

**ÖTZ
TAL**

WINTER PROGRAM

Guided Snowshoe Hiking Tours & Events 22/23



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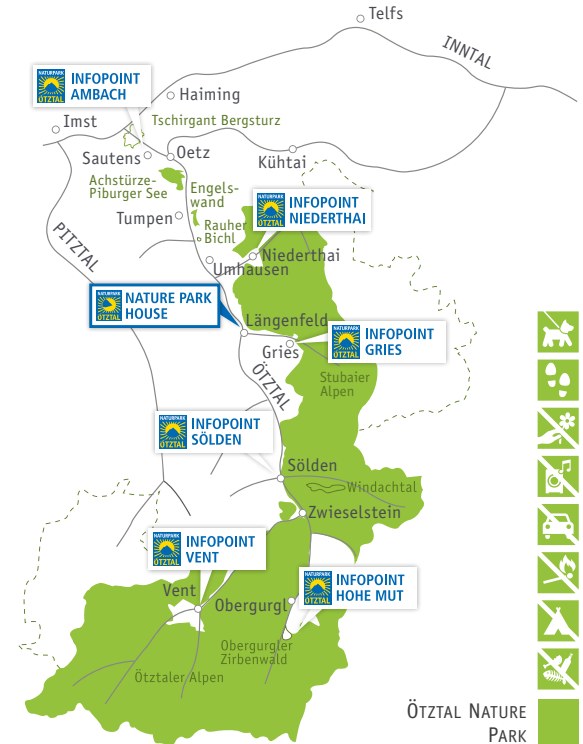


Short profile ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK

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 Ötztal's Wildspitze peak at 3774 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 5 main aims of the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK are:

- Preservation of nature and landscape
- Increasing nature-oriented recreational activities
- Promotion of environmental education
- Supporting scientific research
- Enhancement of sustainable regional development



See details www.naturpark-oetztal.at

Good to know



Advance booking required for guided snowshoe hiking tours - contact data: see overleaf! Book directly on oetzta.com/experiences, at your accommodation, at the Ötztal Tourismus information offices, info@oetzta.com, T +43 (0)57200-0; **Booking deadline: 5.00 p.m. the day before (except Moonlight Tour Ochsengarten).**

- Guided snowshoe hiking tours € 15.00 per person (except Moonlight Tour Ochsengarten)
- Guided snowshoe hiking tours are free of charge for guests staying at Nature Park Partner Hotels (extra costs not included)
- Guided snowshoe hiking tour „WinterExploration Niederthai“ is free of charge for guests staying at Nature Park Partner and Niederthai Card-Partner Hotels (extra costs not included)
- Extra costs see respective snow hiking tour
- Participants: max. 15 persons
- You take part in the hikes/events at your own risk
- Hiking equipment is absolutely required: ski poles, sturdy boots (no moon boots), warm clothes, small snack, enough to drink
- Program may be changed/postponed at short notice (in case of unfavorable weather) by the organizing team.
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#Take care of each other

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





NatureExperience Sölden

**Ideal for snowshoe
beginners -
Into the snow-covered
valley of Vent.**



We set off from Zwieselstein and follow the Vent river along its peaceful and quiet course. Only the sound of our footsteps crunching in the snow and the sight of sparkling icicles accompany us in the snow-covered forest. Things get exciting when we cross the frozen creek. We encounter tracks in the snow (and maybe spot some shy forest animals) and learn interesting details about the nature and the history of the Ötztal.

Where

Sölden - valley of Vent

Meet here

11:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Information Sölden

Return

until approx 2:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 15.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 15.00 per person
(snowshoes, transport)



Moonlight Tour Ochsengarten

**Guided Evening
Snowshoe
Hiking Tour -
Let us enchant you.**



Equipped with headlamps you explore the breathtaking winter wonderland in the surroundings of Ochsengarten. We take you through the picture-book forest covered in white, resembling a glittering white carpet under the twinkling stars. Indulge in a truly romantic atmosphere and listen to the crackling fresh snow under your feet.

Where

Ochsengarten

Meet here

8:00 p.m., Ochsengartenbahn -
base station

Return

until approx 10:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Monday, 2:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 10.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 5.00 per person
(snowshoes, headlamp)



Vent Loop Hike

**Crunchy snow under
your feet, silently
gliding snowshoes,
glittering stars.**

Discover the unrivaled beauty of the wintry ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK on snowshoes. Winter hiking promises unlimited fun! Our certified Nature Park guide takes you to picture-book winter landscapes by telling you many little details about the ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK - Ötzi, The Iceman or the legendary glacier priest Franz Senn – in the immediate surroundings of Vent, the mountaineering village number one.

**EVERY
TUESDAY**

13 Dec. 2022 -
11 April 2023

Where

Vent - surroundings

Meet here

11:00 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Information Vent

Return

until approx. 2:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Monday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 15.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 5.00 (snowshoes)
+ € 2.00 (ski poles) per person

WinterExploration Niederthai

**Admire and explore
unspoilt Alpine nature
in all its glittering
white facets.**

A leisurely walking tour guided by our certified Nature Park Expert, leading straight across snow-covered forests and wintry meadows while soaking up the warming winter sun. Get to know surprising facts about hibernation strategies of local animals and plants. Or follow animal tracks with your guide – Genuine Winter Exploration of a very special kind.

**EVERY
TUESDAY**

20 Dec. 2022 -
11 April 2023

Where

Umhausen - Niederthai

Meet here

1:30 p.m., Niederthai -
cross country skiing center

Return

until approx 4:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Monday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 15.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 5.00 per person
(snowshoes)



WinterMagic Ochsengarten

**Guided Snowshoe
Hiking Tour in
Ochsengarten -
Let us enchant you**

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

14 Dec. 2022 -
12 April 2023

Enjoy awe-inspiring panoramic views of the surrounding Alpine landscape on our hike off the beaten tracks, far away from busy ski slopes. Snow-covered forests and meadows all in white provide peace and quiet. Walking on snowshoes, nature shows its own varied facets to the nature explorers – A very intensive experience of a very special kind. OUR TIP: Bring a camera or a pair of binoculars!

Where

Ochsengarten -
Haiminger Sattele

Meet here

9:45 a.m., Sattele, above Ochsengarten

Return

until approx. 3:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 15.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 5.00 per person
(snowshoes, toboggan rental)

Tracks in the Snow

**Guided snowshoe hiking
tour followed by fun-filled
sledding in the
ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK**

**EVERY
THURSDAY**

15 Dec. 2022 -
13 April 2023

Come and join us on a marvelous fairytale tour to a real winter wonderland. Indulge in picture-book landscapes covered all in white and follow animal tracks in the woods. Great fun not only for children - it makes a splendid nature exploration tour for all ages. Was it a fox? Are there mice? Maybe a hungry squirrel? Our Nature Park guide will give you a detailed insight into the stunning high Alpine region by telling you interesting stories.

Where

Längenfeld - Gries

Meet here

10:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Information Längenfeld

Return

until approx. 3:45 p.m.

Booking deadline

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 15.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 5.00 per person
(snowshoes, toboggan, bus)

Let it snow - Längenfeld

**Adventures snowshoe
hiking tour on the
traces of the
Köfels landslide.**

We'll hike past the Winkelberg lake and hike on secluded paths up to the Köfels plateau. A massive landslide happened here roughly 9000 years ago and shaped this unique landscape – our nature guide can tell you more about these events. In Köfels we'll enjoy a cozy break at the Jausenstation Edelweiß and can relieve our tour while our cheeks heat up from our outdoor adventure in the fresh winter air.

**EVERY
FRIDAY**

16 Dec. 2022 -
14 April 2023

Where

Längenfeld - Köfels

Meet here

9:30 a.m., Ötztal Tourismus -
Information Längenfeld

Return

until approx. 3:45 p.m.

Booking deadline

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

€ 15.00 per person
+ Extra costs € 5.00 (snowshoes)
+ € 11.00 (taxi) per person



NATURE PARK HOUSE



MULTIMEDIA NATURE EXPERIENCE EXHIBITION

The new 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 300 m² - 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.

TIP: From 09 to 23 Dec. 2022 the amateur artist exhibition „The most beautiful ART of happiness“ initiated by the Längenfeld Cultural Committee takes place in the Nature Park House! Cooperation: pro.vita.alpina. **Exhibition opening:** Friday, 09 Dec. at 19:00 o'clock

Winter opening hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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Researchers' Afternoon

Our researchers' afternoon continues indoor in Winter!

We have developed 6 special research stations for our Winter indoor researchers' afternoon. At these stations you can measure, investigate and craft. There is much to discover for inquisitive people of all ages. Who can jump as far as glacier flea? Why are some pastures more colorful than others? You can find the answers to this and more in our multi-media exhibition. In the end we'll cozy up to the campfire outside for a legendary story.

***EVERY WEDNESDAY**

21 Dec. 2022 -
22 Feb. 2023

Where

Längenfeld - Nature Park House

Meet here

3:00 p.m., Nature Park House

Duration

until approx. 5:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

Researchers program is FREE, admission fee for the exhibition;
*There will be no Researchers' Afternoon on January 18 and 25.

Unique natural heritage

We will show special highlights of our exhibition!

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. 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.

EVERY FRIDAY

16 Dec. 2022 -
14 April 2023

Where

Längenfeld - Nature Park House

Meet here

10:00 a.m., Nature Park House

Duration

until approx. 10:45 a.m.

Booking deadline

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

FREE OF CHARGE -
registration required!



Ötztal Advent Market

**Jingle bells,
jingle bells,
jingle all
the way....**



Come and join the merry atmosphere and enjoy the music by the light of the fire. There's a lot to discover – handmade pieces of art, candles, cookies and many other beautiful, unique and regional products – we will also have a handcrafting table for children indoors. The Ötztal Advent Market is the right place for you to find your treasure. We are looking forward to welcoming you and we keep some mulled drinks.

Where

Längenfeld / at the forecourt of
the Nature Park House

Meet here

3:00 p.m., Nature Park House

Duration

until approx. 7:00 p.m.



Other

*On December 17th there will be
a raffle with tickets for sale to
win great prizes!

Stargazing evening

**Lecture (in German) and
stargazing! An evening
with a slightly
different approach!**



Our stargazing evening guided by Marianne Götsch will provide you with the basic tools to use stars for navigation at night. We will learn interesting details about select constellations, their historic origin in Greek mythology, and discuss questions which are also relevant for the presence. If star gazing is not possible due to adverse weather conditions, the event will be held as an indoor workshop instead in the lecture hall.

Where

Längenfeld - Nature Park House

Meet here

8:00 p.m., Nature Park House

Duration

approx. 2.5 hours

Booking deadline

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.



Fee

adults € 10.00
children (7-14 years) € 5.00
Lecture in German!

... the gentle giant returns

Exciting, richly illustrated lecture about history & biology with discussion.

THURSDAY

6 April 2023

With a wingspan of almost three meters, the bearded vulture is the largest bird in the Alps. Mainly due to slander, fear and superstition, the species was wiped out in the Alps at the beginning of the 20th century. The fact that this impressive scavenger is circling again is owed to a transnational reintroduction project. The highlight from an Ötztal point of view: Having a wild breeding pair with successful breedings over the last 2 years.

Where

Längenfeld - Nature Park House

Meet here

8:00 p.m., Nature Park House - lecture hall

Duration

approx. 1.5 hours

Fee

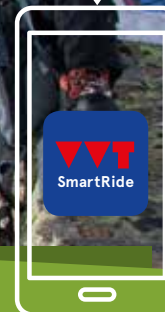
adults € 5.00, free for children up to the age of 14
Lecture in German!



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Region

Booking & Contact



Advance booking required for guides snowshoe hiking tour!
 Booking at all Ötztal Information Offices or at your accommodation. Digital Booking: naturpark-oetztal.at/snowshoeing.
 Booking deadline for weekly hikes: 5.00 p.m. the day before (except Moonlight Tour Ochsen Garten (2.00 p.m.)).
 Snowshoe hiking tours free of charge for guests staying at ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK Partnerhotels (extra costs not included).

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