The undulating trail leads us to the impressive Talbach-Waterfall. After crossing a bridge and following a quaint forest trail, we arrive at the residential area of the market town of Zell am Ziller. The tour ends at Zell railway station, where we can catch the train back to Mayrhofen.



Meeting point:	9.00 hrs – Hippach-Ramsau station						
Dates:	24.05. 07.06. 21.06. 04.07. 18.07. 01.08. 15.08. 29.08. 13.09. 27.09.						
Duration:	circa 4 hours, 3 hrs of which spent walking						
Characteristics:	easy, some steep steps at the trail beside the waterfall (150 m in altitude)						
Cost:	€ 5 (free for guests of our partner businesses)						
Arriving by bus:	8.45 hrs	dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	13.27/ 13.57 hrs
	8.50 hrs	arr.		Hippach / Zell station		dep.	13.16/ 13.46 hrs
Refreshments:	several guest houses in Zell am Ziller						
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!							

A peek in the living room of the woodpecker & Co

Expedition to the natural forest reserve beneath the Gamshütte

First we cross the legendary “Devil’s Bridge” and head towards Brunnhaus for a short distance, until the turn-off for the Hermann-Hecht-Weg branches away to the Gamshütte. We soon enter a mountain forest, which meanders pleasantly uphill until we reach a shelter that offers fabulous views of the Zemmgrund and the village of Ginzling. From here, the trail leads through the Ebenschlag natural forest reserve, which has been allowed to flourish without human intervention for the last 20 years. We feel like we’re in an enchanted forest! Feelings shared by the three-toed woodpecker, wood grouse and other animals, who appreciate the natural habitats provided here. The trees become sparser as we head uphill and reach the alpine pastures, where we soon see the Gams Hut. We stop here for some refreshments, before setting out on our walk back down to Finkenberg.



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Meeting point: 9.00 hrs – Bus stop Finkenberg Teufelsbrücke

Dates: 06.07. | 20.07. | 03.08. | 17.08. | 31.08.

Duration: circa 6-7 hours, 5-6 hrs of which spent walking

Characteristics: moderate hike with 600 metres in altitude

Cost: € 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)

Arriving by bus:	8.40 Uhr	dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	15.27/ 15.57 hrs
	8.54 hrs	arr.					

Refreshments: Gamshütte

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!





Natural monument Schrauben Waterfall

Walk to the Waterfall in Hintertux



The Tux waterfalls thunder and roar down into the valley and an imposing natural spectacle awaits us on this walk. Deep rock basins, natural rock bridges, caves, gorges and the Schrauben Waterfall, a protected natural monument, will simply take your breath away! We

will immediately be able to see the Kessel Falls at the start of the walk and then we will head up to the Schrauben Waterfall. Following a narrow forest trail, we will walk through the forest preserve and pass the so-called whales mouth, a rock formation that actually looks like the mouth of a fish. Highpoints of this walk are amazing Gorge and the stunningly beautiful valley at Waldeben. From there we will walk back down to the base station of the lifts.

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Meeting point:	9.30 hrs – Base station of the Hintertux Cable Car			
Dates:	17.05.* 31.05* 14.06. 28.06. 12.07. 26.07. 09.08. 23.08. 06.09. 20.09. 04.10.			
Duration:	circa 3-4 hours; 2.5 of which spent walking			
Characteristics:	short, round walk with one steep section (ca. 260 m in altitude difference)			
Cost:	€ 5 (free for guests of our partner businesses)			
Arriving by bus:	8.40 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑ arr. 14.27/ 14.57 hrs
	9.20 hrs arr.		Hintertux Cable Car	dep. 13.50/ 14.20 hrs*
Refreshments:	several guest houses in Hintertux			
Maximum number of participants:	15! Advance registration is required!			

Weitental: Heavenly and flower-strewn valley

Colourful alpine flowers, waterfall and marmots!

Our exciting tour begins after a short gondola ride to the Sommerbergalm. The first section takes us uphill along an adventure-filled trail through the „Tux. Worlds“. We leave this and can already see the Tuxer Joch-Haus, which offers fabulous views of the surrounding mountains. Leaving the refuge hut behind us, we enter the idyllic Weitental Valley and its treasure-trove of exciting experiences. In addition to the vast array of colourful alpine flowers, many marmots have made this valley their home. You are bound to see them eating, playing or indulging in a spot of sunbathing in the alpine pastures. The gorge at the end of the valley is yet another highlight. The trail leads alongside the mountain stream, which sinks deeper and deeper until it plunges into the depths of a beautiful waterfall. After the waterfall, we stroll leisurely through the alpine terrain and sparse woodlands back to Hintertux.



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Meeting point:	9.30 hrs – Base station of the Hintertux Cable Car				
Dates:	14.07. 21.07. 28.07. 04.08. 11.08. 18.08. 25.08. 01.09.				
Duration:	circa 6 hours; 5 of which spent walking				
Characteristics:	moderate round walk with 300 HM in ascent and 800 HM in descent				
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)				
Arriving by bus:	8.10 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr. 15.57/ 16.27 hrs
	8.50 hrs arr.		Hintertux Cable Car		dep. 15.20/ 15.50 hrs
Refreshments:	Tuxer Joch-Haus				
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!					





In the footsteps of hunters and gatherers

Exciting journey into the history of the Pfitscher Joch

We will walk to the Pfitscher Joch, a striking alpine crossing from South Tyrol to the Zillertal Valley and the site of some recent sensational Stone Age finds! During our journey back in time we will walk along the same paths used by Stone Age hunters. Back then, where you found animals, you could find people. They followed the animals, thereby ensuring their own survival. Elevated look-out points, a Stone Age camp and former “workshops” can often be seen right next to the trail – we gain an intense insight into the lives of the mountain folk. The exciting „Boundless Pfitscher Joch “exhibition at the Lavitzalm - which we will visit - is dedicated to this theme. We can also learn interesting facts on the “eternal ice” and how glaciers have shaped the landscape.

Meeting point:	9.00 hrs – Bergrestaurant Schlegeis						
Dates :	03.07. 17.07. 31.07. 14.08. 28.08.						
Duration:	ca. 6 hours, 5 of which are spent walking						
Characteristics:	moderately difficult hike with an ascent of around 600 m in altitude						
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)						
Arriving by bus:	7.55 hrs	dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	16.45 / 17.45 hrs
	8.52 hrs	arr.	↓	Schlegeis Reservoir	↑	dep.	16.00 / 17.00 hrs
Refreshments:	Lavitzalm, Pfitscher Joch-Haus						
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!							

Tour of alpine meadows in the mountaineering village of Ginzling

Along narrow trails and through fantastic cultural landscapes

We walk past the historic “Fürstenhaus” (royal house) and its picturesque chapel and up to the Paschbergalm (1,358 m). From there we continue along the “Almrunde” and over a moderate incline until the Oberböden (1.533 m), over which the beautiful Wildalm alpine farm extends. Across from us the Floite and Gunggl, two tributary valleys of Ginzling, open up and we can see the glaciated peaks of the Zillertal Alps in the background. Time and time again, we come across hand-built stone walls that characterise the landscape - some of them are already several centuries old. The trail then leads from Oberböden back down to Innerböden (1,301 m), where we stop for some welcome refreshments and savour the peace of the mountain. It does not take long to walk back down to Ginzling from here, where we can also visit the interactive Glacier.Worlds exhibition at the Nature Park House.



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Meeting point:	08.20 hrs – Nature Park House Ginzling					
Dates:	11.07. 26.07. 13.08. 23.08. 14.09.					
Duration:	circa 5 hours; 4 of which spent walking					
Characteristics:	moderately difficult walk with an ascent of circa 600 m in altitude					
Cost:	€ 6 includes entrance to the <i>Gletscher.Welten</i> (free for guests of our partner businesses)					
Arriving by bus:	7.55 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station Ginzling Naturparkhaus	↑	arr.	14.45 hrs
	8.18 hrs arr.				dep.	14.30 hrs
Refreshments:	Berggasthaus Innerböden					
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!						







Tettensjoch: High above the Tux Valley

Expedition through the stages of vegetation in alpine landscapes

Accompany one of the Nature Park guides on a foray. We take a taxi up to around 2,000 metres above sea level near Elsalm Farm. From here, we follow a forest trail in an easterly direction, whilst savouring magnificent views over the Tux Alps, Zillertal Valley and Reichenspitz Mountains. An old hunting trail takes us high up over the alpine pastures to Tettensjoch

(2,276 m). Rock glaciers, moraines and a double mountain ridge dominate the landscape. During the descent to Löschbodenalm Farm and the Höllenstein Hut (1,710 m) we traverse high grazing pastures, the dwarf shrub belt and reach the natural treeline with larch, pine and spruce. The final stage takes us along an old trail and into the sub-district of Klausboden, before heading back to Lanersbach. An exciting hike for every hobby nature photographer.

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Meeting point:

09.15 hrs - Tux Center in Lanersbach

Dates:

14.07. | 28.07. | 11.08. | 25.08. | 15.09.

Duration:

ca. 7-8 hours, 4 of which are spent walking



Characteristics:

moderately difficult hike with 400 metres in altitude difference

Cost:

€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses) and € 10-19 for the taxi

Arriving by bus:

8.40 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	17.57/ 18.27 hrs
9.07 hrs arr.		Tux-Center		dep.	17.33/ 18.03 hrs

Refreshments:

Höllensteinhütte

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!

2-Summit Tour in Schwendberg

From the Zillertal High Alpine Road to the Tux Alps

From Melchboden bus stop, we quickly leave the hustle and bustle of the high road behind us and reach the Arbiskopf (2,133 m) after only a short while. An almost Scandinavian-like landscape stretches out ahead of us, which we can admire from the second summit, the Rauenkopf (2,268 m). The surrounding meadows are strewn with hollows, wetlands and alpine flowers and are used as high alpine grazing pastures for cattle in summer. We turn left shortly before the ascent to Kreuzjoch and soon reach the Rastkogelhütte (2,117 m). After enjoying some refreshments, we continue on to Sidanalm and walk back down via Schafleitenalm to Mösl (1,387 m), where we can catch the bus back down to the valley.



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Meeting point:	10.45 hrs – Bus stop Melchboden				
Dates:	22.06. 11.07. 25.07. 09.08. 22.08.				
Duration:	ca. 5 hours, 4 of which are spent walking				
Characteristics:	moderately difficult hike with 400 metres in altitude difference				
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)				
Arriving by bus:	09.50 hrs dep.	↓	Hippach-Ramsau station	↑	arr. 16.40 hrs
	10.40 hrs arr.		Melchboden / Mösl-Roswitha		dep. 16.10 hrs
Refreshments:	Rastkogelhütte				
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!					





Sunrise over the Tux Valley

Torseen Lakes, Ramsjoch and Gröblspitze



You will need to get up early for this tour! We will travel by minibus to the Nasse Tuxalm (1,843 m). From there, it's a gentle climb to the „Torseen“ (lakes at 2,258 m), where we can watch

the sunrise. During this tour we will find out more about alpine farming, fresh herbs and their wonderful aroma and taste, their medicinal properties and wide range of uses – from making schnapps to delicious cuisine. Having taken some wonderful photos, the tour takes us to Ramsjoch and the Gröblspitze Peak. From here the Eggalmbahn lifts provide a comfortable descent back down to the valley.

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Meeting point:

4.15 hrs – Tux Center in Lanersbach

Dates:

12.07. | 26.07. | 09.08. | 23.08. | 05.09.

Duration:

circa 7 hours; 4.5 of which spent walking



Characteristics:

moderately difficult hike with an ascent of circa 700 metres in altitude

Cost:

€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses) and € 7-12 for the taxi!

Arriving by taxi:

Boarding: post office Mayrhofen: 03.45 hrs - Finkenberg Almbahn lifts: 04.00 hrs

Return by bus:

11.33/ 12.03 hrs	dep.	↓	Tux Center
11.57/ 12.27 hrs	arr.		Mayrhofen station

Refreshments:

None - please bring a snack and drink!

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!

Through the Forest to Panoramic Views

Forest hike to Mountain Guesthouse Steinerkogel

After the protected Scheuling forest we follow a path until the beautifully renovated Brandberger Chapel. The forest then gradually becomes more compact, as we meander upwards towards Steinerkogel. As we leave this mystical forest, we suddenly find ourselves amongst flower-filled meadows and have a great view of the Brandberger Kolm (2,700 m), the landmark of this little mountain village. From the Mountain Guesthouse Steinerkogel terrace (1,270 m) we can see right over Mayrhofen and its surroundings. We then stroll from Steinerkogel back down to sunny Brandberg, from where we catch the bus back to Mayrhofen.



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Meeting point: 08.45 hrs – Europahaus Mayrhofen

Dates: 21.07. | 04.08. | 18.08. | 01.09.

Duration: ca. 5 hours, 3 of which are spent walking

Characteristics: moderate hike with ca. 630 m in elevation

Cost: € 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)

Arriving by bus: 8.08 hrs dep. ↓ Tux Center / Mayrhofen station ↑ arr. 14.35 hrs
8.32 hrs arr. ↓ Mayrhofen station / Brandberg ↑ dep. 14.20 hrs

Refreshments: Berggasthaus Steinerkogel, Gasthof Thanner in Brandberg

Maximum number of participants: 15! **Advance registration is required!**



***Attention: Nearly no parking spots available, please take the bus or train!**



Watching Wildlife

Out and about with hunters in the Tux Valley



Junsalm in the Tux Valley, nestled at the foot the Kalkwand Mountain, offers some very rewarding hiking routes. The variety of plants and abundance of wild animals is unique here. A hunter will accompany you along the way to Lake Junssee and, with a bit of luck, will see chamois, marmots and golden eagle

on their morning forays. You will find out more about the behaviour and characteristics of the wildlife, hunting and the development of human settlements in the Tux Valley. We will have Swarovski Optic binoculars with us and participants can also benefit from lots of photography tips.

Tip: Regional cheese specialities can be purchased at „**Stoankasern**“.

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Meeting point:

6.30 hrs – Tux Center Lanersbach

Dates:

05.07. | 19.07. | 02.08. | 16.08. | 30.08.

Duration:

circa 6-7 hours; 4 of which spent walking



Characteristics:

long, challenging walk with an ascent of circa 1,000 metres in altitude

Cost:

€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses) and € 14 for the taxi!

Arriving by bus:

6.00 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr. 14.27/ 14.57 hrs
6.20 hrs arr.		Tux Center		dep. 14.03/ 14.33 hrs

Refreshments:

Bergkäserei Stoankasern (at the end of the tour)

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!

Unterschrammachkar: Natural Gem below the Olperer

Neumarkter Route to the Olperer Hut

We start our fantastic high alpine tour at Schlegeis and walk from Zams-gatterl up to the picturesque Unterschrammachkar. The meandering brook, numerous wetlands and colourful alpine grasses all add to its special appeal. We cross the babbling Unterschrammachbach Brook and continue our tour along a recently built Panorama Trail to the Olpererhütte (2,389 m). We gradually get closer to a rise in the terrain (2,420 m), which offers us a peek of the mountain refuge hut. Once arrived and having enjoyed a welcome rest, we can enjoy impressive views of the highest peaks of the Zillertal Alps and the glacier at Schlegeis. Well refreshed, we then begin our descent.



18

Meeting point:	9.00 hrs – Bus stop Schlegeis						
Dates:	14.07. 28.07. 11.08. 24.08. 08.09.						
Duration:	circa 7 hours; 5.5 of which spent walking						
Characteristics:	full-day hike with some steep paths and altitude differences of 650 m						
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)						
Arriving by bus:	7.55 hrs	dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	17.45 hrs
	8.52 hrs	arr.	↓	Schlegeis Reservoir	↑	dep.	17.00 hrs
Refreshments:	Dominikushütte, Restaurant Schlegeis, Kiosk Zamsgatterl, Olpererhütte						
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!							





Panoramatour in the Zillergrund

Through beautiful alpine landscapes along lonesome, alpine trails

From the end of the Zillgrund Valley, we walk along the gently undulating “Seeweg” (Lake Trail) until we reach the quaint Hohenaualm. We continue from there towards the end of the valley and, after a small ascent, reach a magnificent alpine pasture, where we turn left onto the solitary Hannemannweg Trail. We negotiate a pronounced plateau in the terrain and reach a crossroad, which leads off to the Zillerplattenscharte to the right. We stay on the wonderful “Höhenweg” (High Trail) and reach the Plauener Hut after pas-

sing another two corries. We stop here for refreshments and to enjoy the fabulous views of the peaks and glacier world surrounding the Reichenspitze. From the hut, we continue along a varied trail back down to Zillergrund and our original starting point, where the bus is waiting for us.

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Meeting point:

9.50 hrs - Bus stop Zillergründl Reservoir



Dates:

10.07. | 24.07. | 07.08. | 21.08.

Duration:

ca. 6-7 hours, 4.5 – 5 of which are spent walking

Characteristics:

challenging alpine hike with an ascent of 1,100 metres in altitude

Cost:

€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)

Arriving by bus:

8.50 hrs dep. ↓ Mayrhofen station ↑ arr. 17.42/ 18.42 hrs
9.47 hrs arr. ↓ Zillergründl Reservoir ↑ dep. 16.50/ 17.50 hrs

Refreshments:

Plauener Hütte, Hohenaualm

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!

Alpine ibex & high alpine chapel

Hike to the „King of the mountains“ in the Ziller valley



Our tour starts at Bärenbad and takes us directly to the „King of the Mountains“. At **Steinbock.Welten** (Ibex.World) we can find out a little more about the exciting history of these fascinating animals in the Nature Park region and even see a number of animals in their natural habitat. We then hike to the Zillergründl Reservoir, passing the High Alpine Chapel (2,250 m), which is dedicated to St. Valentine. Fabulous views over the main ridge of the Zillertal Alps is the reward for our exertions. After a break for refreshments at Gasthaus Adlerblick we take the bus from Zillergründl Reservoir back to Mayrhofen.

20

Meeting point:	9.35 hrs – Bus stop GH Bärenbad in the Zillergrund				
Dates:	04.07. 18.07. 01.08. 15.08. 29.08.				
Duration:	ca. 5 hours, 4 of which are spent walking				
Characteristics:	challenging hike with a steep climb of around 800 m and descent of 350 m in elevation				
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)				
Arriving by bus:	8.50 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑ arr. 15.42/ 16.42 hrs	
	9.35 hrs arr.		GH Bärenbad / Zillergründl Reservoir		dep. 14.50/ 15.50 hrs
Refreshments:	Alpengasthaus Adlerblick, Bärenbadalm				
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!					





Enchanting alpine flowers beneath the Brandberger Kolm

The „Bergmähderweg-Mountain Meadow Trail“ to Kolmhaus

Starting from Gasthof Thanner, we walk through the Brandberg Meadows and on to the picturesque Bergmähderweg trail and its beautiful flowers, before heading up to the Kolmhaus (1,845 m). Depending on the flowering period, we are welcomed by anemones, many orchids and even the Pannonian gentian in late summer. The Kolmhaus is an

original mountain refuge at the entrance of a high valley, dominated by the mighty Brandberger Kolm. We also learn about the challenging work on the mountain meadows. Impressive views of the Tux Zillertal Alps can be enjoyed as we stop for a well-earned break. We then continue along the shady forest path and walk back to Brandberg via Berggasthof Steinerkogel (mountain guesthouse).

21



Meeting point:	9.00 hrs – Gasthof Thanner in Brandberg						
Dates:	16.06. 27.06. 05.07. 08.08. 07.09.						
Duration:	ca. 7.5 hours, 5-6 of which are spent walking						
Characteristics:	challenging alpine hike with steep paths; ascent of 1,100 metres in altitude						
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)						
Arriving by bus:	8.40 hrs	dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	17.38 hrs
	8.55 hrs	arr.					Gasthof Thanner
Refreshments:	Gasthof Thanner, Kolmhaus, Steinerkogel						
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!							

The High Trail to South Tyrol

From Schlegeis to one of the Nature Park's most beautiful spots

From Schlegeis, we walk initially along the Neumarkter Route into the picturesque Unterschrammachkar. Once through the dwarf pine forest the cirque opens up, where a stream meanders alongside the trail and through the landscape, which is home to many peaty hollows and colourful alpine flowers in summer. Once arrived at Hinterboden, we turn left and walk past a small lake in a southerly direction. We walk along the fairly level trail, below the Ameis and Kellerkopf peaks until Stampfler Boden. It is not far now until we arrive at Pfitscher Joch-Haus, which is actually just on the other side of the Austro-Italian border in South Tyrol, where we can enjoy some great food. We walk back through the Zamser-grund Valley via the rustic Lavitzalm, which lies just beneath the distinctive "Rotbachlspitze" (Red Stream Peak).



22

Meeting point:	9.00 hrs - Bus stop Schlegeis Reservoir				
Dates:	13.07. 27.07. 10.08. 24.08.				
Duration:	ca. 7 hours, 6 of which are spent walking				
Characteristics:	challenging hike with an ascent of around 800 m in altitude				
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)				
Arriving by bus:	7.55 hrs dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr. 17.45 hrs
	8.52 hrs arr.		Schlegeis Reservoir		dep. 17.00 hrs
Refreshments:	Pfitscher Joch-Haus, Lavitzalm, Kiosk Zamsgatterl, Dominikushütte				
Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!					





On the Way to the Natural Paradise of the Tux Alps

From Stoankasern to Lake Junssee and the Geier Peak

From the Tux Center, we take one of the hiking taxis to Stoankasern, where the last mountain dairy in the Zillertal Valley can be found. From thereon, we walk initially through some lovely alpine pastures, accompanied by the inquisitive stares of the local population of marmots. After

a few terrace-like steps in the terrain, our path turns to the right and surmounts a steep, grassy slope over a number of hairpin bends and a short rocky section, secured by steel cable. Once we have managed to pass this section, we will be rewarded with views of the magnificent Lake Junssee, which now lies at our feet. The trail leads from the lake over a stony slope to a mountain yoke, from which it only takes a few minutes to walk to the Geier Peak, where a magnificent mountain panorama awaits. After walking back, the hiker's taxi takes us back to Lanersbach.

23



Meeting point: 6.30 hrs – Tux Center Lanersbach

Dates: 06.07. | 20.07. | 03.08. | 17.08. | 31.08.



Duration: ca. 7.5 hours, 6.5 of which are spent walking

Characteristics: day long hike with steep sections; around 1,000 m in altitude difference

Cost: € 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)

Arriving by bus: 6.00 hrs dep. ↓ Mayrhofen station ↑ arr. 15.57/ 16.27 hrs
6.20 hrs arr. ↓ Tux Center ↑ dep. 15.33/ 16.03 hrs

Refreshments: None - please bring a snack and drink! Bergkäserei Stoankasern (end of tour)

Maximum number of participants: 15! Advance registration is required!

To the most beautiful mountain hut in the Eastern Alps

The „Berliner Hütte“ glacier trail in the Zemmgrund

The Berliner Hut is a popular base for mountaineers, but also for mountain and glacier researchers. Embedded in a magnificent alpine scenery, the Berliner Hut is a symbol for the history of alpinism in the Zillertal valley. Since 1997 the hut is a listed building. The deterioration of alpine glaciers is a visible indication of climate change. The most exciting part of our hike is the glacier trail in the Zemmgrund. We will hike along the themed trail between Hornkees and Waxeggkees whilst finding out many interesting facts on geology, formation of the Alps and its' glaciers.



24

Meeting point:	8.30 hrs – Gasthof Breitlahner in the Zemmgrund Valley						
Dates:	11.07. 25.07. 08.08. 22.08. 05.09.						
Duration:	ca. 8 hours, 6.5 of which are spent walking						
Characteristics:	day long hike in alpine terrain with around 800 m in altitude difference						
Cost:	€ 6 (free for guests of our partner businesses)						
Arriving by bus:	7.55 hrs	dep.	↓	Mayrhofen station	↑	arr.	17.45/ 18.45 hrs
	8.30 hrs	arr.	↓	GH Breitlahner	↑	dep.	17.15/ 18.15 hrs
Refreshments:	Grawandhütte, Alpenrosenhütte, Berliner Hütte, Waxeggalm, GH Breitlahner						
Maximum number of participants:	15! Advance registration is required!						



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Alpine Hike with Peter Habeler

Join him on his favourite mountain

Which mountain sports enthusiast doesn't dream of doing a tour with a worldfamous alpinist, and maybe get to hear a story or two about his expeditions? With Peter Habeler, who has already climbed five eight-thousand-metre peaks, you have the chance to do that. The peak of his career was the first ever ascent of Mt. Everest without additional oxygen together with Reinhold Messner in 1978. On this hike you can conquer your inner demons and climb your own "Everest"! Our tour takes you from the mountain station of the Ahorn cable car to the Edelhütte. From there, the trail leads over grassy slopes and scree fields up to a saddle where the steep, rocky steep climb begins along the western ridge, leading to the summit of Mt. Ahorn at 2,976 m above sea level.



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Meeting point:	8.00 hrs – Base station of the Ahorn Lifts				
Dates:	12.07. 02.08. 25.08.				
Duration:	circa 6 hours; 5.5 of which spent walking				
Characteristics:	challenging alpine tour with around 1,000 m in altitude difference				
Cost:	€ 10 (free for guests of our partner businesses) excl. costs for the Ahorn Lifts				
Arriving by bus:	06.57 hrs dep.	↓	Tux Center	↑	arr. 16.07/ 16.37 hrs
	07.24 hrs arr.		Mayrhofen Post office		dep. 15.42/ 16.12 hrs
Refreshments:	Edelhütte				
Maximum number of participants: 20! Advance registration is required for this walk!					



Travel to the meeting point by bus & rail



Almost all our tour meeting points are easy to reach using public transport. We deliberately planned it this way so you can make an active contribution to nature conservation and environmental protection, while treating your car to a little holiday at the same time!

The map of the public transport network on the opposite page compactly summarises almost all rail and bus connections, hiker routes into the Stilluptal Valley as well as the hiker's taxi to Floitental with their respective stops.

TIPP: You can use almost all bus & rail services free with the **Zillertal Activcard!**



Available in the Europahaus and Nature Park House:

The brochures *hiking map* (**Wanderkarte**) and *public transport network* (**Netzplan**)

Informations on the current timetable:
www.vvt.at or **www.postbus.at**



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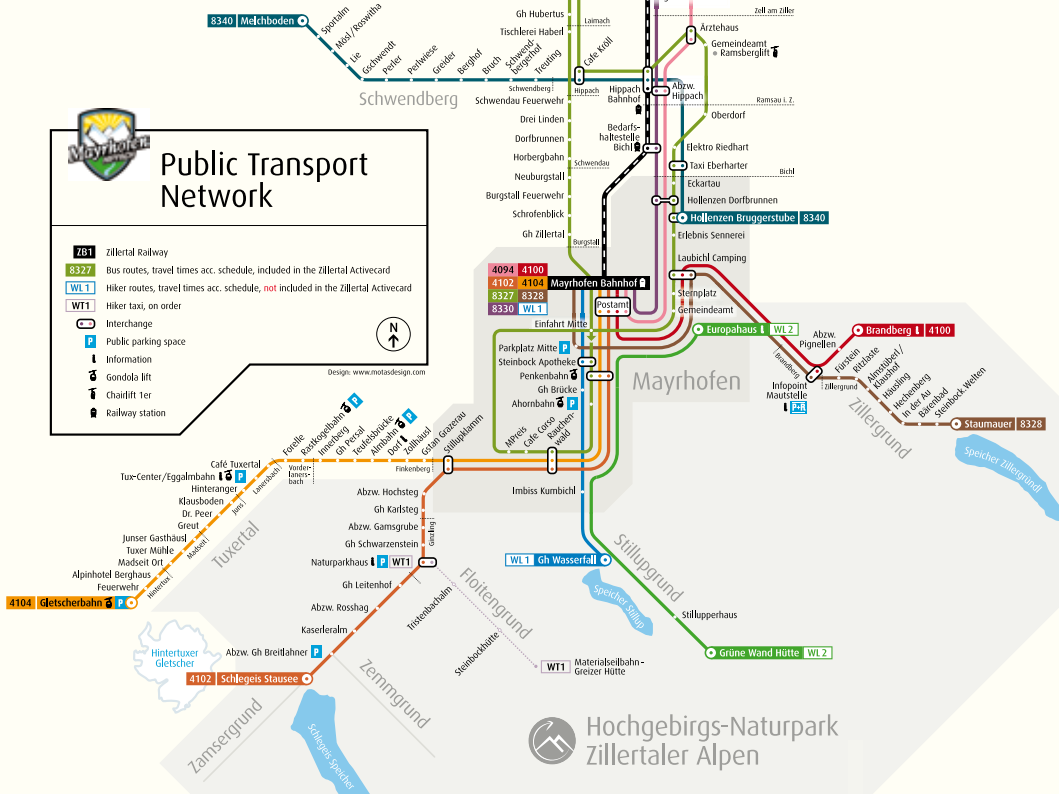
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Exhibitions 2017



„OLPERER¹⁵⁰ - 3.476 m über der Adria“

Mehlerhaus / Tux-Madseit

A new exhibition was opened in 2017 in the listed Mehlerhaus. The focal point, in the truest sense of the words, is Mount Olperer - the mountain of the Tux Valley

that was climbed for the very first time 150 years ago.

The exhibition covers the history of this striking mountain, mountaineering now and then, and much more.

Fascinating exhibits are also on display! **From July**

- September: open on Mondays and Fridays 13.00 -

18.00 hours, free admission!



Cultur.Landscape.Worlds

Mitterstall / Brandberg

Cultur.Landscape.Worlds - one of the mountain farming cultural monuments in

the Nature Park Region is the Mitterstall (Mitter Barn). After renovation work was completed on this listed building, Mitterstall forms the centre piece of a Nature Park exhibition called, „Brandberg – our cultural landscape through the ages“. The exhibition is spread over three rooms and tells of the harsh conditions alpine farmers had to endure, with details on the characteristic landscapes of pastures, mountain meadows and includes personal stories about the local people.

Open daily in summer. Free admission!



„Steinbock.Worlds“ - Zillergrund

Ibex.Worlds in Zillergrund. The alpine ibex is an animal that has a deeply rooted tradition at the Zillertal Alps Nature Park and, until recently, a very

chequered history. Up until the beginning of the 17th century there was a population of several hundred animals, which was eradicated in a few years. Despite attempts to reintroduce ibex to the Zillertal Valley, only limited success has been enjoyed. A small population currently lives wild in the depths of the valleys, although seldom seen by visitors to the Nature Park. You can find out interesting information on the ibex at the Steinbock.Welten in Zillergrund, as well as enjoy the opportunity to see a few live examples up close. **Open daily in summer. Free admission!**



„Glacier.Worlds“ - Nature Park

House Ginzling

This is no exhibition in the normal sense of the word: No glass showcases, no boring information boards, but rather interactive, multimedia stations with a hands-on approach: see, touch and

comprehend. The public Alpine Library is also located in the house. A small selection of books and maps as well as Nature Park gifts with our „Zillertaler Gletscherfloh“ logo is available for sale at the Nature Park Shop. ... **Open daily in summer from 8.30 - 12.00 & 13.00 - 17.00 hours!**

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