

**ÖTZ
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WINTER PROGRAM

Guided Snowshoe Hiking Tours & Events 21/22



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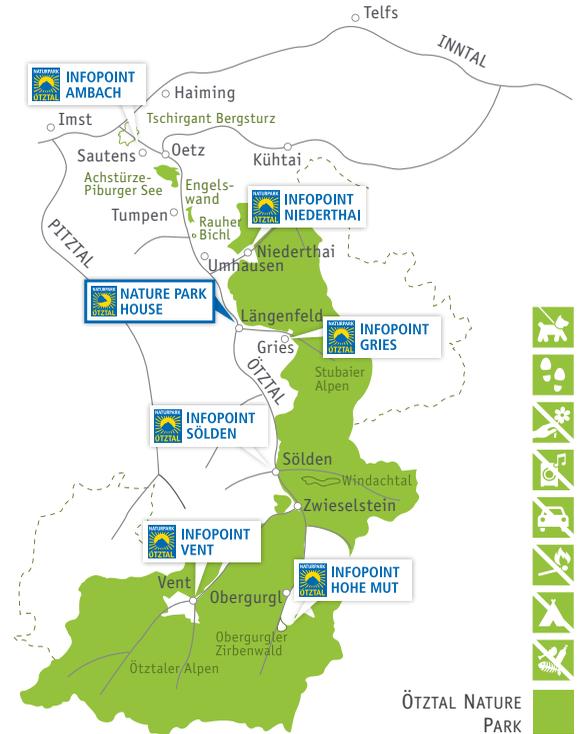
ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK

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



ÖTZTAL NATURE
PARK

Good to know



Advance booking required for guided snowshoe hiking tours - contact data: see overleaf! Digital registration on naturpark-oetztal.at/snowshoeing. **Booking deadline:** 5.00 p.m. the day before (except Moonlight Tour and WinterMagic 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 € 5.00 per person
- Participants: max. 15 persons (minimum age 8 years)
- 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

Together we make sure that the officially defined guidelines are observed.
Please help us to do so.

The rules are the following:

- Keep distance. With more than 15 participants we hike in 2 groups.
- Guided tours without contact, without touching any materials
- Face masks at least in public buildings, buses, ...
No face masks are 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: NO shaking hands, NO summit kiss, NO hugs, only use YOUR OWN drinking bottle.
- Shaking hands: no. Appreciation: yes.
- Protect yourself. Hands out of face.
- Ideal: pay contactless.
- Please use your common sense and act in a concentrated way





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, 12:00 noon



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

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 prints together with your guide – Pure Winter Exploration of a very special kind.

Where
Umhausen / Niederthai

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

Return
until approx 16:00 p.m.

Booking deadline
Monday, 5:00 p.m.



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



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.



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 per person
(snowshoes, ski poles)

WinterMagic Ochsengarten

Guided Snowshoe Hiking Tour in Ochsengarten - Let us enchant you



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, 4:30 p.m.



Fee

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



Traces in the Snow

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

EVERY THURSDAY

16 Dec. 2021 - 21 April 2022

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 traces 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)



NATURE PARK HOUSE



Our Travel Tip



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.



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Ötztal Advent Market

A particular quiet
and pleasant time
is at our
doorstep.

NEW!
SATURDAY

18 Dec. 2021

We would like to invite you to the first Ötztal Advent Market Day at the Nature Park House. Christmas music, candlelight, fire bowls, delicacies and unique pieces from regional producers can be enjoyed and acquired e.g. candles, biscuits, sirups, soaps, meat, cheese, sausages, schnapps, alpaca products, wooden products. The female farmers will spoil you with "Ziechküchlen" traditional doughnuts, homemade sausages and home-baked bread.

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.



Fee

No fee. We are looking
forward to YOUR visit –
see you there!

Winter Researchers

We also do
research in
the winter at the
Nature Park House!

EVERY
2nd WED.

15 Dec. 2021 -
9 March 2022

With our "Survivalist" programme we will research outdoors how butterflies, salamanders and the like defy winter time. "Birds at the Bird Feeder" programme deals ex. with question: Which birds spend the winter here and how do we best feed them? Selected animals of our multimedia exhibition are examined closely during the "Exhibition Researchers" programme. The programmes end in a relaxed way with storytelling at the campfire.

Where

Längenfeld / Nature Park House
(indoor & outdoor)

Meet here

3:00 p.m., Nature Park House

Duration

until approx. 5:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.



Fee

Researchers program is FREE,
There is an admission fee for
the nature exhibition



Watching the stars

A real treat for all senses are the star photos of Dr. Norbert Span.



We start this evening with a selection of his photos. But most of the time we will spend outdoors and watch the objects of our desire! Observations with the naked eye, guided by our expert, will take us to the most important signs of the zodiac. Later we „zoom in“ the moon details with the help of a telescope by magnifying also the previously discovered planets, entire galaxies, gas nebulae or even supernovas! Special tip: novice night sky photographers can take home some useful advice.

Where

Längenfeld / Nature Park House

Meet here

8:00 p.m., Nature Park House

Duration

approx. 2.5 hours

Booking deadline

Monday, 6:00 p.m.



Fee

adults € 9.00
children (7-14 years) € 6.00

Reading Landscape

Geology and local history boring?

NO, by no means!



The history of the origin of the Längenfeld basin is indeed quite exciting! Werner Schwarz, our geology expert, knows how to tell this fascinating story in a clear and understandable way. He guides our view to the landforms which clearly demonstrate the geological processes. On your way to the “Teufelskanzel”, you encounter first the “reservoir walls” of the Winkelberg and Tauferberg. Reading landscapes in the Längenfeld area!

Where

Längenfeld, Nature Park House, Pestkapelle chapel, Teufelskanzel

Meet here

11:00 a.m., Nature Park House

Duration

until approx. 3:00 p.m.

Booking deadline

Friday, 6:00 p.m.



Fee

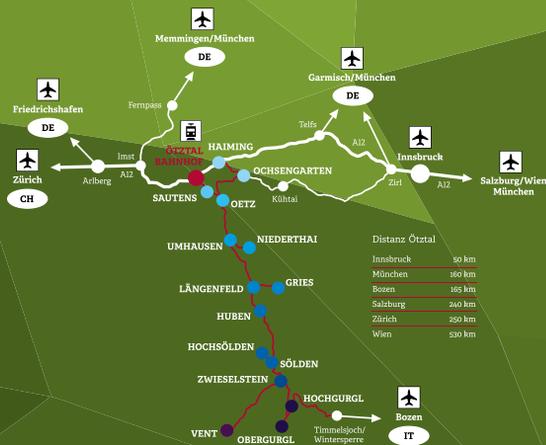
adults € 9.00
children (7-14 years) € 6.00

Booking & Contact



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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 (12.00 noon) and WinterMagic Ochsen Garten (4.30 p.m.)). Snowshoe hiking tours free of charge for guests staying at ÖTZTAL NATURE PARK Partnerhotels (extra costs not included).

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