

**ÖTZ
TAL**

SUMMER PROGRAM

Nature Park-Events & Guided Walks 2022

naturpark-oetztal.at/hiking
oetztal.com/experiences



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In close touch with mountains



Dear friends of the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK,

hiking the most beautiful natural places, opening your eyes for lovely details and enjoying the incomparable glacier landscape. Even and especially in these unusual times, you can experience the small and big wonders of Ötztal's truly unique natural and cultural landscape together with us - this time even more consciously in appropriate tranquility and with a fairly astonishing recreational value.

Passionate walkers can choose from 18 weekly theme hiking tours taking place throughout the valley and 15 interesting lectures on special nature park topics. Discover Ötztal's magic and variety together with your family.

...and summer has finally arrived!

We look forward to your visit!
ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK Team

ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK

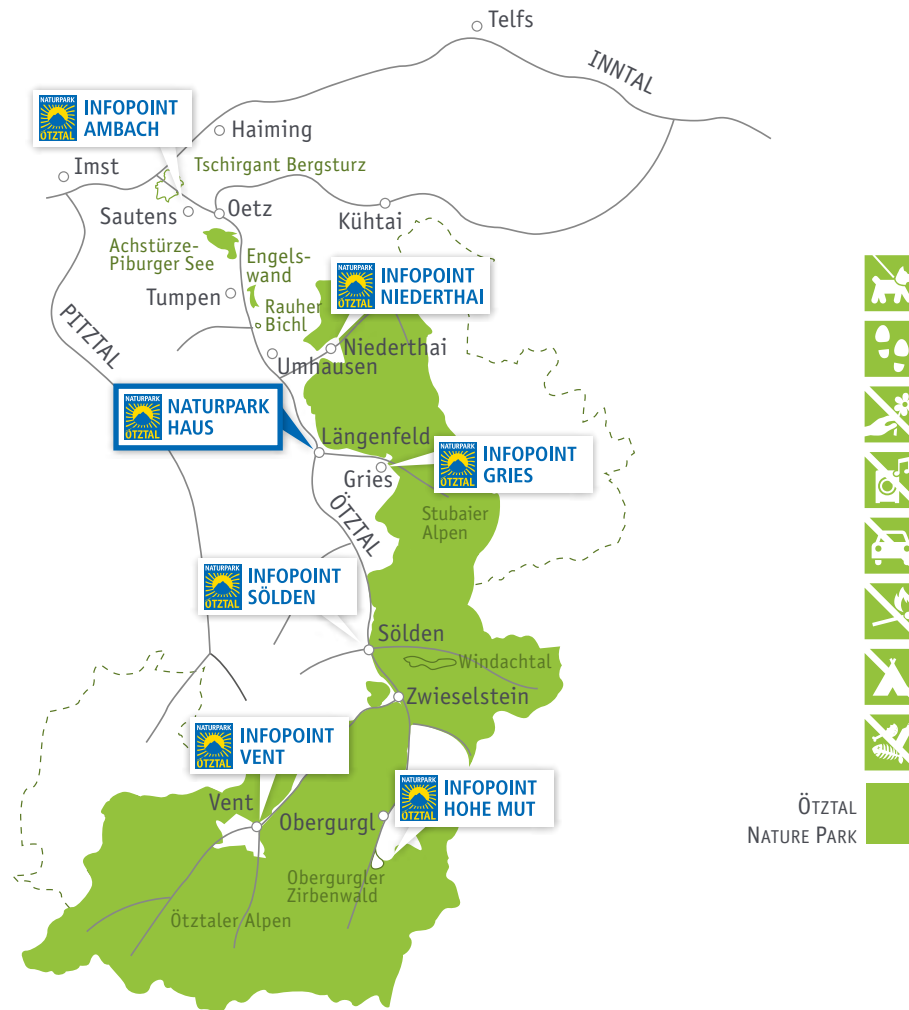
Short Profile



The ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK comprises different environmentally protected areas in the Ötztal. The protected area stretches from the valley floor up to high Alpine glacier regions. Its highest point is Wildspitze peak at 3.768 m above sea level. The mountain villages of Vent (cradle of the Alpine Association) and Obergurgl (Tirol's highest parish), as well as Niederthai/Umhausen and Gries/Längenfeld are located right at the heart of the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK – making a perfect base for mountain exploration.

The splendid ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK comprises a number of almost untouched, **protected mountain areas in the Ötztal Alps** and **Stubai Alps** which are characterized by fascinating high Alpine landscapes and huge glacier regions. The **unspoilt forest areas** in Sölden's **Windachtal** feature century-old stone pine populations. The precipitous Engelswand rock face near Umhausen, an official Tirolean and **European Natura 2000 Preserve**, offers an insight into the varied flora and fauna in an almost vertical habitat. Another protected area can be found at the entrance to the Ötztal: the huge **Achstürze-Piburger See** region boasts an idyllic mountain lake amidst a huge rockslide area.

The 5 main aims of the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK are to protect nature, preserve unspoilt landscapes, increase recreational values and promote scientific and cultural research in the region. Both the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK association and administration office can be found in Längenfeld.



Good to know and costs

- book directly, www.oetztal.com/experiences, at your accommodation, at the Ötztal Tourismus information offices, info@oetztal.com, T +43 (0)57200-0 (contact data: see overleaf)
booking deadline by 6:00 p.m. the day before.
- Detailed description of hikes/lectures, take a look on naturpark-oetztal.at
- Hikes €15.00 per adults, 7 - 14 years €10.00, children under 6 years free
- Lectures are free for children up to the age of 14
- Hikes/lectures are free of charge for guests staying at Nature Park Partner Hotels (extra costs not included) – unless noted otherwise!
- Weekly hikes are free for holders of the Ötztal Inside Summer Card (extra costs not included)
- Lectures are free for holders of the Ötztal Inside Summer Card
- Ötztal Inside Summer Card (valid 28 May - 2 October)
- Participants (single events): min. 1 / max. 15 persons – unless noted otherwise!
- Weekly events held from June 6 to October 21
- You take part in the hikes/events at your own risk – hiking equipment absolutely required: sturdy hiking boots, warm clothes, rainwear, sunscreen, food, enough to drink
- Program may be changed/postponed at short notice (in case of unfavorable weather) by the organizing team.
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#TakeCareOfEachOther

We make sure that the officially defined guidelines are observed.

Please help us to do so:

- Keep distance. With more than 15 participants we hike in 2 groups.
- Guided tours without contact, without touching any materials
- Mouth & nose cover in public buildings, buses, ...
No mouth & nose cover is required during guided hikes in the outdoors.
For your safety, however, we recommend that you carry a protective mouth & nose mask in your backpack.
- Avoid usual rituals: shaking hands, summit kiss, hugs, only use YOUR OWN drinking bottle.
- Protect yourself. Hands out of face.
- Ideal: pay contactless.
- Please use your common sense and act in a concentrated way





NATURE PARK HOUSE

Our
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MULTIMEDIA NATURE EXPERIENCE EXHIBITION

The NATURE PARK HOUSE in Längenfeld provides a unique information hub for nature in Ötztal. The dual language (ger/eng) multimedia nature EXPERIENCE exhibition shows - across close to 300m² - the outstanding features of the plants, animals and habitats of Ötztal. Ultra-modern display methods such as holograms, virtual reality glasses and sense stations are used, as are clear display boards, pictorial presentations and carefully made exhibits.



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10 June - 01 October

Sheep create life

from Friday
10 June

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

True to the Nature Park's motto in 2022 "Cultural landscapes create life" and representative of the extensive form of farming close to nature, this year's special exhibition with the name "Sheep create life" is dedicated to the important topic of sheep farming in the Ötztal and the centuries-old tradition of the transhumance. In addition, the beneficial connection between biodiversity and sustainable management of alpine pastures is addressed, the biological value of cultural landscape elements such as dry stone walls is demonstrated and the regionality of products from the valley is presented. Well worth seeing!



www.naturpark-oetztal.at/exhibition

Duration

Friday 10 June to
Saturday 01 October,
Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Free Admission!

Cost



21 June - 13 September

Guided tour Ötztal - unique natural heritage

Every
Tuesday

GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION

The Nature Park House in Längenfeld sees itself as an information hub and competence centre for Ötztal nature. On an exhibition area of almost 300m², the unique diversity of nature in the Ötztal with all its peculiarities is presented in a multimedia and highly modern way. In addition to bilingual (German/English) information boards, the exhibits can be experienced by sensory impressions: there are listening stations, touch screens, VR glasses, holograms and digital wall reliefs. We will lead you through the Nature Park House and will show you the special highlights of the exhibition. Selected illustrative materials and special stories provide further insight into the uniqueness of the Ötztal. Finally, we taste a regional, healthy juice made from lingonberries.



www.naturpark-oetztal.at/guided-tour

Location
Duration
Cost

Längenfeld, Nature Park House
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
FREE OF CHARGE –
registration required!

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29 June - 07 September

Nature Park Researchers' Afternoon

Every
Wednesday

Come and help us do research at the RESEARCHERS' STATION at the Nature Park House. Who lives in the ponds in front of the house? Which animals have settled in our "wild corner"? What do sheep have to do with the landscape? We will investigate this and a lot more during this afternoon. Find out about the day's programme at www.naturpark-oetztal.at...or just drop by!

In addition, you can enjoy beautiful pictures from the Ötztal in the MULTIMEDIA SHOW or find out more about nature in the Ötztal in our NATURE EXHIBITION.

An eventful offer for you and the whole family – and off you go!!!



www.naturpark-oetztal.at/research-afternoon

Meet here

Längenfeld, Nature Park House
(inside & outside)

Duration

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(researchers' station
to 4:30 p.m.)

Cost

FREE for charge for visiting
researchers' station, multimedia
show; nature exhibition –
regular admission rates!

**Equipment
Speaker**

provided by us
nature park employee and
biologist

Registration

not required – just drop by!!!

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23 June - 15 September

Ötztal Market Days at Nature Park House

Every
Thursday

SPECIALITIES FROM THE ÖTZTAL

Buying regional produce promotes the preservation of the local agriculture and economy, reduces climate-damaging transport routes and indirectly promotes the preservation and beauty of our cultural landscape. It is the Ötztal Nature Park heart's desire to set an example. Therefore, we invite our local producers to present and sell their colourful range of regional products. Honey, jam, liqueurs, schnapps, cheese produce, sausages and meat, but also crafts made from felt, carved wood, stone pine pillows, soap and more will be offered. Marvel at the regional variety and purchase rural delights to take back home. EPPAS GUETS UND SCHEAS" (something good and nice) from the Ötztal!



www.naturpark-oetztal.at/market-days

Location Längenfeld, Nature Park House
Duration 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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FAMILY-ATTRACTION

Nature Park Family Festival

Sunday,
17 July

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES CREATE LIFE

What? Aren't humans destroying the diversity? Unfortunately, this is often the case. But it is also true that many habitats were created by human intervention. The cultivated meadows in the Ötztal were painstakingly wrested from the forests by our ancestors. Species-rich meadows offer us valuable herbs and a habitat for 10 times more animals than intensively fertilised dandelion meadows. Cultivated land – properly managed – thus creates life. Whether it is the stone walls that provide sunbathing places for reptiles or forest management forms that increase biodiversity ... there are many areas where people (can) contribute to biodiversity!

At this year's family festival, as usual with different stations, the young and old can gain exciting insights into nature and culture. Food and drinks will be provided by the Längenfeld farmers and the "Dynamic Duo" will stage a theatre performance with a difference that will be enjoyed not only by children.

Meet here
Program

Längenfeld, Nature Park House
1:00 p.m. - start
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - stations
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - theatre
performance not only for children
FREE ADMISSION
Längenfeld farmers
"Längenfeld - Abzweigung
Aqua Dome" bus stop
parking place in front of the
Nature Park House (free)

Cost
Provisions
Bus

Parking

What's more in all weathers!
NO PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



www.naturpark-oetztal.at/family-festival

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Saturday,
11 June

INTERMEDIATE

Sheep Drive - Summer Quarters

The border-crossing sheep drive across the Ötztal main ridge is an event with a difference in our region. Our hike leads us from Vent (1.900m) through the Niedertal valley, which is fascinating with regards to history and natural history and continues to the Martin Busch Hütte (2.501m) and back!

Category intermediate
(time 6 hrs, ↑↓ 600m)

Start/Route Vent – Niedertal – Martin Busch Hütte – Vent

Meet here 7:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus – Vent information office

Return Guide approx. 5:00 p.m.
Alfons BAUER,
nature park guide



Saturday,
25 June

EASY HIKE

Edangerd Cultural Landscape

Along the “Bergmahderweg” trail in Niederthai we hike together into the Horlachtal valley. Here, very special (in)sights around the topic of “Bergmähder” meadows and the interplay between man and nature can be enjoyed. Walter Falkner and Werner Schwarz explain historical contexts and the local natural environment.

Category easy hike
(time 2.5 hrs, ↑↓ 250m)

Start/Route Umhausen/Niederthai – Bergmahderweg trail – Larstigalm – Grastalfeld – Niederthai

Meet here 10:00 a.m., Niederthai – Sennhof car park

Return Guide approx. 3:30 p.m.
Walter FALKNER, cronicler
Werner SCHWARZ, Nature Park Ötztal



Friday,
1 July

EASY HIKE

Herbal Hike

Join our special herbal hike and hear exciting stories about bigger and visible as well as smaller and inconspicuous miracles growing at the wayside from our nature park guide and herbalist. “Eppas Guets und Xunds” (Ötztal dialect for “something good and healthy”) from nature. Get tips and tricks for integrating nature in your kitchen routine.

Category easy hike
(time: 1 hr, ↑↓ 100m)

Start/Route Umhausen, surrounding area
Meet here 9:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus – Umhausen information office
approx. 12:00 p.m.

Return Guide Andrea HOLZKNECHT,
herbal educator



Tuesday,
5 July

EASY HIKE

Nightlife in Längenfeld

On our night hike we will immerse ourselves in the nightlife of Längenfeld and will be truly amazed. If we are lucky, we will see bats, owls, mice, harvestmen, night butterflies, martens, cats, salamanders, weasels, foxes ... and more! We experience fascinating insights into another world right at our doorstep.

Category easy hike
(time: 1 hr, ↑↓ 100m)

Start/Route Längenfeld, surrounding area
Meet here 8:30 p.m., Längenfeld, Nature Park House

Return Guide approx. 11:00 p.m.
Eberhard STEINER,
biologist






Wednesday,
20 July

INTERMEDIATE HIKE

Flowers & more...

Together with a botanist and a hiking guide, we will explore the scientific and Ötztal-specific peculiarities. Questions such as “How does biodiversity develop at this altitude?” or “How often is mown here and why?” will certainly be asked. If you have more questions – we will gladly answer them.



Category intermediate
(time 4 hrs, ↑↓ 350m)
Start/Route Giggijoch lift – Hochsölden – Marias Alm – Hochsölden – taxi to Sölden
Meet here 9:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus-Sölden information office
Return approx. 3:00 p.m.
Extra Cost Guide bus (acc. to current tariffs) Roland MAYER, botanist




Friday,
29 July

LECTURE, EASY HIKE

Bat Night

The night of the bats at Lake Piburger See. An overview of the biology and ecology of bats is given. Legends, myths and fairy tales about these animals are explained and specific facts and circumstances of the Tyrolean bat fauna are imparted during a small presentation.



Category easy hike
(time ¾ hr, lecture)
Start/Route Piburg – Piburger See
Meet here 8:00 p.m., Piburg, Hotel Seerose
Return approx. 10:00 p.m.
Equipment warm clothes, flashlight, seat pad
What's more Guide Takes place in any weather Mag. Anton VORAUER, biologist, bat expert



Saturday,
27 Aug.

PHOTO-WORKSHOP

Taking pictures with mobile

In this workshop you will get valuable tips on how to become an expert in taking photos with your mobile from our speakers from the Fotoclub Heligon. The unique cultural landscape between Unter- and Obergurgl offers plenty of suitable motifs.



Category Photo-Workshop
Start/Route Untergurgl – Obergurgl
Meet here 10:00 a.m., Untergurgl, Hochgurglbahn valley station
Duration approx. 3:00 p.m.
Equipment Guide your own mobile phone Christian SUBAN, Marcel SCHOCK (Fotoclub Heligon)




Saturday,
3 Sept.

EASY HIKE

Living on the edge...

The Gaislach Höfe are among the oldest and most beautiful cultural landscape ensembles in the Ötztal. Together with experts we immerse ourselves in the unique natural and cultural-historical life on the edge of the permanent settlement area.



Category easy hike
(time 2 hrs, ↓ 250m)
Start/Route Sölden – taxi Gaislach Höfe – Bodeneegg – bus to Sölden
Meet here 10:00 a.m., Sölden – car parking Gaislachkogel valley station
Return approx. 2:30 p.m.
Extra Cost Guide bus+tax (acc. to current tariffs) Karl WIESAUER, Werner SCHWARZ





Thursday,
8 Sept.



Saturday,
10 Sept.

INTERMEDIATE HIKE

Hiking & Yodelling

An almost unbeatable symbiosis - hiking & yodelling in nature. With a fantastic view over the front Ötztal valley to the Inntal valley, you will hear from our nature park hiking guide about the history and remarkable flora and fauna of the Ötztal valley. The highlight of the hike: a yodelling expert will accompany us!



Category	intermediate (time: 4 hrs, ↑↓ 400m)
Start/Route	Ambach info point – Teufelschmiede – Auerklamm – Auenstein castle ruins – Oetzerau – Oetz
Meet here	8:50 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus – Oetz information office
Return	approx. 2:30 p.m.
Extra Cost	bus (acc. to current tariffs)
Guide	Franz GSTREIN

VOLUNTARY HELP CAMPAIGN

Drywall Repair

Dry stone walls shape the Ötztal's cultural landscape in a particular way. They have great ecological value as they offer an important habitat to countless insects and plants. Many walls within the Nature Park are already decaying and urgently need to be repaired. We look forward to your precious help.

Meet here	9:30 a.m., Niederthai – Sennhof car park
Return	approx. 5:00 p.m.
Cost	NONE – we thank you with provisions on site!
Equipment	sun protection, long trousers, work gloves, if available safety goggles, bricklayer's hammer, other tools are provided
Guide	Franz BRUNNER

See details www.naturpark-oetztal.at

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SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAYS

Holidays at the partner businesses of the Nature Park



Sustainable tourism!
Our partners show how this can be done.

www.naturpark-oetztal.at/partner-businesses

ECOLOGICALLY & SOCIALLY COMPATIBLE

Successful holidays thrive on the nature the surroundings in which guests can feel at home. Our Nature Park partner businesses combine sustainability and comfort and share the ideals and the philosophy of the Nature Park.

From hotels to farm holiday providers, from private room rentals and guesthouse operators to snack stations – all our partners have one thing in common: their hearts beat for their guests and their work, for their homeland and for the nature, for our unique cultural landscape and the Ötztal Nature Park.

Advantages for guests of Nature Park partners:

- reduced admission to the Nature Park House
- free guided hikes
- free guided snowshoe tours
- free admission to events
- free admission to lectures





7 June - 18 October

Adventure under Lantern Light

We will craft our own name tag out of a wooden plate and colorful wooden beads. Followed by a leisurely adventure hike for the whole family. Equipped with magnifying cups, we hike towards scenic lake Habicher See. In the dark we will light our lantern and hike back to the village center with many wonderful impressions.



Category easy hike
(time: 1.5 hrs, ↑↓90m)
Start/Route Oetz - Habichen - Habicher See - Oetz
Meet here 7:30 p.m., public pool Oetz - WIDIs Sommernest
Return Cost approx. 10:00 p.m.
adults €10.00/children €5.00

family tip

See details www.naturpark-oetztal.at

8 June - 19 October

...through the ages!

We start at the modern Ötztal relief, visit the “Teufelsschmiede” (devil’s smithy) and get an insight into an old craft. The hike leads us along a former trade route and past the remains of the Auenstein castle ruins. The dreamlike view over the start of the Ötztal up to the Innthal valley is the reward on this day.



Category intermediate
(time: 4 hrs, ↑↓400m)
Start/Route bus Ambach - visit to Ötztal-Relief - Teufelsschmiede - Auerklamm - Oetzerau - Oetz
Meet here 8:50 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Oetz information office
Return Extra Cost approx. 2:30 p.m.
bus (acc. to current tariffs)

10 June - 21 October

Summit Breakfast with a View

We meet at the Sattelle near Ochsegarten und hike to Marlstein together. There we will get a delicious regional breakfast package. Afterwards we continue through the forest up to the Feldringer Böden. On the summit a unique panoramic view awaits us. We will then savour the culinary delights brought with us. After a longer break, we will hike down.



Category intermediate
(time: 4 hrs, ↑↓490m)
Start/Route Sattelle - Marlstein - Faltegartenköpfe - Feldringalm - Sattelle
Meet here 7:00 a.m., Sattelle near Ochsegarten
Return Extra Cost approx. 1:00 p.m.
breakfast (regional lunch package, tea or coffee) per person €12.50

book directly



OVERVIEW OF ÖTZTAL

Infopoint Ambach

Located right by the main road in the Ötztal Tourismus information pavilion is the “reception room” of the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK. Visitors can access information on 60 interesting natural and cultural historical landmarks on a central touchscreen. Sophisticated laser technology make these automatically visualised on a relief true to nature. Materials representing the five different heights of the Ötztal valley allow the Ötztal nature to be felt and truly grasped.

OPENING HOURS

Mo-Fr: 9-13 CET, Mo-We, Fr: 14-17 CET (free entrance)

WHERE

Ötztal Tourismus - Infopoint Ambach
Ambach 26 . A-6433 Oetz

www.naturpark-oetztal.at/infopoint-ambach



Our Tip





Every
Monday

6 June - 3 October

Köfler Waalweg

We start this hike with the hut taxi. This varied loop hike leads from the Vordere Fundusalm up to the Fundusalm and continues then to the beautifully located Frischmann Hütte. After a relaxing break stop, we continue along the highest-located Tyrolean irrigation channel, the Köfler Jochwaal.



Category	intermediate (time: 5 hrs, ↑580m, ↓800m)
Start/Route	taxi to Vordere Fundusalm – Frischmannhütte – Waalweg – Köfler Schartle – Köfels – taxi to Umhausen
Meet here	9:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus – Umhausen information office
Return	approx. 3:00 p.m.
Extra Cost	taxi (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Tuesday

7 June - 4 October

Pasture Hike

A varied nature park hike to three different mountain pastures. The taxi takes us a little way into the Horlachtal valley. This wonderful circular hike starts from there. We follow the tracks of the Niederthai farmers. The descent to Niederthai follows the scenic Bergmahderweg trail. ENJOYMENT IS A TOP PRIORITY.



Category	intermediate (time: 5 hrs, ↑500m, ↓750m)
Start/Route	taxi Klein Horlachtal – Zwieselbachalm – Höhenweg – Zwieselbachalm – Kl. Horlachtal – Larstigalm – Bergmahderweg
Meet here	8:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus – Umhausen information office
Return	approx. 3:30 p.m.
Extra Cost	taxi (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Thursday

9 June - 6 October

2-Summits-Tour

The hiking taxi brings us from Niederthai into the Horlachtal valley. Up there, we hike across slightly ascending pastures to the Finstertaler Alm, then the route continues a little bit more challenging up to the summits of the small and big Peistakogel. After the summit breaks, we will continue to the Gruejoch saddle and the Gruesee lake and back to Niederthai.



Category	demanding (time: 6 hrs, ↑800m, ↓1100m)
Start/Route	Taxi Horlachtal – small+big Peistakogl – Gruejoch – Gruesee – Bergmahderweg – Niederthai
Meet here	8:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus – Umhausen information office
Return	approx. 4:00 p.m.
Extra Cost	taxi (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Friday

10 June - 18 November

Miracle Fiber Wool

In the course of this wonderful guided tour visitors get an insight into the whole manufacturing cycle, from the raw material delivered by local sheep farmers to fine woolen products. Additionally, the tour focuses also on the longstanding history of flax and sheep wool processing in the Ötztal. Questions welcome!



Category	guided tour
Language	German, English or Italian
Meet here	9:30 a.m., Umhausen, Ötztaler Schafwollzentrum Regensburger (Lehnput 2-4)
Duration	45 min.
Cost	€5.00 per person (free for children at the age of 14)
Guide	Joachim REGENSBURGER, Ötztaler Schafwollzentrum

What's more



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Every
Wednesday

8 June - 5 October

4 Lakes Trail

Every mountain lake is special and has its own character, its own color and size. The beautiful 4 Lakes Hike high above Längenfeld starts beyond the treeline. With a bit of luck you can also watch a golden eagle soaring high above Geigenkamm ridge. During a short Kneipp break you restore new energies for the remaining stage.



Category	demanding (time: 7 hrs, ↑1000 m ↓1050 m)
Start/Route	taxi to Leckalm - Plattachsee - Weißensee - Spitzigsee - Hauersee - taxi to Längenfeld
Meet here	8:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Längenfeld information office
Return	approx. 4:45 p.m.
Extra Cost	taxi (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Thursday

9 June - 6 October

All-Powerfull Lehner Wasserfall

In the course of this hike you get to know more about Ötztal's landscape, culture, history and inhabitants. A stopover at the Local Heritage Outdoor Museum adds to a wonderful day. Then you climb the stairs leading up to the suspension bridge, and further on to the fantastic viewing platform located right below the mighty Lehner Waterfall.



Category	easy hike (time: 3 hrs, ↑1300 m)
Start/Route	Längenfeld - Plague Chapel - Local Heritage Museum - Lehner Wasserfall place of strength - Längenfeld
Meet here	10:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Längenfeld information office
Return	approx. 3:00 p.m.



Every
Friday

10 June - 7 October

FlowerParadise - PlatterGruebe

We hike to one of the most beautiful vantage points high above Huben. At the beginning we follow a wide forestry trail, then we continue along a quite steep but safe path to the Platter Gruebe. Along the way we cross a high-pasture landscape and enjoy the particular variety of the flora and fauna in this area.



Category	intermediate (time: 5 hrs, ↑1680 m)
Start/Route	Längenfeld - taxi to Huben - Platter Grube - Burgstein - suspension bridge - Brand - Längenfeld
Meet here	9:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Längenfeld information office
Return	approx. 4:30 p.m.

WILD WATER

Infopoint Gries

At the car park on the edge of Gries, a 6 x 4 m landscape feature illustrates the topic of wild water in an unmissable way. Here in Gries the Fischbach and Winnebach streams meet, and their elemental landscape-shaping force has made its mark all the way down to Längenfeld. The confluence of the two streams is shown as a wooden model. The main topic is complemented with information specific to the resort on the role of the protective forest and the history of the mountain village of Gries.

OPENING HOURS

Accessible at any time!



WHERE

In Gries, at the car park on the edge of the resort
www.naturpark-oetztal.at/infopoint-gries

Our
Tip





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Tuesday

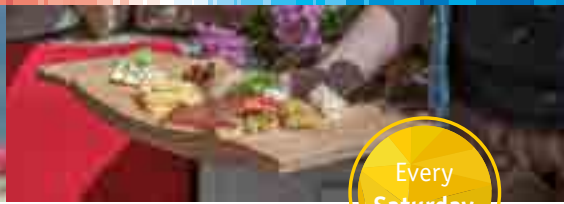
28 June - 18 October

Fascination Alpine Flowers

We take the bus to Fiegl's Gasthaus. From there we hike through the Windachtal forest reserve with its unique up to 300-year old larch and stone pine trees. Along the steep mountain meadows and past original Ötztal huts (so-called Thayen), the biodiversity of beautiful alpine flowers is omnipresent.



Category	intermediate (time: 4.5 hrs, ↑400 m ↓1050 m)
Start/Route	bus from Sölden to Fiegl's Gasthaus - Brunnenbergalm - Sölden
Meet here	9:50 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Sölden information office
Return	approx. 4:30 p.m.
Extra Cost	bus (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Saturday

18 June - 8 October

On Farmers Tracks...

A panoramic hike giving a deep insight into everyday life in Austria's biggest village in size. On this panoramic hike you experience modern tourism in perfect harmony with unspoiled nature. The walking tour takes you to Gampe Thaya where life is still enjoyed in a traditional way, where you can learn details about mountain farming now and then.



Category	intermediate (time: 2 hrs, ↑20 m ↓450 m)
Start/Route	Sölden - Gaislachkogel Middle Station - Gampe Thaya - Hochsölden road - taxi to Sölden
Meet here	10:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Sölden information office
Return	approx. 2:30 p.m.
Extra Cost	gondola (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Sunday

26 June - 9 October

Sunrise & Breakfast

We will enjoy the sunrise high above Sölden. Afterwards a fantastic, regional mountain breakfast awaits us at the Rotkogeljochhütte (2,666m). Across alpine meadows and cirques, we hike to the scenically charming Schwarzsee lake. Together we climb the 3,000m-peak. Afterwards we hike leisurely towards the glacier. A hike worth remembering.



Category	intermediate (time: 4 hrs, ↑470 m ↓400 m)
Start/Route	Rotkogeljochhütte shuttle - Schwarzsee - Schwarzkogel - Rettenbach glacier - bus Sölden
Meet here	June+July 5:30 a.m./ August 5:45 a.m./ Sept. 6:00 a.m. Ötztal Tourismus - Sölden info
Return	approx. 12:30 p.m.
Extra Cost	shuttle + breakfast €35/pers.

WINDACHTAL HABITAT

Infopoint Sölden

Along the Ötztaler Ache river between the Gaislachkoglbahn cable car and Freizeit Arena is the Sölden Experience Mile. One of the five parts is dedicated to the quiet side of Sölden, the Windachtal habitat. Its pristine and wild forests and craggy rock faces provide material for great stories. Scan the QR Code in to listen to the stories or to get hiking tips for the Windachtal valley. The calls of various birds can be heard at audio stations.

OPENING HOURS

Accessible at any time!



WHERE

From the Gaislachkoglbahn valley station over the bridge, 10 min' walk away along the Ötztaler Ache. www.naturpark-oetztal.at/infopoint-soelden

Our
Tip




 Every
Monday

27 June - 12 September

Glacier Exploration

A panoramic view of 21 glacier-topped mountain peaks higher than 3000 meters awaits you here. Crossing Hohe Mut saddleback you walk towards the mighty glaciers and summits. On your way you get to know many interesting and quite amusing details on the area's scientific research center in Rotmoostal valley.



Category	intermediate (time: 5 hrs, ↑130 m ↓800 m)
Start/Route	Obergurgl - Hohe Mut gondola top station- Rotmoosferner stamp site - Rotmoostal - Stone Pine Forest - Obergurgl
Meet here	9:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Gurgl information office
Return	approx. 4:00 p.m.
Extra Cost	gondola (acc. to current tariffs)


 Every
Friday

1 July - 16 September

On the Scent of Garnets

Walking amidst high Alpine terrain we can take a closer look at an extraordinary variety of plants and animals. But also the countless brightly colored minerals and stones here in the uppermost part of Ötztal are definitely worth seeing. Listen to the entertaining stories of our nature park guide on your hike up to Hohe Mut Alm (2670 m).



Category	intermediate (time: 4.5 hrs, ↑585 m)
Start/Route	Obergurgl - Hohe Mut Gondola middle station - Gaisbergtal - Hohe Mut Alm - Hohe Mut Gondola - Obergurgl
Meet here	9:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Gurgl information office
Return	approx. 3:30 p.m.
Extra Cost	gondola (acc. to current tariffs)


 Every
Sunday

26 June - 18 September

...on the Tracks of Ötzi

The area surrounding Obergurgl boasts many archaeological treasures deeply steeped in history. The outstanding Archaeological Loop Trail in Obergurgl travels past the „Beilstein“ pastures used as resting place by Stone Age hunters more than 9,000 years ago. A highly fascinating travel back in time.



Category	intermediate (time: 4 hrs, ↑↓400 m)
Start/Route	Obergurgl - Ramolweg - Kuppele-alm - Beilstein - Stone Pine Forest - Zirben Alm
Meet here	10:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus - Gurgl information office
Return	approx. 3:30 p.m.


 Every
Tuesday

28 June - 6 September

Baking Bread in Gurgl

Bread is baked weekly at the Pirchhütter mill in the Obergurgl hamlet of Infang. Everyone is invited to get an insight into the traditional way of making bread. Once the bread is baked, it can also be tasted and bought. Home-made products and drinks from local farmers are sold at the farm shop at the mill.

Category	old craft, guided tour, tasting, sale
Start/Route	Obergurgl, Pirchütter corn mill, hamlet of Infang
Meet here	3:00 p.m., right at the Mühlpplatz square in Obergurgl
Duration	to approx. 6:00 p.m.
Cost	FREE
Guide	baker Claus
What's more	in bad weather: alternative date on the resp. Friday


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Every
Monday

6 June - 3 October

Arnica, Ötzi & More...

Wonderful hiking tour featuring plenty of botanical and historical highlights. From Vent a rising trail leads to the ancient Stone Pine Forest and further on to Mutsbühel area. Here you can admire the tiniest, the most insignificant or the furthest peculiarities within this Alpine wonderland.



Category intermediate
(time: 4 hrs, ↑1450 m)
Start/Route Vent - Mutsbühel - Ramolalm
(not serviced) - Vent
Meet here 9:45 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Vent information office
Return approx. 4:30 p.m.
What's more binoculars by Swarovski Optik



Every
Wednesday

8 June - 5 October

Glacier, Geology & History

The wide open cirques in the foothills of her „Majesty“ – Wildspitze peak at 3768 m – are the remains of the glacier's past. Your hiking destination is Breslauer Hütte towering high above the mountain village of Vent. On your way to the hut you explore the glacier world, its rock masses and a piece of Alpine history.



Category intermediate
(time: 4 hrs, ↑1600 m)
Start/Route double chair lift Wildspitze -
glacier lake - Breslauer
Hütte - Stablein - lift Vent
Meet here 9:45 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Vent information office
Return approx. 4:30 p.m.
Extra Cost gondola (acc. to current tariffs)



Every
Thursday

9 June - 6 October

Panorama Trail to Vent

This panorama hike begins on the Tiefenbach glacier at an altitude of 2,800m. The breath-taking view of numerous noted 3,000m-high summits is a highlight of this tour. Along the entire hike we can admire the wonderful high-alpine fauna and flora and learn some interesting facts from our specifically trained nature guides.



Category intermediate (time:
5 hrs, ↑110 m ↓960 m)
Start/Route Sölden - bus transfer to the
Tiefenbach glacier – Pano-
rama Trail – Vent
Meet here 9:10 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Sölden information office
Return approx. 4:00 p.m.
Extra Cost bus+toll (acc. to current tariffs)

TRANSHUMANCE & SETTLEMENT HISTORY

Infopoint Vent

On the first floor of the listed Widums, a 50 m² exhibition is dedicated to the various natural and cultural topics around Vent. An impressive photo gallery shows the traditional cattle driving between Vent and South Tyrol. The rich history of Vent is told in exciting fashion. These big topics are presented sensitively and unobtrusively, in addition to the tradition of meadow names and the history of the Alpine Club.

OPENING TIMES

daily, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.



WHERE

Three minutes' walk from the car park in the entrance of the resort, left just behind the church
www.naturpark-oetztal.at/infopoint-vent

Our
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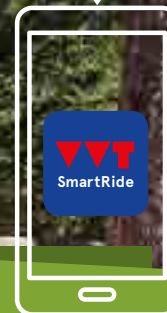


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Natur Park schools - Längenfeld primary & secondary school



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Nature Park schools, in close cooperation with the Nature Park and the municipality, create the opportunity to gain a basic understanding of nature and to get to know and appreciate the Nature Park region.

It is a key objective of the Nature Park schools that children learn not only on an intellectual level, but experience with all their senses how important an intact environment is. To be approved as Nature Park school, schools must meet and implement certain criteria. These criteria include, among other things, that the school is in a Nature Park municipality, that there is a contact person in the school as well as in the Nature Park and that a certain number of projects take place. We are particularly proud of the primary and secondary Nature Park schools in Längenfeld.

The students live and experience the philosophy of the Nature Park in lessons and on excursions in nature.



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Booking & Contact

Advanced booking required only for hikes, workshops and guided tours. Booking deadline: 6:00 p.m. the day before. For guests staying at Nature Park accommodations and Ötztal Inside Summer Card holders, all weekly guided hikes (excluding additional costs) and lectures (unless otherwise stated) are free of charge!



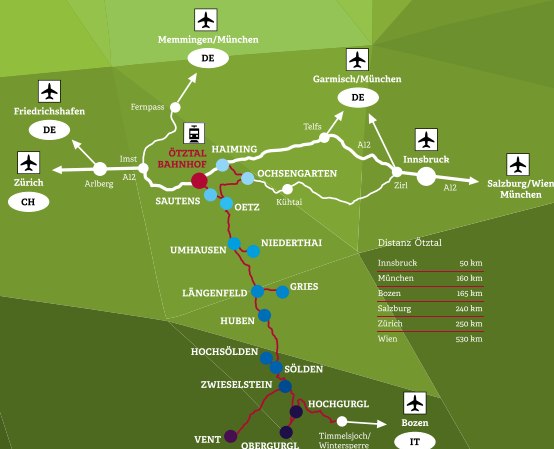
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