Wild Water
Invigorating waterside walks in the Untertal and Obertal Valleys

With 12 pull-out leaflets showing different routes
What began in the Untertal Valley has gone one stage further in the neighbouring Obertal Valley. »Wild Waters« has become »Wild Waters Level 2«. Level 2 stands for the two valleys, in all their unspoilt natural beauty. And even more: highly attractive walking trails by the water, leading through two high valleys to high Alpine meadows and high peaks – all that is »Wild Waters Level 2«. Quite special facilities for walking and adventure. In praise of waters, in praise of life!

**Crystal clear, in natural purity...**

Waterside adventure walks through the Talbachklamm Gorge

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**Wild Waters – welcome to life on high!**

Everything starts with water. It forms the landscape, gives life, and fascinates us by its diversity. To take exercise by water is an adventure for all five senses. Refreshing, healthy and invigorating. Since 2005 these water walks in Schladming have had a name: »Wild Waters«.
Enjoying natural drinking water – at your landlord’s place, too.

One of nature’s wonders: the Klafferkessel Corrie – a relic of the Ice Age

Near the water | Alpine trail "Höll"
Water makes things into shapes. Formless, soft – and at the same time stronger than stone – it changes rocks, ravines and whole valleys. Experience this particular power of water. Right up. From softly flowing, to wildly rushing. From the mouth of the Talbach River where it flows into the Enns, right up to frothing springs. In the heart of the Schladming Tauern. Where this great gift of nature has its origin.

Did you know?

• The human body consists of 70 % water.
• The human brain actually consists of 90 % water.
• Water covers 72 % of the earth’s surface.
• 97 % of all water is sea water, 2,7 % freshwater and only 0,3 % is drinking water.
• Sea water and human blood have the same pH value of 7,4.
Many paths lead through two high valleys

In the Untertal Valley, along the Untertalbach River, you can discover wondrous treasures of nature – from the wild and romantic Talbachklamm Gorge, to the »Old Mill« and the »Toteisboden«, to the mystic and beautiful Tettermoor.

In the Obertal Valley you will walk along the Obertalbach River in the footsteps of the mountain miners.

You will find interesting facts about the history of the valleys in the Hopfriesen Nickel Museum, a restored smelting furnace. Round it runs a barrier-free walking trail, which will bring you carefully back to natural scenery.
... up and away

The Alpine Trail »Höll« in the Untertal Valley will take you past the impressive Riesach Waterfalls, the highest waterfalls in Styria.

Boldly you will cross the 50 m long rope suspension bridge and after 500 steps reach the idyllic Riesach Lake. For a right royal adventure you can walk on up to the Klafferkessel Corries in the high Alps. With more than 30 mountain lakes, they form the cradle of the Schladming Tauern waters.

In the Obertal Valley you can break off from the Nickel Museum in the direction of the Almenrunde Trail. It will lead you to the fiord-like Giglach Lakes and to nature’s jewel – the Duisitzkarsee Lake.

Starting from the Eschachalm you have a choice: either take the Duisitzkarsee circular trail, in the footsteps of the silver miners to the Keinprechthütte Chalet, or via the Mountain Lake Trail to the Ursprungalm Inn.

Facts

- 1,000 km of walking trails
- 300 mountain lakes
- 950 bike kilometres
- Biggest Nordic Walking network in the Alps
- Different theme paths

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Variante 2
282 m
1:45 h
1100 m

Family walk
204 m
1:30 h
4:30 h
8:00 h

Wild Waters
in the Untertal Valley

»Wild Waters« Theme Trail
747 m
2:30 h
6:00 h
Walking time to Riesachsee Lake and back to Seeleiten Car Park

Old Mill Walk
163 m
1:30 h
271 m
2:30 h
Option 2
121 m
1:15 h

Alpine Trail »Höll«
675 m
4:30 h
10:00 h

Neualm-Duisitzkar Corrie Tour
159 m
1:30 h
121 m
1:15 h

Klafferkessel King’s Tour
759 m
3:00 h
10:00 h

Walk to the Keinrechthütte Chalet
661 m
4:30 h

Talbachklamm Gorge
199 m
1:30 h
51 m
1:15 h
Variante 2
21 m
1:15 h

Wild Waters in the Untertal Valley
Get there safely
with 12 handy trail leaflets
to detach

1.) Detach the trail leaflet along the perforated edge
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Information
Inns, restaurants

Car park
Landscape highlights

Public toilet
Cultural highlights

Chalet refuge
Starting point, trailhead

Rest stop
E-bike charging station

Trail suitable for family walking

Trail suitable for children’s pushchairs

Sports or leisure shoes required

Mountain or trekking shoes required

Round trip (there and back)

One-Way Route (different start and finishing point)

Circular tour

Bus stop and walkers’ bus
The walkers’ bus of Planai-Hochwurzen-Bahnen runs from Schladming to the Untertal Valley, up to Seeleiten Car Park, to the Obertal Valley up to Eschachalm and on to the Preuneggatal Valley as far as the Ursprungalm Inn. Depending on the season, the bus runs up to 7 times daily to Untertal, 4 times daily to Obertal and 3 times daily to Preuneggatal. There are plenty of well-signposted bus stops. Summer Card holders travel free.

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    (only open in winter)

**Bus lines**

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**A hike between Schladming and Untertal Village**

Down to Untertal Village and back with the bubbling Talbach River as your constant companion.

From the trailhead Kräiter-Talbachklamm, you start off in the direction of Talbach River, where at a prominent signpost which looks like a pile of wood you turn off left towards the Talbachklamm Gorge. On a viewing platform you will have an opportunity to experience the overwhelming power of the Talbach River from a dizzying height, but quite safely. The path, rising slightly and suitable for a child’s push-chair, runs along the roaring Talbach River, reaching Untertal Village in about 45 minutes, and from there to the trailhead.

From the trailhead you walk northwards, never losing sight of the imposing Dachstein Crag, and after the bridge you branch off right on the curve to the Upper Talbachweg. Across lushly green meadows you pass by the »Steinwendhäusl« to the Hintereggweg. Once there, turn off right, and the small mountain town of Schladming will be already in sight. Past Rohrhooser Schlössl, where you will see the ruins of the former Castle Säusenstein, and on to the »Smithy« – and you’re back again at your starting point in Schladming.

**Or the other way around:** The route as described can also be walked if you start off at the trailhead in Untertal Village.

**Option 2:** Out from Schladming to Untertal Village and back on the same path through the Talbachklamm Gorge.

**TIP:** The trail from Schladming through Talbachklamm gorge to the village of Untertal is illuminated in the evenings until midnight and is walkable all year long!
From Untertal Village past the Gföllermühle Mill and back

From the Untertal Village trailhead you follow the Bachweg to Ahlhof Farm. After the farm you cross the meadow and then continue along the Untertertalbach River until you get to the »Old Gföller-Mill«. This is the last of once 40 mills in Untertal, which in earlier times were an important part of farming life.

After a short climb you will reach the Untertalstraße and follow this to the Janerbrücke Bridge. Here you cross the bridge and walk about 1 km to the »Gföller« Farm. Hard by the farm the Old Mill Walk branches off to the left, and you walk across fields back to the »Ahl« Farm. Then you return along the Bachweg, till you come back to where you started in Untertal Village.

Option 2: Untertal Scenic Tour

If you take this option, once past the Janerbrücke Bridge, you follow the road for a little while and then, after about 400 m, turn off right before the »Hinkerbrücke« Bridge onto the forest road. Here the Untertal Scenic Tour has its next natural highlight in store for you. The steeply sloping moor of "Toteisboden" acts as a »natural refrigerator« – the openings in the slope suck the air in during the winter and let it out during the summer. The result: a unique spread of vegetation.

After a short walk you reach the lower end of the Tettermoor and slightly uphill to the Gasthof Tetter. With a splendid view of the Dachstein you then walk about 200 m along the road downhill, before turning off on the right onto the »Gföllweg«, which you follow till you get to the »Wieser« grounds. Follow the path with the signs to »Schladming (via Spreitzweg)« and then hike from the farm vlg. Fenz on the Spreitzweg back to Untertal Village.
Walk along the Theme Trail, suitable for children’s pushchairs

From Hinkerbrücke Car Park you set off towards the Tetter Inn past the »Toteisboden« nature reserve, a unique natural feature of the Untertal Valley.

Once above the Tettermoor, you continue along the various Information Points, which provide interesting facts about every aspect of the water, and on to the Waldhäuslalm Inn – which, with its fish pond and large playground, is a favourite location for both adults and children. A few metres beyond, you can cross the stream and follow the idyllically path between water and forest, until you get to the quaint and rustic Sondlalm Inn, with its friendly domestic animals, such as hare, hens and goats.

A detour to the Weiße Wand Inn (from the car park Sondlalm at the Sulzbergbrücke approx. 300 m on the road into the valley) is also well worth it. Here all children who love climbing can try it out to their hearts’ content (programme by Schladming FamilyJOKER).

The varied path, suitable for all the family, takes you then to your destination on this leg of the journey – the Seeleiten Car Park by the Riesach Waterfall.

We recommend you to attach the small (suitable for strollers) or large »Waterfall Tour«. More adventurous types can extend their walk to include the Alpine Trail »Höll«.
A highlight of the Theme Trail in Untertal

The Alpine Trail through Hell’s Gorge (Höllschlucht) is definitely one of the highlights of the Wild Waters world of water and walking.

Along by the Riesachbach River the trail leads first past the Lower or Small Riesach Waterfall. Here an access point has been made very near to the water, and in this way you can really feel the power of the water and the spray on your skin and face.

The trail leads on to the Great Riesach Waterfall, the largest waterfall in Styria. The roar of the waterfalls is constantly in your ears as you walk on your way to them. From the bridge over the Great Riesach Waterfall the real Alpine Trail begins through the »Höll« gorge.

To get there, you cross a 50 m long suspension bridge at a dizzying height over the ravine. Then you pass on across a track and metal walkways through the gorge towards the Riesachsee Lake. You can gauge the dynamism and force of the water here very well when you see the amazing erosions in the rock. Viewing platforms, with a view of the ravine, will give you a particular insight into these surroundings. For the return to Seeleiten car park take the forest road.

For real mountaineers – on to the Sonntagskarseen Lakes

If the Alpine trail isn’t a sufficient challenge for you in one day, you can take a tour to the Sonntagskarseen Lakes – a really worthwhile walk to a unique lake-dotted landscape right in the middle of the Schladming Tauern. Past the Riesachsee Lake, you walk to the Preintalerhütte Chalet (1.5 hours from Riesachsee), and from there in 1 hour to the Lower Sonntagskarsee Lake. If you want to reach the Upper Sonntagskarsee Lake, you must time yourself for another half-hour on foot.
The King’s Tour in the Schladming Tauern

The Klafferkessel King’s Tour is a walk to a relic of the Ice Age and leads to the countryside of the high Alps. This mountain tour is one of the finest walks in the Schladming Tauern. More than 30 lakes of different sizes are scattered over a lakeland some 2,300 metres above sea level.

From the Seeleiten Car Park you pass through the Steinriesental Valley to the Gollinghütte Chalet. On the way there you will admire the giant Schleier Waterfalls, and just a few minutes on foot from the chalet lies the natural »Gollingwinkl« amphitheatre at the foot of the north wall of the Hochgolling Peak.

From the Gollinghütte Chalet the trail leads you via steps and rocky outcrops to the Greifenbergsattel. A small lake, with the Hochgolling in the background, is the first imposing sight. The further climb to the Greifenberg Mountain (2,618 m) is via a stepped scree. Towering above all, and framing the Klaffer-kessel, rise the flanks of the Waldhorn opposite and before them, in the green of the mosses, shine the scenic mountain lakes, large and small, scattered over various levels.

From the summit you walk, initially across crumbly land (Trail No. 702 – short stretch of safety ropes) on sharp hairpin bends downhill into the corrie. Until far into the summer many of the lakes are covered with ice. The mosses and lichens, combined with the lakes and wild rocky scenery, give the impression of a primeval landscape. Through the Klafferkessel Corrie itself the road is mostly downhill to the striking rocky form of the Greifenstein, where you leave the corrie.

The further path runs steeply down across a barrier terrain to the Lämmerkare Corries and across a steep meadow to the Preintalerhütte Chalet and Waldhornalm Inn at 1,656 metres. The descent to the Kotalm Chalet starts rather steeply, after which it is mostly level until the Kaltenbachalm and Gfölleralm Inns on the Riesachsee Lake. The last descent on this long walk leads across the forest road down to the starting point at the Riesachfall Inn on the Seeleiten Car Park.

Rest stops
Almgasthaus Riesachfall, Berallerhütte-Chalet-Kotalm, Kaltenbachalm Inn, Gfölleralm Inn.

With overnight accommodation: Gollinghütte Chalet, Preintalerhütte Chalet, Waldhornalm Inn
This day-long walk starts in Schladming at the trailhead Kraiter-Talbachklamm and takes you along the Talbachklamm Gorge towards Untertal Village (45 minutes), where you pass the Fire Station and, crossing lush meadows, reach the Old Gföller Mill.

After an easy climb and a short passage along the Untertalstraße, you reach the »Toteisboden«, the Old Ice Ground, where a quite special environment has produced a unique vegetation. After a short walk you reach the »Tettermoor«. Here the Untertalbach River meanders quietly and slowly through the moor. Particularly when the snow is thawing in spring, the Tettermoor plays a major role in protecting against floodwater in Untertal Village and the mountain town of Schladming and becomes for a short time the “Tetter-Lake”.

Past the information points on the Theme Trail and attractive places for a snack, you walk on to the large Seeleiten Car Park, where a further highlight, the Alpine trail »Höll« begins. The splendid Riesach Waterfall cascades in two cataracts a total of 140 metres into the valley – with viewing platforms which bring the highest waterfall in Styria so near you can almost touch it. Shortly after that, on the 50 m long suspension bridge, you can view the wild creek from a dizzying height.

Across innumerable steps the trail leads you through the »Höll« gorge to Riesachsee Lake. For the return to Seeleiten car park take the forest road. The hiking bus takes you back to Schladming from the Seeleiten Car Park. There are also numerous other bus stops along the theme trail.
**Miners’ Trail**

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**A walk to the historical mining district in the Obertal Valley**

Good luck! True to the miners’ greeting, the miners’ trail leads from the centre in Rohrmoos to the historical mining district in the Obertal Valley. From the Rohrmooser Erlebniswelt you follow the pathway about 300 m in the direction of Hochwurzen. At the crossroads opposite the »Tauernwege« turnoff you branch left and walk across the Schussbühel and Rohrmooser Frei to the Obertal Valley. The crag of the Dachstein behind you, and the Schladming Tauern, where once the miners excavated silver and nickel, in front of you.

Past beautiful farmhouses you follow the course of the river down the valley – ideal for cooling off en route – just put your feet into the splashy coolness. At the Wehrhofalm Inn the trail leads on to the Nickel Museum in Hopfriesen. A visit to the workshops where once silver and nickel were processed gives a bit more insight into the life of those times (the museum is open every Wednesday and Friday in summer). Determined walkers extend their tour by another 30 minutes to Eschachalm. Along the whole route there are return bus stops to Untertal Village or Schladming.

**Option 2: start in Untertal Village**

Alternatively you can begin the Miners’ Trail at the trailhead in Untertal Village. Here you will pass the Junior School and the local timber yard and pass on through the forest to the Ahornweg road. Along past numerous beautiful, traditional farms, you will reach the Hocheggerhof. From here the route is the same as the one with the starting point in Rohrmoos.
A walk to the historical smelting furnace, now the Nickel Museum, in Hopfiesen

The Smelting Furnace Tour is an ideal trip for families and children. The short walk in the Hopfiesen area provides interesting facts and attractive sights, showing the history of mining in the Schladming Tauern, plus somewhere for the children to play.

The tour begins at the Wehrhofalm Inn and runs on the left past the pond through a short stretch of wood, then along the wood’s edge to a gravel road, which leads to Eschachalm. Here you head to the right and after about 200 m, at the Hopfiesen trailhead, turn off left over the bridge to the Nickel museum.

The Nickel Museum
Passing the Holdalm, you arrive at the Nickel Museum, where you will find an exhibition on the history of mining in the Schladming Tauern. The museum is open for visitors every Wednesday and Friday. Round the museum the children can let off a bit of steam, among other features in a specially constructed tunnel.

After that you follow the Forststraße to the bridge directly by the Wehrhofalm Inn. Or you can choose to begin the tour at the trail head Hopfiesen as well.
From Eschachalm via Neualm to the Duisitzkarsee Lake

The tour via the Neualm Inn to the Duisitzkarsee Lake is a fine circular walk at the Obertal Valley head. The starting point and ending point for the walk is Eschachalm at 1,211 m above sea level.

Depending on your preference, you can start along the walking trail or the forest road towards the Neualm and the Keinprechhütte Chalet. The path rises quite even to the Neualm at 1,618 m. For this part of the route you will need about 1.5 hours of walking time.

After a short rest by the Obertalbach or on the Neualm terrace (the chalet has no catering), you branch off again at the Neualm downhill again onto the walking trail in the direction of the Duisitzkarsee Lake. Here, because of the many roots and steep climbs, you must wear proper protective shoes or boots. In general, however, the path between the Neualm and the Duisitzkarsee Lake runs evenly up and down, without great differences in level.

Passing through a high forest and fields of mountain pine, after about 1.5 hours you reach the Duisitzkarsee Lake again at 1,640 m above sea level, where the Duisitzkarseehütte and Fahrlechhütte Chalets invites you to enjoy a pleasant rest (and also for overnight stay).

Strengthened by a delicious snack, you will be ready to tackle the last stage of the tour – from the Duisitzkarsee Lake back to your starting point at Eschachalm. If you prefer, you can descend via the walking trail or a forest road and after another 1.5 hours be at the starting point again, where the Eschachalm Chalet invites you to coffee and cakes.

Option 2: Duisitzkarsee Lake – a gem of nature

A shorter variant of the tour is the direct ascent from Eschachalm to Duisitzkarsee lake – either via the hiking trail or the forest road.
Walk to the Keinprechthütte Chalet

Starting point
Eschachalm trailhead in Obertal Valley

Rest stops
Eschachalm Chalet, Keinprechthütte Chalet

Bus stops
Obertal Valley to Eschachalm

In the footsteps of the silver miners in the Obertal Valley

This mountain walk for all the family leads, mostly in the vicinity of the Obertalbach River, to the historical silver-mining area in the Obertal Valley, and has the Keinprechthütte Chalet as its destination.

The starting point for the tour is at Eschachalm, and you begin by walking along the river, until you reach the Neualm (no catering). Here a terrace invites you to stop a while, and children will find somewhere to play by the river not far away.

From the Neualm things get more comfortable, the wood lies behind you, and small waterfalls enliven the scenery. Crossing open fields, you pass on through the Neualmkar Corrie until you reach the Keinprechthütte Chalet. Embedded in the corrie, the surrounding mountains of the Schladming Tauern dominate the landscape.

The Keinprechthütte Chalet is a milestone on the Schladminger Tauern High Trail and is an excellent starting point for further mountain tours. Are you already keen to know what is hidden behind the summits?

From the Keinprechthütte Chalet the same trail or a forest path lead back to your starting point – Eschachalm. But you can also enjoy a return trip via the Duisitzkarsee Lake. (See circular hike Neualm-Duisitzkar).
Beautiful lakes and rustic inns

The Obertal Inn Tour takes you past some of the finest lakes in the Schladming Tauern. En route also lie quaint chalets and rustic inns, inviting you to stay a while and rest.

Starting point for this varied walk is the trailhead Eschachalm in the Obertal Valley, which you can reach comfortably by walkers' bus. From here you walk the first part of the tour to the Duisitzkarsee Lake, where the Fahrlechhütte and Duisitzkarseehütte Chalets invite you to take a rest. Then it's off across an Alpine track steeply up to the Murspitzsattel. You walk through an ancient wood of larches and mountain pines with a wonderful view of the lake. In the early summer this slope is full of flowering Alpine roses.

The path runs up and down, on to the Giglachsee Lakes. To feel the full effect of this natural scene, which is quite beyond words, it is best to take a break in the Ignaz-Mattis Chalet or the Giglachseehütte Chalet or even to stay overnight.

You retrace your steps a short way to the Miners' Trail in the Obertal direction and follow Route 776 into the attractive landscape of the Giglachalps. There you will see remains of the former miners' houses. Arrived at the Landauerboden, you will discover the turquoise-coloured Landauersee Lake. From there a track leads into the wood, downhill to the old Kalkschmiedalm Inn (no catering), and on further to Hopfriesen.

From the Hopfriesen trailhead you can easily return to Schladming and Rohrmoos by hiking bus.
From the Ursprungalm Inn to the Giglachsee Lakes and Duisitzkarsee Lake

Water is the element accompanying us on this walk – soft yet cool, that’s how they look to us – the Giglachsee Lakes and Duisitzkarsee Lake.

The Ursprungalm Inn is the starting point for this walk. You can reach it comfortably by walkers’ bus from Schladming or Rohrmoos. From here you walk for about an hour uphill on an easy slope, before you can get your reward – the breath-taking view of the Giglachsee Lakes. On the first part of the route you can also walk along the historical Roman road towards Giglach. 2,000 years ago, in the Roman period, this was a major trade route and Alpine pass.

On arrival at the Giglachkar Corrie, you pass on by the Giglachsee Hütte Chalet and along the Giglachsee Lakes to the Ignaz-Mattis-Hütte Chalet. At the end of the lake you will find Route 775, where you come across the remains of ruined Alpine cabins and traces of the mountain miners, dating back to the mining period. One more backward glance at the Giglachkar Corrie with its meandering stream – then you walk on through a track bordered by mountain pines, along the folds of the mountain to the Murspitzsattel (2,013 m), from where you have a splendid view over the Duisitzkar Corrie with the picturesque Duisitzkarsee Lake.

Down a steep hill in the larch wood you will soon have reached the lake and can admire the mountain world reflected in the waters. Here the Duisitzkarseehütte and Fahrlechhütte Chalets invite you to take a rest.

The final leg of the route goes downhill – either via a walking track or forest road – to the end point of the walk, Eschachalm. From here the walkers’ bus will bring you back to Schladming and Rohrmoos.
Things to see
- Bromriesen silver mine and »Nickel Museum« in the in the Obertal Valley
- Dachstein Glacier (UNESCO World Heritage Site) – ice palace and sky walk
- Brewery visit
- Town Museum and guided town tour in Schladming
- Reiteralm children’s adventure world
- »Summer Snow« exhibition at the Reiteralm mountain
- »Mirror Lake« at Reiteralm mountain
- »Silent Waters – hike to Untersee Lake

Cycle and mountainbike routes
- Styria Alp Tour
- Enns Cycle Path – along the Enns River
- Schladming-Dachstein mountainbike routes
- Bike Park Planai
- Reiteralm Trails & Reiteralm Junior Trails
- Maps can be obtained from the tourist office in Schladming

Leisure activities
- Rafting, canyoning, adventure park, hang gliding, golf, tennis, Schladming Adventure Pool, riding, mountain go-carts on the Hochwurzen, bike downhill route on the Planai, Schladming cart race, Pichl Leisure Lake, »Franzi« Climbing Trail on the Reiteralm

Theme trails
- Schwammerl Trail
- Fairy Tale Trail
- »Rossfeld« Educational Trail
- Panorama tour on the Planai
- Reiteralm Summer-Snow Tour
- »Silent Waters– Reiteralm
- »Bankerli« Trail Hochwurzen
- World Cup Planai

Walkers’ maps and guides
- Walkers’ map for Schladming-Dachstein 1:50,000
- Walkers’ map for Schladming 1:25,000
- Walkers’ brochure: Hiking|Running|Walking
- Walkers’ Guide for Schladming Dachstein by Herbert Raffalt available at Schladming Tourist Information Office

Walkers’ service
- 450 km long walking-trail network from 750 m to 2,863 m, at all levels of difficulty
- Guided walks with qualified mountain-walk guides, free of charge
- Every Sunday a Welcome Evening for visitors, with slide show about the mountain world
- Advice on walking at the Schladming Tourist Information office
- Alpine schools and mountain guides
- Free use of buses and cable cars with the Summer Card
- Schladming Tauern High Trail – a several-day tour: our new brochure will give you all the important tips! (obtainable free at the Information Office)
- »Mountain Pleasure Obertal – a package for connoisseurs
- »A Taste of Schladming « - your first mountain hut experience

What else you should know!

There for you all summer long.

With the Schladming-Dachstein Summer Card you can get free entry into more than 100 top leisure attractions and up to 50% discount at more than 100 bonus partners. Free use of mountain railways and cable cars*, pools, scheduled bus routes and toll roads, children’s and family programmes or museums – these are just a few of the things which the Summer Card has to offer.

And the best of it is: you can get a Summer Card from the end of May until mid-October from one overnight stay as an inclusive service in your Summer Card partner business.

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*Only valid for one journey up and one journey down per day by the mountain railway of your choice. The cable car to Dachstein glacier is included once a week with a stay of at least 2 nights.

How to get there

by air
- Salzburg 90 km
- Munich 290 km
- Graz 190 km
- Linz 185 km
- Vienna 300 km
- Innsbruck 320 km

by car →
- to Schladming station
- also possible by international express trains

by rail
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