

GRAZ REGION

HIKING AROUND GRAZ



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View of Graz, Styria's capital



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FROM CITY TO COUNTRYSIDE IN 10 MINUTES

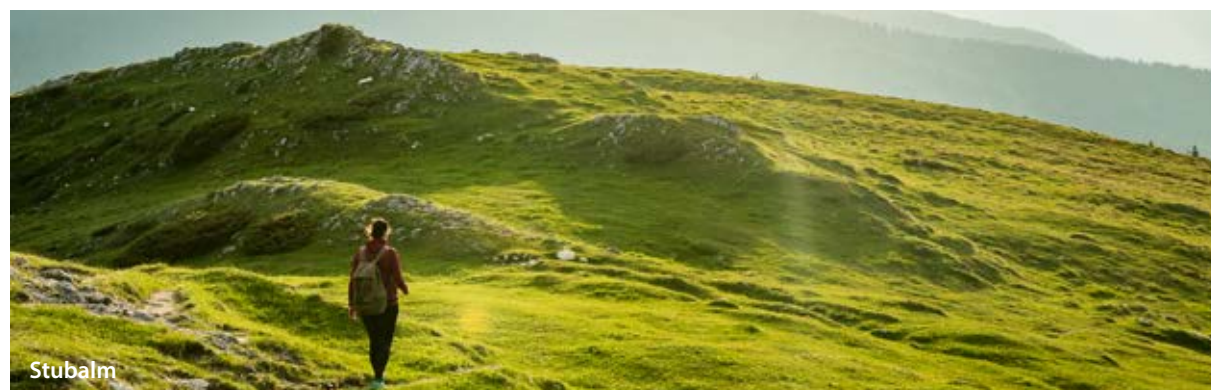
The Graz Region can rightly be described as a hiker's paradise. Few regions offer such a wide range of landscapes and outstanding natural experiences within easy reach of an international city renowned for its culture, cuisine and role as the capital of Styria.

This brochure provides an overview of the main hiking areas in the Graz Region and presents 35 carefully selected tours showcasing the area's diverse landscapes. The larger mountain ranges form a sweeping arc around the city of Graz. The Grazer Bergland begins to the north of the city and stretches east of the river Mur across the Hügel- and Schöcklland region, through the Semriach Plateau and as far as Teichalm. To the west of the Mur, the Grazer Bergland merges into the region's longest and broadest mountain range – Gleinalm. As part of the Lavanttal Alps, this

mountain range extends across and defines the districts of Graz-Umgebung and Voitsberg, continuing as far as Stubalpe and Hirschegger Alpe. South of Pack and Hebalp, the high alpine pastures of western Styria's border mountains give way to extensive woodland, where Reinischkogel is undoubtedly the best-known peak. The eastern foothills around Ligist are already considered part of the Schilcher Wine Route before the full circle is completed in the Grazer Becken.



View across the Grazer Bergland



Stubalm

GRAZ – STYRIA'S CAPITAL, CAPITAL OF DELIGHT AND EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Of course, no visit would be complete without exploring Styria's capital, Graz itself. The hills to the north, east and west of the city offer an astonishing variety of beautiful green walking and hiking trails. Plabutsch, with the Fürstenstand at 754 metres, even rewards visitors with a modest summit experience.

AT A GLANCE

The tours described in this guide begin in the Schöcklland region and continue anticlockwise through the entire Graz Region. They represent just a small selection of the many hiking opportunities available and are intended to showcase the remarkable diversity of the region's landscapes. The route symbols and key information, including walking time, distance, ascent and other details, make it easy to assess and choose a suitable tour. Further information is available via the QR code for each individual route.

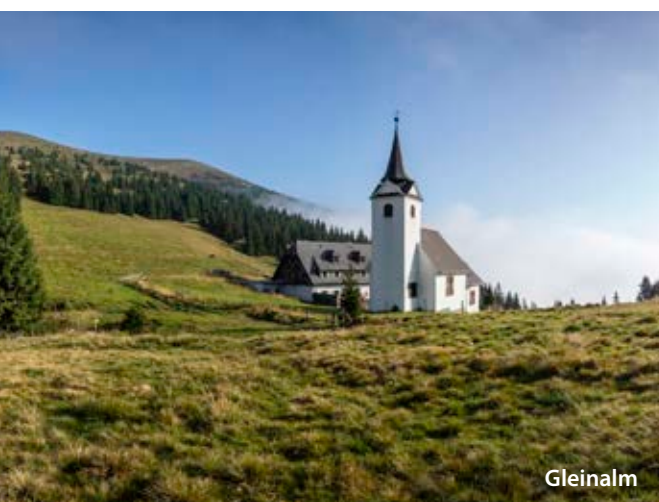


ALPINE PASTURES AND SUMMITS

The Graz Region may not boast any true 2,000-metre peaks, but it is home to more than 50 rewarding summits and countless alpine meadows and high mountain pastures waiting to be explored. The reward of magnificent panoramic views is guaranteed!



View from Schöckl



Gleinalpe

GRAZER BERGLAND

A large part of the Grazer Bergland lies within the Graz Region. Although Schöckl (1,445 m) is not the highest peak, it is by far the most distinctive and the most popular. It offers a wealth of attractions and activities for the whole family. To the north of Graz, many more summits – around 25 in total – are waiting to be discovered, including hidden gems for hikers of all ages and abilities. Some examples include: Gschaidberg, Hochtrötsch, Kreuzkogel, Pleschkogel, Hohe Rannach, Schartnerkogel and many more. The new Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail brings this diversity together in six daily stages, covering around 103 kilometres and approximately 4,300 metres of ascent. (see pages 24–27)

GLEINALPE

Gleinalpe, also known as Gleinalm, is the longest and broadest mountain range in the Graz Region. It stretches along the western edge of the region from north to south, from Gleinalm and Speikkogel to the high alpine pastures of Pack and Stubalpe. The region's principal long-distance hiking trails cross this mountain range, while pilgrims on the West Styrian Way of St James meet at the Gleinalm mountain hut. Its most prominent peaks include: Hochalm, Fensteralm, Eiblkogl, Lärchkogel, Speikkogel (1,988 m), Roßbachkogel, Terenbachalm.



Stubalpe

PACK AND STUBALPE

The Pack and Stubalpe mountain ranges form the border with Carinthia and are particularly renowned for their magnificent high alpine pastures, striking rock formations (known locally as "Öfen") and sweeping panoramic views across large parts of Styria and as far as Carinthia and Slovenia. Popular peaks in the region include Stubalm-Speikkogel (1,993 m), Hirscheegger Alm and Rappoldkogel.



More regional hiking experiences can be found in the "Steirische Rucksackdörfer" Hiking Atlas. Order your copy here: regiongraz.at/brochures



Hirscheegger Alm



Lake Hebalensee

FROM HEBALM TO REINISCHKOGEL

From Hebalpe, the areas around Großofen and Reinischkogel, together with the wine-growing region around Ligist, form the south-western boundary of the alpine pasture and mountain landscapes of the Lipizzanerheimat.



FAMILY TIME

A successful family day out takes good planning – which is why the Graz Region offers not only wonderful walks, but also attractions, themed trails and experiences to suit every taste and every age.

Altes Almhaus

THEMED TRAILS

Themed trails provide an engaging and often educational change of pace, combining new experiences with healthy outdoor activity. The sebastian RELOADED® adventure trail in Laßnitzhöhe offers fun for the whole family. Fairy tale trails spark children's imagination, while the Planets Trail in Eggersdorf takes visitors on a journey through our solar system.

NATURE TRAILS

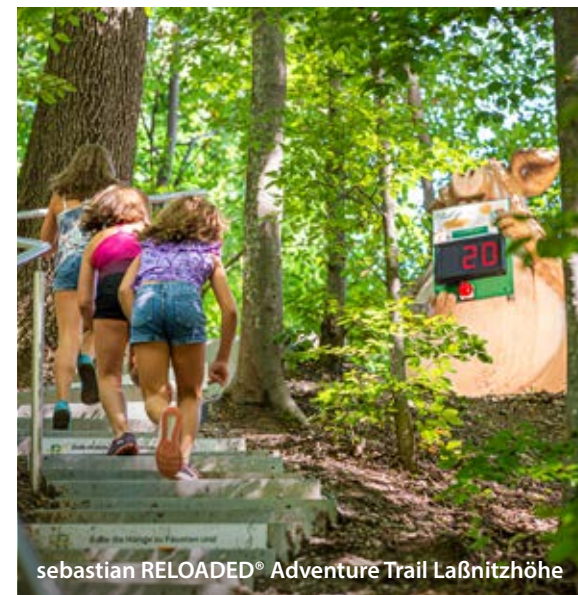
Nature trails focus on a wide variety of flora and fauna topics, such as the Übelbach Water Theme Trail, which teaches visitors about the wonders of water. Many municipalities also offer activity parks, fitness trails, pump tracks and a range of sports and leisure facilities, inviting visitors to try something new, play and stay active.

UP HILL AND DOWN DALE

Children love a challenge and can happily spend hours climbing over rocks, hiding in caves or scrambling up windswept trees. Adventurous paths inspire their sense of ambition, and when it comes to ladders and rocky terrain, youngsters are often more agile than adults. The Grazer Bergland in particular offers a wealth of natural attractions along shorter routes that children are sure to enjoy.



Playground on Schöckl



Fun and activities on Schöckl
The Hexenexpress summer toboggan run delights visitors of all ages and is just one of the many attractions on Graz's local mountain. An accessible circular trail, a nature games path, motor skills parkour, wooden marble run, disc golf course and climbing park at the valley station provide plenty of variety for the whole family. Of course, enjoying nature and reaching the summit remain an essential part of the experience.

More activities for children and families can be found here
regiongraz.at/family-region



Steirarodl in Modriach
Action! The Steirarodl toboggan run is great fun for adults and children alike. Race down the mountainside at speeds of up to 40 km/h or try the Flyline – a unique combination of zip wire and roller coaster. A giant slide, children's play area and many other attractions can easily be combined with a visit to this beautiful hiking area around Modriach.



FOR CONNOISSEURS AND GOURMETS

What would a day's hiking be without a few well-earned breaks? Whether in a rustic mountain hut, a traditional Buschenschank tavern or a welcoming country inn after an energetic walk, the Graz Region is a destination to savour!

MOUNTAIN HUTS & BUSCHENSCHANK TAVERNS

Closer to the sky – mountain air certainly works up an appetite! After a challenging climb or a long day's hike, there's only one thing to do: take a break, relax and enjoy. Nowhere does a hearty Styrian snack taste better than at one of the many alpine pastures, mountain huts and Buschenschank taverns in the Graz Region!
regiongraz.at/mountain-huts

OVERNIGHT STAYS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Some mountain huts also offer overnight accommodation, whether in a cosy private room or a traditional dormitory. A relaxing evening on the alpine pasture, an overnight stay and the unique atmosphere of the following morning – perhaps with drifting mist and the first rays of sunshine slowly breaking through – are among the most memorable mountain experiences of all!



Altes Almhaus



Oskar Schauer Haus/Sattelhaus



Traditional Buschenschank tavern snack



Plotscherbauer mountain hut



Culinary delights on Schöckl



BY RIVER AND LAKE

Some of the most fascinating and diverse natural landscapes can be found at the point where water and land meet. Whether hiking by a lake, river, stream, spring or through a gorge, being close to water has a uniquely revitalising effect.

Along the Mur, tranquil riverbanks invite visitors to relax and unwind.

WALKS AND HIKES BY THE WATER

The Mur, Styria's principal river, flows through the Graz Region from north to south for more than 60 kilometres, offering a remarkable variety of natural landscapes along its banks. The popular Mur Cycle Path (R2) is appreciated not only by cyclists, but also by walkers, hikers and runners. They enjoy the level routes along the embankments, through the extensive restored floodplain landscapes of the Mur or in beautifully maintained parklands such as those in Frohnleiten. The newly created riverside paths and urban beaches in Graz have also become extremely popular.



Mur floodplains



Hirzmann reservoir

SWIMMING AND WATER SPORTS

Those wishing to combine hiking with swimming will find numerous outdoor pools, natural pools and well-maintained lakes throughout the Graz Region. Nestled within beautiful woodland and hiking landscapes in the far west are the region's three largest lakes – the Packer, Hirzmann and the hidden Langmann reservoirs – a small paradise for water sports enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.



Packer reservoir

GORGE ADVENTURES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

During the summer months, shaded walking trails along smaller rivers and streams offer welcome relief from the heat, as do adventurous hikes through picturesque gorges such as the popular Kesselfall, Badlschlucht and Rettenbachklamm within the city limits of Graz. At the foot of Schöckl, the St. Radegund Spring Trails provide a very special water and Kneipp experience.



Kesselfallklamm gorge in Semriach

SNOW AND ICE

Spending time outdoors is one of the best ways to stay healthy in both body and mind during autumn and winter. Just as diverse as the Graz Region itself are its winter activities – from leisurely winter walks in the lowlands to demanding snowshoe and ski tours leading to beautifully snow-covered summits.

Winter view from Schartnerkogel



Winter hiking

HIKING IN THE GRAZ REGION – 365 DAYS A YEAR

Winter hiking is becoming increasingly popular, and the varied Graz Region offers a wealth of attractive destinations and opportunities. Without the need for extensive winter sports equipment, visitors can enjoy wonderful walks and hikes in and around Graz, as well as in the southern part of the region, throughout the colder months. For all but a few days each year, the trails remain free of snow and ice, provided walkers are equipped with warm clothing and sturdy footwear.



Steinerne Miarz – Altes Almhaus

WINTER TOURS

The Grazer Bergland is also a popular destination for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts during the winter months. When the valleys are shrouded in fog, the sunlit summits offer an especially rewarding experience. Nevertheless, winter tours should always be planned carefully, and equipment suitable for icy and slippery sections on shaded and steep trails should be included. Walking poles, traction aids, spikes or crampons are essential for any winter hike in the mountains.



Snowshoe hiking

SNOW(SHOE) TOURS IN THE WEST

The exposed summits of Gleinalpe and the mountain ranges along western Styria's border are a paradise for snowshoe hikers and experienced ski tourers – provided there is sufficient snow! Although avalanche-prone slopes are relatively rare here, appropriate safety equipment and meticulous route planning with experienced guides remain essential. Equipment hire, route recommendations and expert advice are available at the ski and cross-country skiing areas of Salzstiegl, Gabarl and Hebalm. For those who enjoy active exercise amid a sparkling winter scenery, the best option is cross-country skiing at the Hebalm Nordic Centre, which has been awarded the "Steirisches Loipengütesiegel" (Styrian Cross-Country Skiing Trail Quality Seal).

TRAILS WITH A VIEW

Selected hiking tours in the Graz Region

HEAD UP AND TAKE IN THE VIEW

Of course, the best views are from above, but reaching them does not always require a demanding mountain climb. A stroll up Graz's Schlossberg, a hike to Graz's local mountain, Schöckl, or a walk on Gleinalpe all open up new perspectives. On the following pages, you will find rewarding hikes in every corner of the region.

TRAIL MARKINGS

The marking, maintenance and upkeep of the hiking trails are carried out by the many dedicated volunteers of the Alpine clubs, including the Alpenverein, Naturfreunde, Österreichischer Touristenklub, as well as local municipalities.

KEY

-  Panoramic views & nature experiences
-  Summit
-  Mountain huts & Buschenschank taverns
-  Water, lake & river
-  Family and children, themed trail
-  Culture & sights

ALPINE CLUB CONTACTS

ÖAV – Österreichischer Alpenverein: alpenverein.at

Naturfreunde Österreich: naturfreunde.at

ÖTK – Österreichischer Touristenklub: oetk.at

Please check current opening hours and operating times directly with the respective providers before your visit.



SCHÖCKL – GRAZ'S LOCAL MOUNTAIN

Schöckl is known as Graz's local mountain and offers nature lovers unique experiences to suit every taste throughout the year.

The suggested route is just one of many ways to explore Schöckl on foot and connects Graz with St. Radegund. The long loop leads via the rustic mountain hut Johann Waller Hütte to the western summit and continues across the Schöckl Plateau with its wide range of attractions, leisure activities and sporting opportunities. The area also offers an excellent selection of places to eat and drink,

with six mountain huts and inns to choose from. For those seeking a less strenuous option, the Schöckl cable car provides the perfect alternative, while an accessible circular trail allows everyone to enjoy the magnificent mountain scenery from this uniquely positioned panoramic viewpoint.



Schöckl western summit with panoramic view

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Schöckl – Der Grazer Hausberg

↔ 12.4 km ↑ 1,000 m
⌚ 4:45 h ↓ 700 m
▲ 1,445 m

i **Start:** Stattegg Fuß der Leber
Finish: St. Radegund cable car valley station

🚌 City bus line 53 to the final stop, Stattegg Fuß der Leber; return journey by RegioBus line 250

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

🍴 Food & drink

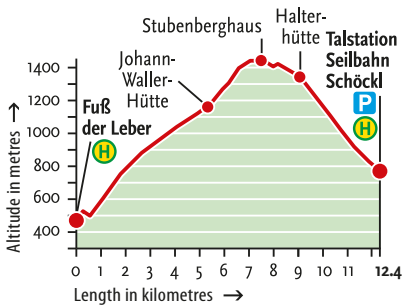
Johann Waller Hütte, Stubenberghaus, Alpengasthof Schöckl, Bergstation Schöckl, Schöckl Halterhütte and more in St. Radegund bei Graz

🌳 Sights & experiences

Hexenexpress summer toboggan run, nature games path, motor skills parkour, wooden marble run, disc golf, climbing park, Schöckl Trail Area and much more

🚰 Additional tips

Thanks to excellent public transport connections, both day hikes and multi-day tours can be planned from every direction via the Schöckl. A special experience: Spend the night in one of the mountain huts!



SPRING TRAILS – CALVARY HILL CIRCUIT

Like a string of pearls, 22 developed springs line the hiking trails of the climatic spa of St. Radegund bei Graz at the foot of Schöckl. Each spring tells its own story and invites visitors to enjoy a refreshing break, a Kneipp treatment or a moment of quiet reflection.

This circular route is the longest of the three marked Quellenwege (Spring Trails) and takes committed hikers as far as Novystein at an elevation of 910 metres. Passing springs with abundant water flow, the ruins of Ehrenfels Castle and the forest nature trail at Novystein, hikers are rewarded at the end of the tour with cultural highlights including the fully

restored Calvary Hill complex with its hermitage and the beautiful parish church. For shorter but equally rewarding spring trails, explore the historic Hungarian Circuit and the scenic Hubertus Circuit. Especially on hot summer days, they offer pleasantly cool excursions in the Schöcklland region.



Spring Trails for the whole family

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Quellenwege – Kalvarienberggrunde

↔ 8.3 km ↑↓ 360 m
⌚ 3:00 h ▲ 910 m

i **Start / Finish:** Kurhaus St. Radegund

🚌 RegioBus line 250

P By car to St. Radegund, parking available at the Kurhaus or the Schöckl cable car valley station

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️

🍴 Food & drink

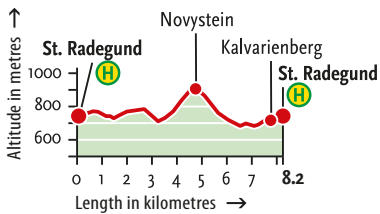
Curcafé St. Radegund and other cafés in town, Gasthof Kirchenwirt

🌳 Sights & experiences

22 developed springs, Calvary Hill St. Radegund, further information: regiongraz.at/spring-trail

🚰 Additional tips

Experience Schöckl by cable car, mountain bike or on foot with a hike to the Schöckl Plateau, offering a wide range of attractions and places to eat and drink. Or visit St. Radegund Outdoor Pool & Leisure Park or the Schöckl climbing park.





KESSELFALL CIRCULAR TRAIL

A fascinating natural experience for families, day visitors and holidaymakers alike: This secured circular route leads through a romantic gorge with numerous small and large waterfalls.

The Kesselfallklamm gorge near Semriach, north of Graz, offers a particularly varied circular hike amid impressive natural surroundings. The route begins along well-maintained walkways, stairways and bridges that follow steep rock faces and pass a series of spectacular

waterfalls. After leaving the gorge, further natural attractions await, including a small cave and the impressive Steintor rock formation, before the tour concludes at the Gasthof Sandwirt inn, where visitors can enjoy a well-earned refreshment.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Kesselfall-Rundweg

↔ 3 km

⌚ 1:30 h

↑↓ 200 m

▲ 724 m

i Start / Finish: Gasthof Sandwirt

R RegioBus line 140 Augraben (Semriach) – Sandwirt

P By car via Friesach, Semriacher Straße, junction Augraben/ Sandwirt

Difficulty level:

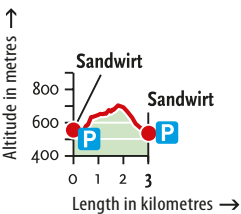
Fitness level:



Kesselfallklamm gorge



- Food & drink
- Gasthof Sandwirt and other excellent restaurants and inns in Semriach
- Sights & experiences
- Gorge and waterfalls, Steintor rock formation, caves and viewpoints
- Additional tips
- Hiking trails to Semriach (740) and Schöckl (19), as well as 15 signposted circular hiking routes in Semriach



ULRICHSBRUNN CIRCULAR TRAIL

This is just one of the many circular hiking trails around Semriach (R2), offering magnificent panoramic views and a relaxing stop at the Ulrichsbrunn Chapel. The fresh spring water is said to possess healing properties.

Semriach is rightly regarded as a hiking paradise within the Graz Region and offers numerous well-signposted circular trails for the whole family (R1 – R15). Long-distance hikers and mountaineers can also combine their tours with routes to Schöckl and the Almenland region. This hike, which also serves

as a local pilgrimage route, begins at the parish church in Semriach and leads to the idyllic Ulrichsbrunn Chapel. It then continues past Windhofkogel and via Anger and Karl am Stein back to the town of Semriach. The route can also be combined with the Panorama Trail or the Lehrwanderweg (Educational Hiking Trail).



Ulrichsbrunn Circular Trail

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Ulrichsbrunn-Rundweg

↔ 8.3 km

⌚ 2:45 h

↑↓ 400 m

▲ 1,000 m

i Start / Finish: Marktplatz Semriach

R RegioBus line 140

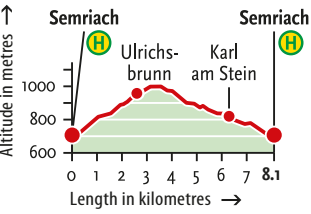
P By car to Semriach, parking area for hikers P2

Difficulty level:

Fitness level:



- Food & drink
- Pfleger Café & Patisserie, Café Tiziano, Semriacherhof and many other excellent inns and restaurants in Semriach
- Sights & experiences
- Parish Church dedicated to St. Giles in Semriach, Ulrichsbrunn Chapel
- Additional tips
- 15 signposted hiking trails in Semriach, Lurgrotte cave Semriach – Austria's largest dripstone cave





SCHIFFFALL AND KREUZKOGEL

A two-summit hike featuring a short climbing section and magnificent views. Beautiful and often quiet trails make this route a genuine hidden gem and an excursion with a distinctly alpine character in the Grazer Bergland.

Both summits can be reached either from Laufnitzdorf or from Mixnitz via Göberlmoar. Alternatively, the circular route can be extended into a point-to-point hike, returning by RegioBus line 100 or, at weekends, by S-Bahn line S 1. Although Schifffall is a few metres higher, Kreuzkogel is undoubtedly the more impressive summit. Reaching it involves negotiating a secured climbing path over a short but steep rock step, but the reward is a magnificent panoramic view across the Murtal and the Grazer Bergland, including Rote Wand, Hochlantsch, Gschwendtberg, Trötsch, Schöckl and many other peaks. With suitable equipment and favourable weather conditions, both summits can be climbed throughout the year, and the short climbing section is also manageable for children.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Schiffall und Kreuzkogel

↔ 10 km ↑↓ 780 m
⌚ 4:30 h ⬆️ 1,221 m

i **Start / Finish:** Laufnitzdorf (near Frohnleiten), Schweizerhof

🚌 On weekdays, take the RegioBus line 100 to Laufnitzdorf; otherwise, take the S-Bahn to Frohnleiten and then a shared taxi

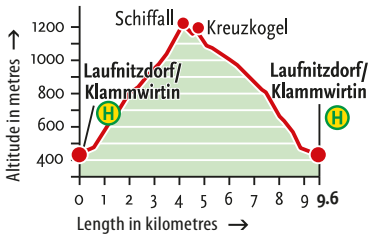
P By car to Laufnitzdorf, parking available along the main road

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Kreuzkogel summit

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Klammwirtin at Schweizerhof, Laufnitzdorf; further excellent inns and restaurants in Rothleiten and Frohnleiten
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
In summer, the Tieber Leisure Centre with its lake, as well as the historic centre of Frohnleiten
- 📌 Additional tips**
Gschwendtberg, Heuberg, Gmoa Alm, Drei Pfarren and Herrenkogel, the Frohnleiten Circular Hiking Trails and many other routes around Frohnleiten



WIESERALM – HOCHALM

A beautiful alpine pasture and summit hike near Frohnleiten, combining tranquil natural scenery with impressive panoramic views. A true insider tip in the far north of the Graz Region.

Away from the crowds and surrounded by idyllic landscapes, the signposted hiking trail (529) leads from the Almgasthof Wieseralm inn via the Drei Pfarren crossroads, Herrenkogel and Wetterkogel to Hochalm. The route follows scenic meadow and forest trails, passes two summits and, in places, follows the Österreichischer Nord-Süd-Weitwanderweg 05 (Austrian North-South Long-Distance Hiking Trail). Along the way, magnificent views of the Grazer Bergland unfold. After this rewarding tour, the Almgasthof Schutzhütte Wieseralm inn invites hikers to enjoy a well-earned break with rustic specialities produced on site.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Wieseralm – Hochalm

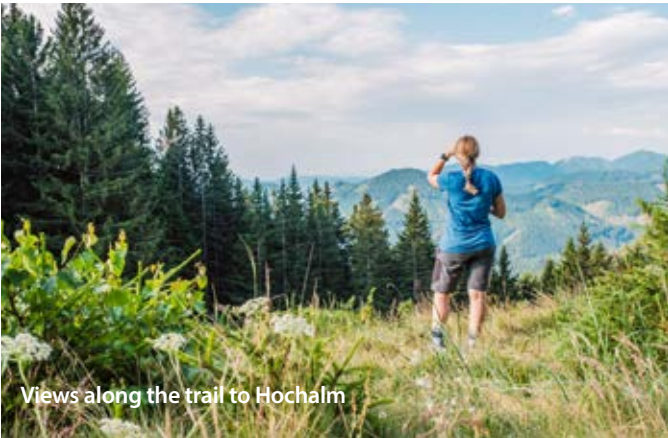
↔ 16 km ↑↓ 900 m
⌚ 6:00 h ⬆️ 1,640 m

i **Start / Finish:** Almgasthof Schutzhütte Wieseralm

🚗 Only possible with a flux shared taxi

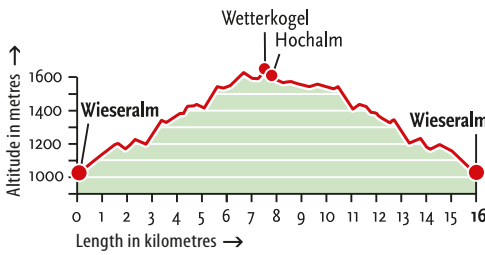
P By car from Laufnitzdorf, partly via a gravel road to Wieseralm; parking available at the Wieseralm inn

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Views along the trail to Hochalm

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Almgasthof Schutzhütte Wieseralm, as well as further restaurants and inns in Laufnitzdorf and Frohnleiten
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Summit panoramas and numerous rare wildflowers in early summer
- 📌 Additional tips**
Long-distance hiking in the Graz Region on the North-South Long-Distance Hiking Trail 05 (Hochalm, Gleinalm, Gaberl, Stubalm, Salzstiegl, Pack, Hebalm and beyond)



GRAZER BERGLAND HIKING TRAIL

FOCUS ON CULTURAL AND NATURAL EXPERIENCES

The new Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail stretches across six stages, covering 103 kilometres through impressive landscapes and around 4,300 metres of ascent. It connects the diverse natural environments and cultural highlights of the Grazer Bergland, allowing visitors to experience this remarkable region on the doorstep of Graz.

The route follows scenic ridgelines, passes through shady forests and leads past idyllic villages and lively town centres. Along the way, hikers encounter striking viewpoints, impressive rock formations, historic buildings and places of great cultural significance. Highlights include well-known summits such as Hochtrötsch, Haneggkogel, Schartnerkogel, Mühlbacherkogel and Generalkogel.

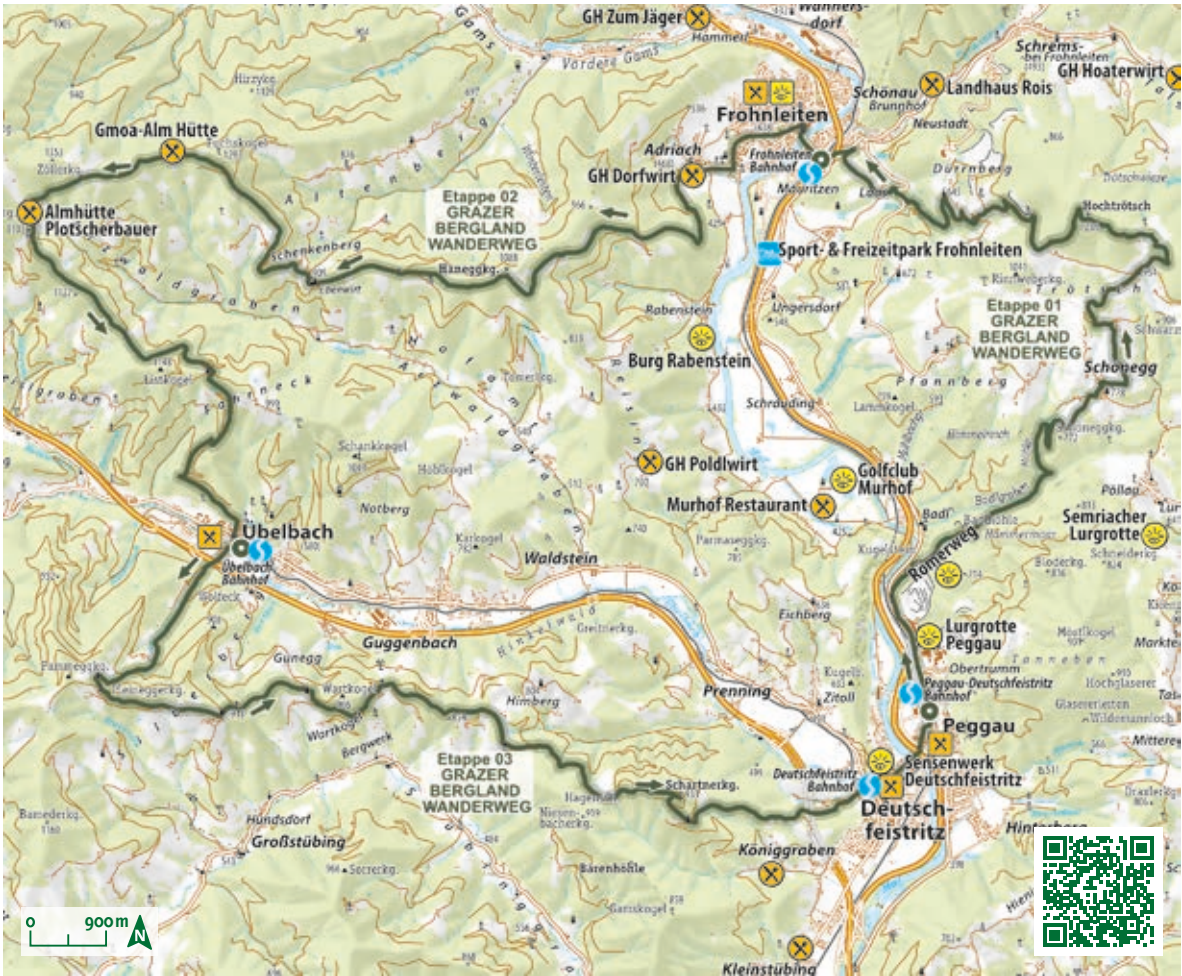
From these peaks, far-reaching views extend across the Grazer Bergland and all the way to Graz. At the same time, the individual stages lead directly through the centres of local municipalities, where culture, history and hospitality vividly come to life. The trail has been designed both as a challenging multi-day hike and as a series of individual stages suitable for enjoyable day hikes.



Order a free hiking map at:
regiongraz.at/brochures



- All routes are fully signposted (as Grazer Bergland Wanderweg).
- All start and finish points can be reached by S-Bahn line 1 (or line 11 to Übelbach).
- Further information, route descriptions and other hikes: regiongraz.at/grazer-berglund-hiking-trail
- Food guide: regiongraz.at/foodguide-grazer-berglund



Stage 1: Hochtrötsch summit



Stage 2: Haneggkogel viewpoint



Stage 3: Sprinzlhofer wayside cross

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NORTHERN STAGES

Stage 1: Peggau – Frohnleiten

Starting at Lurgrotte cave Peggau, the route follows the Römerweg (Roman Trail) to Hochtrötsch (1,239 m). From here, sweeping views open up across the Almenland region and towards Schöckl, before the trail continues along scenic routes to Frohnleiten.

Stage 2: Frohnleiten – Übelbach

Via Haneggkogel (1,088 m) and Gmoa Alm (1,293 m), the longest stage traverses forests and alpine pastures before reaching the market town of Übelbach. Idyllic trails and impressive panoramas characterise this section.

Stage 3: Übelbach – Peggau

From Übelbach, the route climbs to the Taschlerkreuz and passes numerous further wayside crosses before reaching Schartnerkogel (931 m). With magnificent panoramic views accompanying the journey, the trail then descends towards Deutschfeistritz-Peggau.

HIKING INFORMATION

↔ 17.1 km

⬆ 850 m

⌚ 6:00 h

⬇ 830 m

⬆ 1,239 m

📍 Start: Peggau railway station

🏁 Finish: Frohnleiten railway station

HIKING INFORMATION

↔ 20.6 km

⬆ 1,060 m

⌚ 7:00 h

⬇ 910 m

⬆ 1,240 m

📍 Start: Frohnleiten railway station

🏁 Finish: Übelbach railway station

HIKING INFORMATION

↔ 16.2 km

⬆ 740 m

⌚ 5:30 h

⬇ 900 m

⬆ 1,030 m

📍 Start: Übelbach railway station

🏁 Finish: Peggau railway station



AN OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTHERN STAGES

Stage 4: Stübing – Gratwein

This varied stage follows the Kaschlsteig Trail to the Mühlbacher Hütte mountain hut before continuing to the historic Rein Abbey and the centre of Gratwein – a stage rich in cultural and natural highlights.

HIKING INFORMATION

↔ 18.8 km

⬆ 730 m

⌚ 6:00 h

⬇ 740 m

⬆ 1,050 m

📍

Start: Stübing railway station

Finish: Gratwein-Gratkorn railway station

Stage 5:
Gratwein – Straßengel

Rolling hills and historic sites accompany hikers on their way to the Pilgrimage Church of Maria Straßengel – one of the cultural highlights of the entire trail.

HIKING INFORMATION

↔ 15.8 km

⬆ 550 m

⌚ 5:00 h

⬇ 550 m

⬆ 714 m

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Start: Gratwein-Gratkorn railway station

Finish: Judendorf-Straßengel railway station

Stage 6:
Straßengel – Stübing

The shortest stage leads via the Dultgraben valley and the Rannach Alpine Garden to the traditional Höchwirt inn before ending in Stübing.

HIKING INFORMATION

↔ 14.4 km

⬆ 400 m

⌚ 4:15 h

⬇ 370 m

⬆ 662 m

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Start: Judendorf-Straßengel railway station

Finish: Stübing railway station



On the Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail



Stage 4: Mühlbacher Hütte



Stage 6: Rolling hills near Gratwein



Stage 5: Maria Straßengel Pilgrimage Church



FENSTERALM

This striking ridge in the north-west of Graz invites visitors to explore peaceful trails, scenic summits and unspoilt landscapes.

The destination of this hike lies at an elevation of 1,642 metres and is an easily accessible summit offering extensive panoramic views in the heart of Gleinalpe, part of Steirisches Randgebirge, the mountain range bordering Styria. Gentle terrain, forested ascents and expansive alpine pastures characterise this beautiful natural landscape. The well-marked route follows sections

of Austria's Long-Distance Hiking Trails 02 and 05, passing natural water sources and numerous anthills – clear signs of a healthy and intact environment. During the season, the Almhütte Plotscherbauer mountain hut rewards hikers with a traditional atmosphere and a hearty Brettljause – a platter of cold cuts, cheese and regional produce, served on a wooden board.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Fensteralm

↔ 11 km ↑↓ 630 m
⌚ 4:00 h ▲ 1,642 m

- i** Start / Finish: Almhütte Plotscherbauer
- 🚗** Public transport only via flux shared taxi
- P** By car to Übelbach, then via Kleintalstraße and Meislgrabenweg to Plotscherbauer (8 km, steep gravel road)

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥

🍴 Food & drink

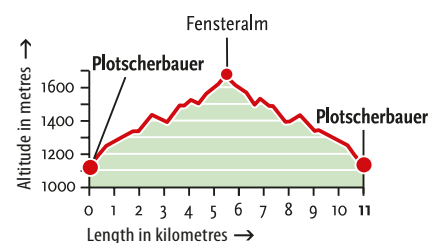
Almhütte Plotscherbauer (May–October), as well as further restaurants and inns in Übelbach

🌄 Sights & experiences

Beautiful hiking routes from Plotscherbauer, Gmoa Alm, the "Bermuda Triangle" and connections to the Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail

🚰 Additional tips

Almhütte Plotscherbauer is an ideal base for Bike & Hike tours.



Plotscherbauer



FROM KRAUTWASCH TO GLEINALM

Gleinalm-Speik, the cosy Gleinalm-Schutzhaus mountain refuge and the Maria Schnee mountain church are absolute highlights for hikers in the Graz Region.

Many trails converge on Gleinalm, making it a popular meeting point for pilgrims, long-distance hikers and day visitors alike. The beautiful ascents from all directions to the Gleinalm-Schutzhaus require a reasonable level of fitness but reward hikers with a magnificent mountain scenery and seemingly endless views. The route from Krautwasch passes via Brendlalm, where visitors

can observe the world-famous Lipizzaner mares and their foals grazing during the summer months (please note: dogs are not permitted). From the Gleinalm-Schutzhaus, it is approximately one and a half hours to the Speik summit. The ascent is especially worthwhile on clear days, when the views are truly exceptional.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Vom Krautwasch auf die Gleinalm

↔ 20 km ↑↓ 1,055 m
⌚ 7:00 h ▲ 1,988 m

Route without Speik summit

↔ 17.3 km ↑↓ 660 m
⌚ 5:30 h ▲ 1,599 m

- i** Start / Finish: Krautwasch (former inn)
- 🚗** S-1 Peggau or S-Bahn 11 Übelbach and then a shared taxi to Krautwasch
- P** By car to Krautwasch; access to the Schutzhaus on days with mountain services.

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥

🍴 Food & drink

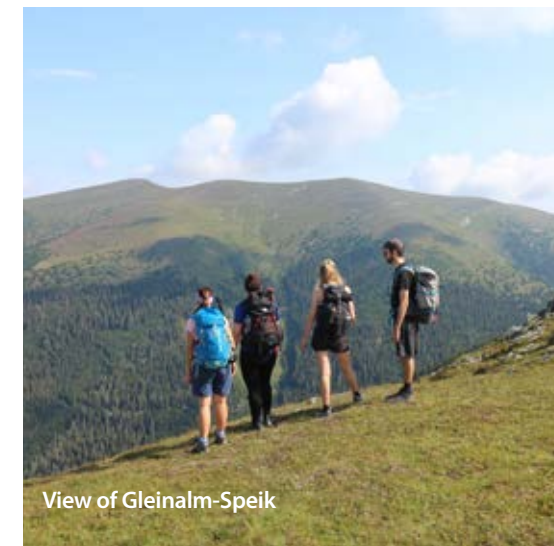
Walzkogelhütte, Gleinalm-Schutzhaus

🌄 Sights & experiences

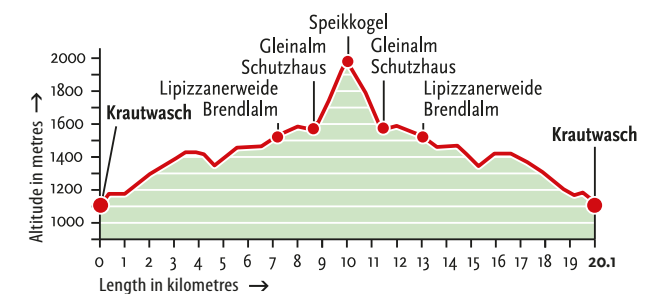
Lipizzaner pasture at Brendlalm, Maria Schnee, panoramic views from Gleinalm-Speik

🚰 Additional tips

Services at Maria Schnee mountain church and numerous opportunities for multi-day hiking tours with overnight accommodation at the Gleinalm-Schutzhaus



View of Gleinalm-Speik





PLESCHWIRT VIA KOGELLEITEN TRAIL

Although the "Four Thousanders" around Graz are not the region's highest peaks, these popular local mountains delight visitors with beautiful green forests and walking and hiking trails suitable for all tastes and fitness levels.

This circular hike begins at Rein Cistercian Monastery and follows the Mühlbach stream before ascending through woodland to Pleschkogel. Here, hikers are rewarded not only with magnificent views of Gleinalpe and the Graz Region, but also with one of the most traditional

inns around Graz – the welcoming Pleschwirt. The return route descends via Kehr and follows the sunny side of the Kehrer Bach back to Rein Abbey. The result is an ideal circular walk for discovering the many facets of Rein.

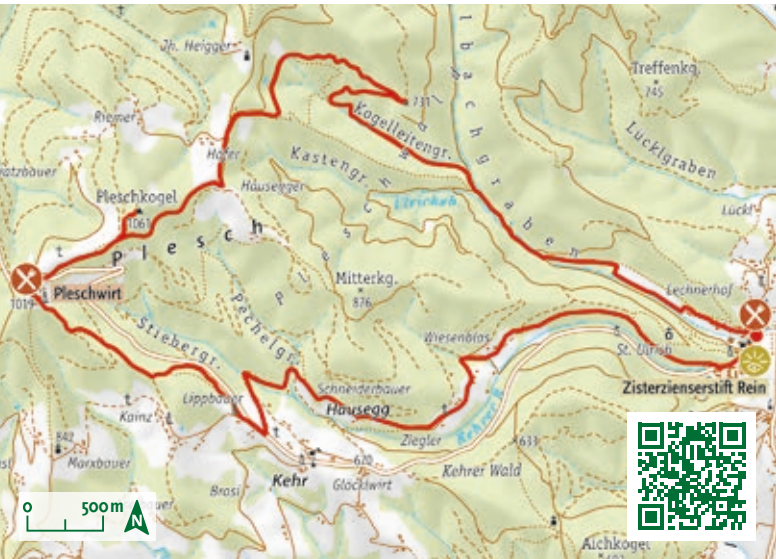
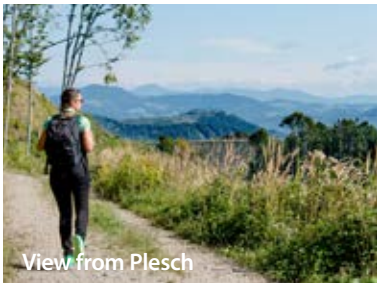
HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Pleschwirt über Kogelleitenweg

↔ 15 km ↑↓ 610 m
⌚ 5:00 h ▲ 1,061 m

- i** Start / Finish: Rein Abbey
- 🚌** RegioBus 111 and 120, Rein parking area
- P** By car via Gratwein-Straßengel to Rein Abbey; free visitor parking available

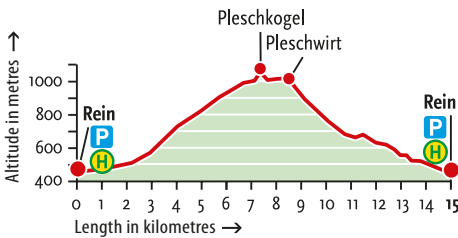
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Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



🍴 Food & drink
Pleschwirt, Stiftstaverne Rein, Gasthof Zur Linde, Gasthaus Schusterbauer and others in Gratwein-Straßengel

🏛️ Sights & experiences
Rein Abbey with its basilica and library

🚶 Additional tips
Numerous additional themed trails, family trails and circular hikes start from Rein Abbey



Kehr – the sunny side



INTO THE FOREST FROM REIN: AN ADVENTURE TRAIL

Themed trails combine nature, fun, learning and adventure, making them ideal for family outings – and around Rein Abbey there are no fewer than five family-friendly trails to explore.

This attractive circular route through the Kehrerwald forest leads to ten stations offering fascinating insights into woodland ecosystems, the diversity of tree species, wildlife above and below ground, the forest's role as a natural water reservoir and many

other topics relating to nature and Rein Abbey. Anyone keen to join the treasure hunt can pick up a puzzle map from the monastery shop and perhaps even unlock the treasure chest.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
REIN in den Wald – ein Erlebnispfad

↔ 6 km ↑↓ 180 m
⌚ 2:00 h ▲ 634 m

- i** Start / Finish: Rein Abbey
- 🚌** RegioBus 111 and 120, Rein parking area
- P** By car via Gratwein-Straßengel to Rein Abbey; free visitor parking available

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



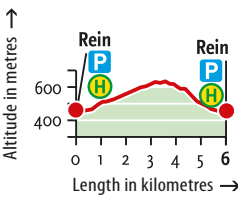
Rein Cistercian Monastery



🍴 Food & drink
Stiftstaverne Rein, Gasthof Zur Linde, Gasthaus Schusterbauer and others in Gratwein-Straßengel

🏛️ Sights & experiences
Rein Cistercian Monastery with its basilica, library and monastery garden

🚶 Additional tips
Themed trails around Rein Abbey: Alpenbock Trail, Barefoot Trail, Children's Rights Trail, Culture and Nature Trail, Cistercian Trail, as well as many other beautiful hikes between Plesch and Mühlbacherkogel.





FROM GÖSTING CASTLE RUINS TO LAKE THALERSEE

This attractive and easy hike starting from Graz offers a variety of experiences for the whole family, both in summer and winter.

After a short climb, the legendary Jungfernsprung viewpoint atop a Dolomite rock formation rewards visitors with spectacular views across the Grazer Bergland. The route passes directly by the impressive Gösting Castle Ruins before continuing through shady forests into the rural municipality of Thal. The Church

of St. James by artist Ernst Fuchs and the Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum are particularly worth seeing. The hike concludes at the popular Lake Thalersee, with its boat hire facilities, restaurant and lakeside terrace – a favourite recreational destination throughout the year.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Von der Burgruine Gösting zum Thalersee

↔ 10 km

↑ 300 m

⌚ 3:00 h

↓ 230 m

⬆ 590 m

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Start: Graz-Gösting bus terminus

Finish: Thalersee bus stop

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City bus lines 40, 48 and 65 to Graz-Gösting, return journey by line 48

Difficulty level:

Fitness level:



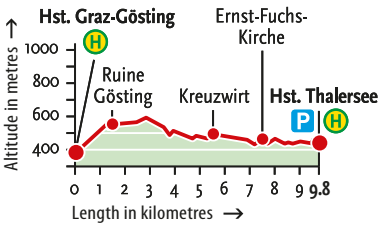
Gösting Castle Ruins

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Food & drink
Café Bäckerei König, Kreuzwirt, die Thalerei, Thaler See Garten
- 🌳

Sights & experiences
Jungfernsprung, Gösting Castle Ruins, Church of St. James in Thal, Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum, Lake Thalersee
- 📌

Additional tips
Arnold Schwarzenegger Trail, Graz Golf Club Thalersee



ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF VOITSBERG

The town of Voitsberg and its surroundings surprise visitors with legends and impressive monuments from the region's mining past. Rolling meadows and forests invite visitors to unwind.

The trail climbs up the Sagenberg to Obervoitsberg Castle Ruins, where beautiful views await. From Erzherzog Johann Naschgarten (tasting garden), the Energy Adventure Trail leads to "Leopold", a giant bucket-wheel excavator once used in the open-cast mine at Zangtal. On Lobmingberg near the Schneiderwirt inn, a traditional West Styrian farm houses the Kern Buam Museum, offering insights on the ambassadors of Styrian folk music and culture. The well-marked route leads back to Voitsberg via forest and meadow paths, where welcoming cafés and inns are perfect for a break.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Auf der Sonnseiten – Voitsberg

↔ 13 km

↑↓ 320 m

⌚ 4:00 h

⬆ 594 m

i

Start / Finish: Voitsberg, Arik Brauer Rathaus

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S-Bahn line 7 (GKB)

P

By car to Voitsberg town centre; public parking available (short-stay parking Monday–Friday), Park & Ride facilities at the railway station

Difficulty level:

Fitness level:



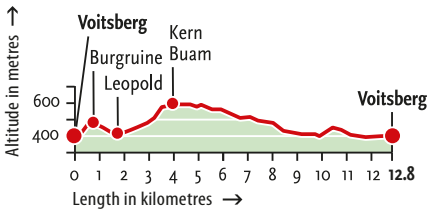
Bucket-wheel excavator

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Food & drink
Cafés and restaurants in the centre of Voitsberg, Gasthaus Schneiderwirt
- 🌳

Sights & experiences
Historic town centre of Voitsberg, Schlossberg with Castle Ruins, Zangtal mining area with the Energy Adventure Park, Kern Buam Museum
- 📌

Additional tips
Trail 83 extends the circular route on the southern side of Voitsberg; Greißenegg Castle and Castle Park





MAESTOSO CIRCULAR TRAIL

The diverse landscapes surrounding the Lipizzaner Stud Piber, Köflach and Bärnbach are best explored on five carefully selected hiking and walking trails.

The routes are named after the famous Lipizzaner stallion bloodlines – Pluto, Conversano and Maestoso – and lead to Piber Castle and Stud, as well as the surrounding outposts. The Maestoso Circular Trail takes hikers along idyllic forest paths, to a fantastic viewpoint at the spiritual site "Heiliger Berg" in Bärnbach and through breathtaking landscapes overlooking the Lipizzanerheimat, with lush meadows and pastures surrounding the Lipizzaner Stud Piber. Traditional inns along the marked routes invite hikers to enjoy the local hospitality. The trail starts and finishes directly at the popular Therme NOVA thermal spa, with more than 1,000 square metres of thermal water surface at 34.4 °C.



Hiking trails in the Lipizzanerheimat

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Maestoso-Rundweg

↔ 11 km ↑↓ 250 m
⌚ 3:00 h ⬆ 539 m

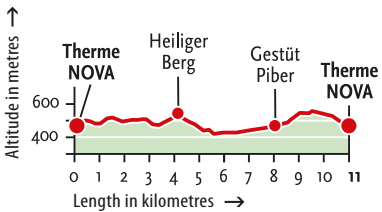
- i** Start / Finish: Therme NOVA thermal spa at Dechantteich
- S** S-Bahn line 7 (GKB) to Köflach (20-minute walk to the spa)
- P** Parking available at Therme NOVA thermal spa

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

🍴 Food & drink
Schachner Buschenschank, Therme NOVA thermal spa Köflach – Das Café, Café Restaurant Piber, Gasthof Piberwirt, as well as further options in Bärnbach and Köflach

🌞 Sights & experiences
Lipizzaner Stud Piber, Therme NOVA thermal spa, St. Barbara Church – Hundertwasser, Stölzle Glas-Center in Bärnbach and the spiritual site known as "Heiliger Berg" (Holy Mountain)

📌 Additional tips
The 4 circular trails (Pluto, Conversano, Maestoso and Ziggölerkogel) and the Turnersteig Trail can easily be combined, allowing hikers to extend or shorten the route according to their preferences.



TURNERSTEIG TRAIL

The name recalls the hiking- and nature-loving gymnastics associations of the 1920s, in whose honour this still-popular hiking route near Köflach was named.

Starting at Therme NOVA thermal spa, the trail passes the outpost of Wilhelm, where the young Lipizzaner stallions spend the winter months. Along the route, views open up across a landscape where farming traditions and nature remain closely intertwined. A popular Buschenschank tavern, shady beech forests and peaceful woodland tracks invite hikers to enjoy their surroundings. Lovingly maintained chapels, road-side shrines and traditional farmsteads tell the story of the region's history and living traditions. The hike ends at the Eckwirt inn, a popular excursion destination renowned for its Styrian cuisine. The return journey can be easily organised using the flux shared taxi service.



HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Turnersteig

↔ 11.3 km ↑ 560 m
⌚ 4:00 h ↓ 100 m
⬆ 977 m

- i** Start: Therme NOVA thermal spa at Köflach / Dechantteich
Finish: Gasthof Eckwirt, Graden
- S** S-Bahn line 7 to Köflach (20 min.), return by flux shared taxi
- P** Parking on Piberstraße near the spa or cemetery

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

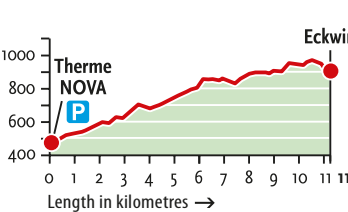


Therme NOVA thermal spa

🍴 Food & drink
Schachner Buschenschank, Therme NOVA thermal spa Köflach – Das Café, Eckwirt inn and more in Köflach

🌞 Sights & experiences
Dechantteich and Spa Park, Therme NOVA thermal spa Köflach, Lipizzaner Stud Piber

📌 Additional tips
3 scenic circular trails (Pluto, Conversano and Maestoso) around the Lipizzaner Stud Piber





TERENBACHALM CIRCULAR HIKE

Idyllic alpine pastures, alpine heath, alpine shrubs and, above all, magnificent views from the ridge trail across the summits of the Niedere Tauern and far into western and southern Styria reward the relatively short ascent.

This varied circular hike, starting from the popular Oskar Schauer Haus/Sattelhaus inn, reaches impressive heights while remaining easily accessible to beginner hikers and families. The ridge trail forms part of the Gleinalpe mountain range, which is also crossed by several well-known long-distance hiking routes. It is the perfect place to discover a passion for more mountain experiences – perhaps even inspiring an overnight stay in a mountain hut! Prominent landmarks along the route include the Stierkreuz (where the Murtal and Graz Region trail networks meet), an impressive statue of Christ and the Terenbachalm summit cross with its spectacular panoramic views.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Rundwanderung auf der Terenbachalm

↔ 11.4 km ↑↓ 380 m
⌚ 4:00 h ⬆️ 1,731 m

i Start / Finish: Oskar Schauer Haus/Sattelhaus

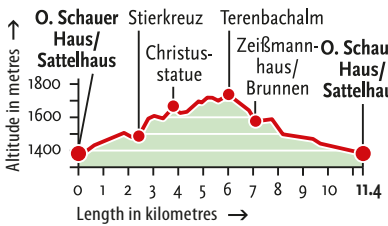
P By car via the B77 and Graden near Köflach; parking available at the Sattelhaus

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥



Christ Statue on Terenbachalm

- Food & drink**
Oskar Schauer Haus/Sattelhaus and further options such as the Jägerwirt in Graden
- Sights & experiences**
Stierkreuz, Christ Statue, summit cross and panoramic views from Terenbachalm
- Additional tips**
The hike can also be started from Graden. Connecting trails lead to Roßbachkogel, Gleinalpe, Gaberl and Steinplan. Long-distance hiking routes include the Central Alpine Trail 02, E6 and North-South Trail 05



RAPPOLDKOGEL SUMMIT HIKE

Although it may not appear so from below, Rappold is one of the great mountain personalities of the Graz Region and deserves a place in every hiking guide.

Whether starting from Salzstiegelhaus or Altes Almhaus, the ascent rewards hikers with magnificent views across the Lipizzanerheimat and the Murtal. This hike between two of the region's best-known alpine inns is crowned by a rewarding summit at 1,928 metres, reached after around one hour of (steep) ascent. On clear days, the panoramic views are truly spectacular before the route descends over rocky terrain towards the gently rolling alpine pastures surrounding Altes Almhaus. In early summer, depending on weather conditions, alpine rose blooms colour the landscape from June into July, before the aromatic speik plant fills the mountain air with its distinctive fragrance well into September. The striking rock formations known as "Öfen", which can be found throughout the Stubalm and Pack region are also worth seeing. It is well worth setting out early to reach Rappoldkogel at sunrise – a truly unforgettable mountain experience!

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Gipfelsieg am Rappoldkogel

↔ 12 km ↑↓ 500 m
⌚ 4:00 h ⬆️ 1,928 m

i Start / Finish: Salzstiegelhaus or Altes Almhaus

🚗 By flux shared taxi from Köflach railway station to Salzstiegl

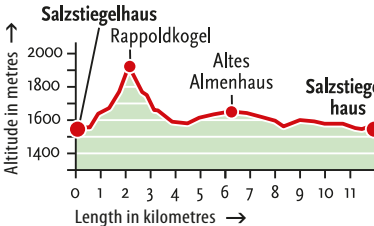
P By car via Hirschegg; parking available at Salzstiegelhaus

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥



Rappold summit cross

- Food & drink**
Alpengasthaus Salzstiegelhaus, Gasthaus Altes Almhaus, plus nearby options: Gasthof Moasterhaus Salzstiegl, Großebenhütte
- Sights & experiences**
Summit panorama from Rappoldkogel, the "Steinerne Miarz" statue of the Virgin Mary on Wölkerkogel, alpine rose blossom in June and July, winter hiking with snowshoes and appropriate equipment
- Additional tips**
This route also follows several popular and well-known long-distance hiking trails.





FROM SALZSTIEGL TO SPEIKKOGEL

As the name Salzstiegl suggests, a footpath once crossed Hirschegger Sattel during the Middle Ages, serving primarily as a route for transporting salt. Today, the area attracts visitors with its spectacular displays of alpine roses and gentians in bloom.

The summit hike can begin either at the Moasterhaus inn, which also offers a trial park, skiing and tobogganing, or at the slightly higher Salzstiegelhaus inn. Following Austria's North-South Long-Distance Hiking Trail, the route climbs steadily through open woodland towards the tree line. Beyond the reservoir, the ascent becomes somewhat steeper before reaching the summit, where hikers are rewarded with breathtaking views across Upper Styria, the Seckauer Alpen and the Grazer Becken. Those wishing to extend the hike and possessing sufficient stamina can continue along the ridge trail to Ameringkogel.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Vom Salzstiegl auf den Speikkogel

↔ 6.2 km ⬆️⬆️⬆️ 430 m
⌚ 2:30 h ⬆️⬆️⬆️ 1,965 m

i Start / Finish: Salzstiegelhaus

🚗 By flux shared taxi (VO1301) from Köflach railway station

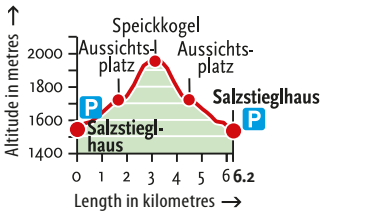
P By car via Hirscheegg; parking available at the Moasterhaus or Salzstiegelhaus (gravel road)

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Hiking at Salzstiegl

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Alpengasthaus Salzstiegelhaus, Gasthof Moasterhaus
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Stubalm-Speikkogel summit, Trial Park at the Moasterhaus
- 🧭 Additional tips**
In winter: Skiing and tobogganing area, 4 drag lifts, 12 kilometres of pistes, 2 km floodlit toboggan run, snowshoe hikes and ski touring opportunities



HIRSCHEGG MOUNTAIN HUT DUET

Idyllic alpine pastures, springs and streams, traditional mountain huts and far-reaching views – the varied mountain landscapes invite visitors to enjoy hiking through gently alpine terrain.

Starting in the picturesque mountain village of Hirscheegg, the route climbs to the little church of St. Bartholomä and the welcoming Saureishütte mountain hut. The first summit comes via a short detour to Seinerkreuz – and it's well worth the extra effort! After a break and some refreshments, the route continues to Hirschegger Alm, where the trail joins the long-distance hiking route. From here, hikers can follow the airy ridge between Styria and Carinthia, enjoying magnificent mountain panoramas in every direction. Along the way, remarkable rock formations such as the "Sieben Heufuhren" and the distinctive "Öfen" repeatedly attract attention. The second hut in this "duet" is the Bernsteinhütte, which awaits hikers after around 11 kilometres of walking and offers traditional mountain hut fare and homemade desserts before the return to the starting point.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Hirschegger Hüttenduet

↔ 16 km ⬆️⬆️⬆️ 880 m
⌚ 6:00 h ⬆️⬆️⬆️ 1,777 m

i Start / Finish: Hirschegg town centre, Parish Church

🚗 RegioBus 722 or by flux shared taxi from Köflach

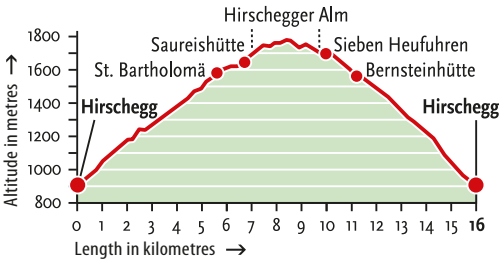
P By car to Hirschegg via the A2 motorway or Köflach; public parking available

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Sieben Heufuhren rock formation

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Saureishütte, Bernsteinhütte, plus further excellent options in Hirschegg
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Church of St. Bartholomä, Seinerkreuz, Hirschegger Alm panorama, Sieben Heufuhren, St Mary's Parish Church in Hirschegg, nearby Hirzmann and Packer reservoirs
- 🧭 Additional tips**
The area is also popular for snowshoe hiking and ski touring in winter. Multi-day hiking tours towards Pack, Koralm, Salzstiegl and Gleinalm are also possible.





HEBALM LAKE CIRCUIT AND CHAPEL CIRCUIT

Hebalm is well known as a cross-country skiing centre and snowshoe paradise in winter, while during the rest of the year it invites visitors to explore its beautiful alpine landscapes on foot.

These two short circular walks both lead to the idyllic Lake Hebalmsee and are ideal for family outings packed with memorable experiences. The routes can easily be combined, while more experienced hikers can extend their walks in any direction – after all, this is part of the North-South Long-Distance Hiking Trail and a crossroads between Styria and Carinthia. The Hebalm Lake Circuit links the picturesque lake with a rock formation known as "Ofen" in the former wooden trail "Dom des Waldes". The Chapel Circuit passes the Hebalm Church, known as the Maltese Chapel, and culminates at a viewing platform on Kampelekogel, from where visitors enjoy beautiful views across three mountain districts: Voitsberg, Deutschlandsberg and Wolfsberg.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Hebalm See- und Kapellenrunde

↔ 5.4 km

⬆️⬆️ 100 m

🕒 1:30 h

⬆️ 1,497 m

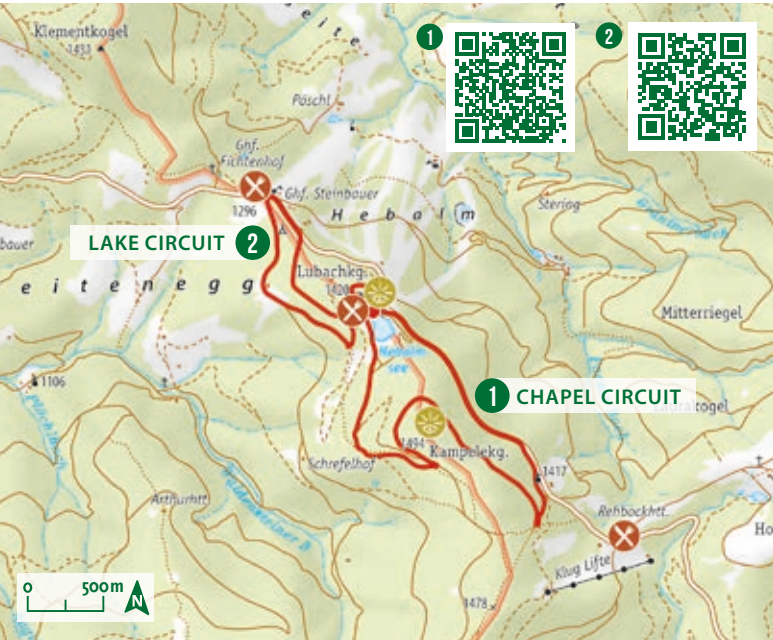
i Start / Finish: Hebalmsee

🚗 By flux shared taxi from Köflach

P By car from the A2 motorway via Pack towards Hebalm, parking at Hebalmsee

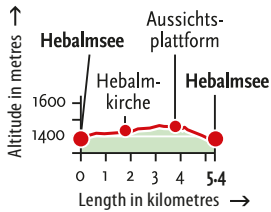
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Natural paradise of Hebalmsee

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Seestüberl, Fichtenhof & Erlebnisgastro Gifhitt'n and more
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Lake Hebalmsee, viewing platform, cross-country skiing centre in winter, Kluglifte ski area, snowshoe hiking, equipment hire and much more
- 📌 Additional tips**
Hikes towards Freiländeralm, Großofen, Schrogentor, Reinischkogel and the See-Eben Bärofen raised bog



GROSSOFEN CIRCUIT

The landscape surrounding Großofen can truly be described as wild and romantic. The ascent via ladders or through the narrow rock chimney is a fantastic adventure, especially for children – just like the nearby Steirarodl summer toboggan run in Modriach.

Remarkable rock formations have given both this distinctive summit and the circular route around the mountain village of Modriach their name. Amateur geologists are fascinated by the crystalline rock towers known locally as "Öfen". Nature lovers admire the alpine roses (Almrausch) blooming among the rocks in June, while children with a love of climbing will discover countless natural adventure playgrounds. Großofen is best known as one of the region's finest viewpoints, and the large telescope at the summit allows visitors to enjoy the magnificent long-distance views across the Graz Region in even greater detail. Those wishing to shorten the longer circuit via Steirner Tisch and Hoiswirt can simply return directly to Modriach from the summit and round off the day with an exhilarating ride on the summer toboggan run – a hiking adventure the whole family is sure to remember!

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Großofen Runde

↔ 11.4 km

⬆️⬆️ 550 m

🕒 4:00 h

⬆️ 1,473 m

i Start / Finish: Modriach (primary school)

🚗 By flux shared taxi from Köflach

P By car via the A2 motorway to Modriach; public parking available or parking at the summer toboggan run

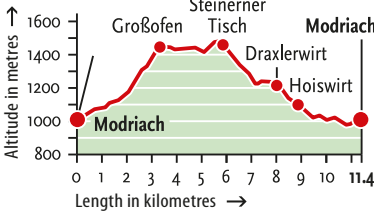
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Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Panoramic views from the summit

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Alpengasthof Hoiswirt, Gasthof Klug zum Ehrensepp, Hubenwirt, Negrean and more in Modriach
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Großofen summit and rock towers along the trail, panoramic views, information panels and telescope at the summit, Steirarodl summer toboggan run in Modriach
- 📌 Additional tips**
Starting from Freiländeralm (Hebalm) reduces the amount of ascent required. On warm summer days, the nearby Lake Hebalmsee and Packer reservoir offer the perfect opportunity to cool off.





FROM HOISWIRT TO REINISCHKOGEL

A pleasant alpine pasture and summit hike leading to the southernmost peak in the Graz Region, featuring a "peace bell" and the wooden fountain "Papstbründl".

There are places in Styria that feel both central and wonderfully remote at the same time. Close to the Modriach motorway exit lies a beautiful yet secluded hiking area that is well worth exploring. At an elevation of 1,130 metres stands the Hoiswirt inn in Modriach. From here, the hike leads via the Schrogentor, an important trail junction, to the summit of Reinischkogel. Its name derives from the fact that extensive lands and farms in the Middle Ages belonged to Rein Abbey, with the mountain forming their southern boundary. The small chapel near the summit cross is dedicated to St Leonard, patron saint of livestock and agriculture. Visitors are invited to ring the bell "...for peace in this world".

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as: Vom Hoiswirt auf den Reinischkogel

↔ 12.5 km ↑↓ 470 m
⌚ 4:00 h ⬆ 1,463 m

i Start / Finish: Hoiswirt

🚗 By flux shared taxi from Köflach

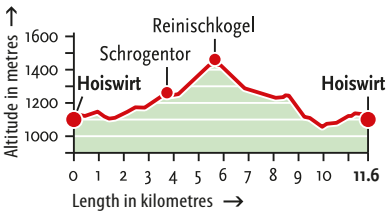
P By car via the A2 motorway, Modriach exit; parking available at the Hoiswirt

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Reinischkogel summit

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Alpengasthof Hoiswirt, plus further excellent inns in Modriach
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Reinischkogel summit with cross and chapel, Steirarodl summer toboggan run in Modriach, Packersee
- 📌 Additional tips**
Großofen and Freiländeralm, Papstbründl, Aiblwirt and much more



CELTIC TRAIL AND CULINARY TRAIL

Ligist is a place steeped in history, settled since Celtic times and today a charming market town at the beginning of the famous Schilcher Wine Route. Food, culture and nature combine here to create a hidden gem for lovers of soft tourism.

The "Sch(m)ankerlweg" trail is a signposted circular route through the region's characteristic cultural landscape, with traditional orchards and vineyards that thrive in the area's mild climate. This one-and-a-half-hour walk links the historic market town with two well-known Buschenschank taverns: Zach and Dokter invite visitors to sample and savour regional specialities. Those wishing to learn more about the Celts and life during the Bronze Age can combine the walk with the Celtic Trail. This route leads to the archaeological excavation sites on Dietenberg. The climb is well worth the effort, especially as the nearby Buschenschank Greitbauer offers homemade local delicacies for a rewarding refreshment stop.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Kelten- und Schmankerlwege

↔ 5.5 km ↑↓ 130 m
⌚ 1:30 h ⬆ 517 m

i Start / Finish: Marktplatz Ligist

🚗 S-Bahn line 7 to Krottendorf-Ligist

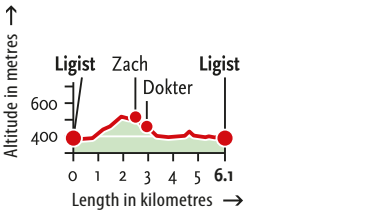
P By car via the A2 motorway at Steinberg or the B70 via Krottendorf-Gaisfeld; public parking available in Ligist

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Ligist at the beginning of the Schilcher Wine Route

- 🍴 Food & drink**
Buschenschank Dokter, Buschenschank Zach, Buschenschank Kremser-Greitbauer, Restaurant Wörgötter and other excellent inns and restaurants in Ligist
- 🌄 Sights & experiences**
Imkerei Rosenzopf beekeeping farm (advance booking required), Celtic archaeological site and Keltenhaus, St Catherine's Parish Church and historic market square, Ligist Castle Ruins ("Lubgast"), Ligist Castle
- 📌 Additional tips**
Numerous additional signposted walking and hiking trails around Ligist, Ligist Family Adventure Pool, Ligist Sports and Leisure Centre



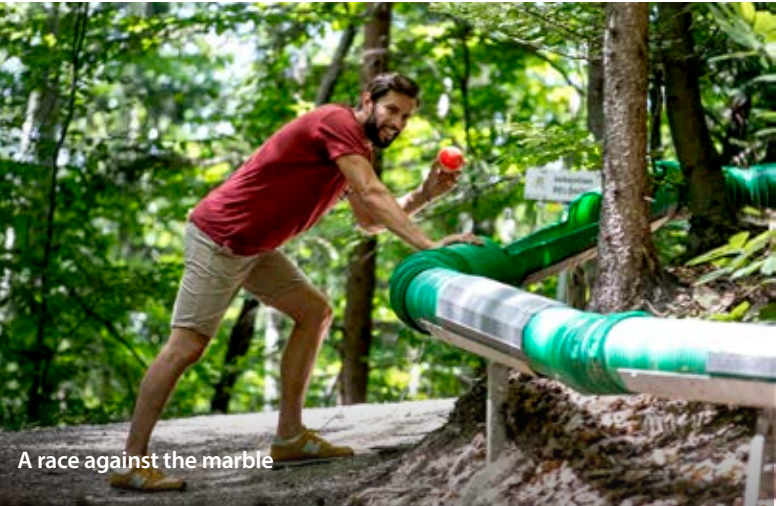


SEBASTIAN RELOADED® ADVENTURE TRAIL

The name comes from Sebastian Kneipp, a pioneer in the field of health and wellbeing. Many of his teachings have been brought to life in a playful way for visitors of all ages along this unique adventure trail.

Along the hiking, walking and running route, 25 interactive activity stations invite visitors to participate and learn. These stations provide fascinating insights into health, vitality, fitness, exercise, nutrition, stress reduction and relaxation. A highlight is the "Fußverstand" station, which features a toe theatre for lots of foot fun: fixed elements made of wood, stone and metal encourage visitors to experience a new physical awareness. The Forest Arena also provides plenty

of space for children and adults alike to let off steam. Those willing to challenge their "Innerer Schweinehund" – their inner couch potato – will enjoy this interactive station with the same name. A new photo point even allows visitors to capture the moment. Whether you're a fitness fan, a fresh-air addict, seeking better health, or an office chair enthusiast – this trail has the right programme for every fitness level and distance.



A race against the marble

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Erlebnisweg sebastian RELOADED®

↔ 7.3 km ↑↓ 200 m
⌚ 2:30 h ▲ 540 m

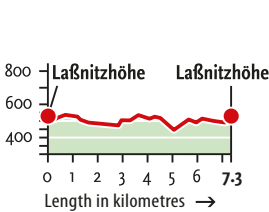
- i** Start / Finish: Laßnitzhöhe regional market square, plus 7 additional access points
- S-Bahn** line 3 to Laßnitzhöhe
- P** By car via the A2 motorway, exit Laßnitzhöhe; parking available on Kapellenstraße or at the Park & Ride facility by the railway station

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥

- Food & drink**
Café and Restaurant Gusto, Allerleierei farm shop, Hotel Restaurant Liebmann, Gasthof Zur Bahn, Landhaus Waldfrieden and more in Laßnitzhöhe

- Sights & experiences**
Kurpark (spa park), Church of the Nativity of Christ, Arboretum & Tea House

- Additional tips**
7 further signposted hiking trails in Nestelbach bei Graz, Laßnitzhöhe and Kainbach bei Graz



EGGERSDORF PLANETS TRAIL

Step by step through the solar system – this circular walk is a rewarding excursion for all generations and an educational trail that is guaranteed to broaden your horizons.

The starting point of the 6 km route is the model of our solar system in the park in Eggersdorf. The approximately two-hour circular walk leads past eleven stations with comfortable rest areas and detailed information about the planets. Particularly fascinating is a guided walk featuring expert explanations of the vast distances within our cosmic neigh-

bourhood. This educational trail is an enjoyable family walk through open woodland and across meadows, with beautiful views of the Schöcklland region. Traditional Buschenschank taverns, inns and farm shops along the route invite visitors to discover and sample the culinary specialities and local products of the area.



Planets Trail

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Planetenweg Eggersdorf

↔ 6 km ↑↓ 110 m
⌚ 1:45 h ▲ 500 m

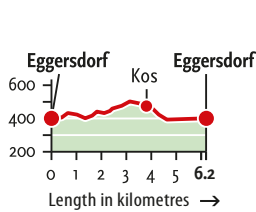
- i** Start / Finish: Eggersdorf, Café Rosenberger
- RegioBus** 350, 351, 352
- P** By car to Eggersdorf; parking available along the main road or at the leisure centre

Difficulty level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾
Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥

- Food & drink**
Schöckllandhof, Cafe Rosenberger, Buschenschank Kos, plus many other options in town and the surrounding area

- Sights & experiences**
Eggersdorf Natural Pool, St. Florian Parish Church, Kapellenweg hiking trail, the Brine Facility, Dornhofen Castle (events)

- Additional tips**
Guided walks with amateur astronomer Franz Klambauer – registration via the Municipality of Eggersdorf. Kapellen Tour (Chapels Tour) for e-bikes and trekking bikes, additional cycling routes and the GUW Hiking Trail





FÜRSTENSTAND: HEAD UP HIGH

The Fürstenstand is the principal summit of Plabutsch and, at 754 metres, the highest point in Graz. The historic observation tower was refurbished in 2024 and offers the most spectacular panorama of the city and the surrounding Grazer Bergland.

Anyone embarking on this demanding urban hike should not underestimate the ascent and elevation gain. Good hiking equipment is recommended, including sturdy footwear, a backpack and sufficient water. During winter, traction aids and hiking poles are also advisable.

Along the route, hikers are rewarded with beautiful beech forests, excellent views of the city, a genuine summit experience and – not to be forgotten – an outstanding mountain restaurant (advance reservation recommended).

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Fürstenstand: Hoch hinauf

↔ 5.5 km ⬆️⬆️ 370 m

🕒 2:00 h ⬆️ 750 m

📍 **Start:** Alt-Eggenberg tram stop

🏠 **Finish:** Gösting bus stop

🚊 Public transport with tram line 1 to Alt-Eggenberg, return by bus lines 40, 48 or 65

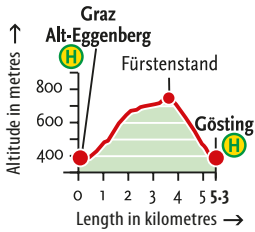
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Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Fürstenstand

- Food & drink**
Fürstenstand mountain restaurant, Gasthaus Kreuzwirt Eggenberg, Gasthaus zur Sonne Gösting and more
- Sights & experiences**
Fürstenstand observation tower, Eggenberg Palace, Gösting Castle (private)
- Additional tips**
Many further attractive routes on Plabutsch towards Thal, Lake Thalersee, the Mountain Church of St John and Paul, Rudolfswarte, St Martin Castle and Buchkogel



RETTENBACHKLAMM GORGE – MARIATROST

A hike for all senses: babbling streams in the gorge, sweeping views from the historic observation tower, peaceful forest trails, the Himmelreich and the Basilica – all within the city limits of Graz.

On hot summer days, the shaded Rettenbachklamm gorge, with its streams and pools, provides a welcome escape from the heat. After passing through the gorge, the trail continues through orchards and landscapes with a distinctly Mediterranean feel before climbing to the historic Stephanienwarte. The forest ascent is rewarded with impressive views, including the option of climbing the observation platform. The return route leads towards the Mariatrost Basilica, passing pastures and deer enclosures. Before taking the tram back, a visit to the magnificent Baroque pilgrimage church is highly recommended.

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Rettenbachklamm – Mariatrost

↔ 5.6 km ⬆️⬆️ 260 m

🕒 2:00 h ⬆️ 650 m

📍 **Start:** Waldhof/Rettenbachklamm stop

🏠 **Finish:** Mariatrost terminus

🚊 Tram line 1 to Waldhof/Rettenbachklamm or Mariatrost

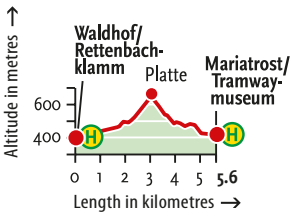
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Fitness level: ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Rettenbachklamm gorge

- Food & drink**
No opportunities to stop for refreshments directly on the route; Buschenschank Wastl and Gasthaus Meinhart in Wenisbuch, Landgasthof Häuserl im Wald, Wienerwirt in Mariatrost
- Sights & experiences**
Rettenbachklamm gorge, Stephanienwarte observation tower, Mariatrost Basilica, Gottschee memorial site, Mariatrost Tramway Museum
- Additional tips**
An alternative and very attractive return route follows the Rosegger Trail through the Leechwald forest from Mariatrost to Hilmteich, with opportunities to stop for refreshments along the way





FLORIANIBERG AND GEDERSBERG

A circular hike full of surprises: Pre-Christian settlements, vineyards, viewing platforms, an unexpected ski slope and much more await on this pleasant route in the south-west of Graz.

This varied hike begins in Straßgang, home to Graz's largest natural pool. The first stop is the pilgrimage church of "Maria im Elend" before the route enters the forest and continues to the legendary Floriani Chapel and up to the summit of Florianiberg. Archaeological excavations reveal evidence of human settlement dating back as far as 4,000 years BC, perhaps unsurprisingly given the spectacular views across the Grazer Becken. The

route continues through vineyards and woodland trails towards Buchkogel and a viewing platform, with magnificent views across western Styria and towards Gleinalm. The return route descends to Seiersberg-Pirka via the Mariazellerweg and then follows the ski slope at Gedersberg back to the bus stop. And for refreshments, both the Luderbauer on Florianiberg and the Orthacker on Buchkogel are worth a visit!

HIKING INFORMATION

Signposted as:
Florianiberg und Gedersberg

↔ 13 km ↑↓ 300 m
⌚ 4:00 h ▲ 574 m

i Start / Finish: Straßgang natural pool or bus stop

🚌 City bus line 32, Bad Straßgang

P By car; parking available at the Straßgang natural pool

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Fitness level: ♥♥♥♥♥

🍴 Food & drink

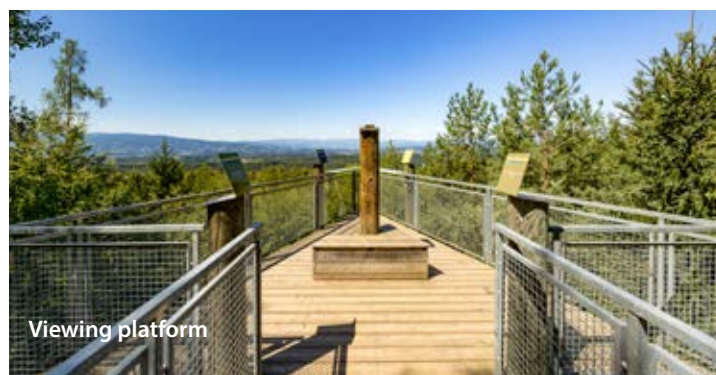
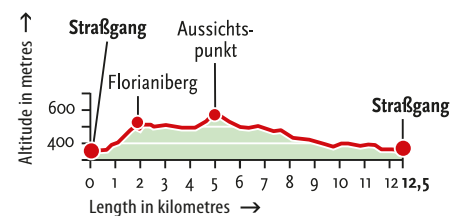
Gasthaus Luderbauer, Gasthaus Orthacker Buchkogel, Meyers Gasthof Orthacker Straßgang, Ferdls Restaurant and more in Seiersberg-Pirka and Straßgang

🌞 Sights & experiences

Swimming at Bad Straßgang, "Maria im Elend" pilgrimage church, Floriani Chapel, viewing platform on Buchkogel, Kronprinz Rudolfwarte observation tower

🚶 Additional tips

Further hiking opportunities on Buchkogel and Plabutsch towards Gösting, with connecting trails to Attendorfberg and Hitzendorf



URBAN HIKE IN GRAZ

Schlossberg with its Clock Tower is not only the landmark of Graz's historic Old Town, but also a symbol of Graz as a walkable city, with its green hills and countless walking and hiking trails.

Both locals and visitors are often surprised by the number of hiking routes within the city limits of Graz. Alongside Schlossberg (474 m) and Reinerkogel (500 m) in the heart of the city, the most important elevations include Buchkogel (600 m), Plabutsch with Graz's highest point, the Fürstenstand (763 m), the woodlands around Gösting Castle Ruins, Platte with the historic Stephanienwarte (651 m), and the popular hills in the east of the city stretching from Mariatrost to Lustbühl. Beautiful trails, hidden paths and narrow tracks lead to all of these green hills.

Graz even boasts its own gorge with flowing water – the Rettenbachklamm gorge. All hiking routes within Graz are accessible by public transport, and many destinations, including Leechwald, Rosenberg and Platte, can be reached on foot from the city centre. Naturally, the city's hiking routes connect seamlessly with the surrounding countryside and, for example, extend into the Hügel- and Schöcklland region. The Graz Region lives up to its motto: "From city to countryside in 10 minutes."



TRAILS

- 1 Across the Summits in the West of Graz
- 2 Over the Mountains – In the Middle of the City!
- 3 Andritz Circular Route
- 4 Stroll between Rosenhain and Mariagrün
- 5 In the Realm of the Leechwald Squirrels
- 6 Rettenbachklamm Gorge – Mariatrost: A Hike for all Senses
- 7 Without Borders: Between Schafal and Stiftingtal Valley
- 8 Fun(ny) Walk at Lustbühl
- 9 Buchkogel: The journey is the Reward
- 10 Off to the South of Graz



Urban hikes in Graz

Further hiking suggestions close to the city:



🚶 Additional tips

For those wishing to learn more about the city, its history and its people, we recommend joining a guided city tour.

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Order the brochure "Strolling through the city and beyond" by calling:

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HIKES IN THE SOUTH OF GRAZ

What could be better! Between the popular Schwarzl Leisure Centre and the Mur floodplains recreation area, there are countless opportunities for leisurely walks and family outings.

South of Graz, wonderful walks and longer hikes can be enjoyed even without high mountains. The circular walk around Lake Schwarzlsee is particularly popular for a short excursion. During the summer season, the leisure centre becomes a hub for a wide variety of water sports and recreational activities. The adjacent Austrian Sculpture Park, featuring more than 70 impressive works of art, also invites visitors to enjoy a free and rewarding walk in a green setting. The Nature Trail in Premstätten provides

a comprehensive introduction to local nature along a one-kilometre route and offers opportunities to test your agility on specially designed activity stations. The Kalsdorf Mur floodplains between the Mühlgang canal and the river Mur are a paradise for relaxed walks through a natural floodplain landscape with beautiful waterside views. There is virtually no elevation gain, but the routes can be extended as far as you wish.

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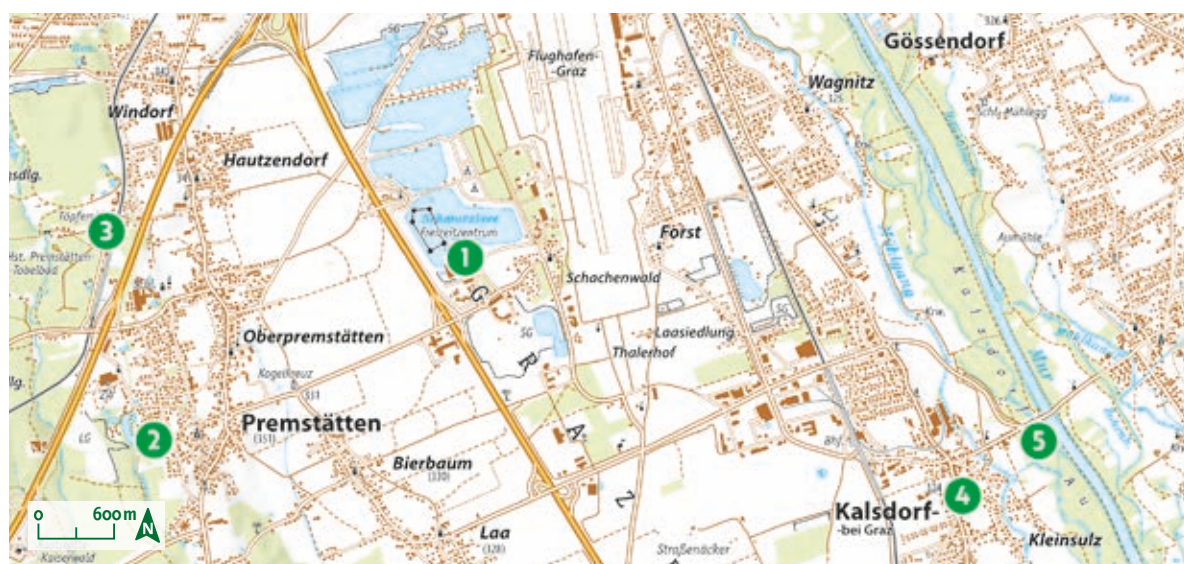
- 1 Lake Schwarzlsee and Austrian Sculpture Park
- 2 Premstätten Nature Trail
- 3 Waldweg der Lebensfreude woodland trail and Franz Trost Circular Trail in Premstätten
- 4 Kalsdorf running and Nordic walking trail
- 5 Kalsdorf Mur floodplains

Food & drink

Many excellent restaurants and inns in Premstätten and Kalsdorf – see: regiongraz.at/foodguide

Sights & experiences

Schwarzl Leisure Centre, Austrian Sculpture Park, Airbase One, Styria Karting, Haindlmühle, Berghofer Farmery, Genussbauernhof Hillebrand



Haindl Mühle seed oil mill, Kalsdorf



BETWEEN RIVER AND ROLLING HILLS

From the Auwiesen recreation area to the green rolling hills with their apple orchards and fruit plantations, a varied landscape unfolds in the south-east of Graz.

At weekends, locals and visitors alike enjoy family walks along the embankment paths beside the river Mur and through the romantic, restored Mur floodplains. Along the Energielehrpfad GU-Süd educational trail, visitors gain fascinating insights into energy generation and supply, while hiking itself contributes to health and well-being. The area is particularly popular with cyclists, as the river provides an ideal starting point for scenic rides and tours into the surrounding hill country. The

region is also easy to explore on foot, whether along the Ferbersbach stream or on the GUW Grazer Umland Hiking Trail over Hühnerberg to Nestelbach bei Graz and onwards to Laßnitzhöhe. Food lovers are equally well catered for, with numerous inns and restaurants serving regional specialities produced by local farmers and producers. Treat yourself to the culinary delights of the Graz Region.

TRAILS

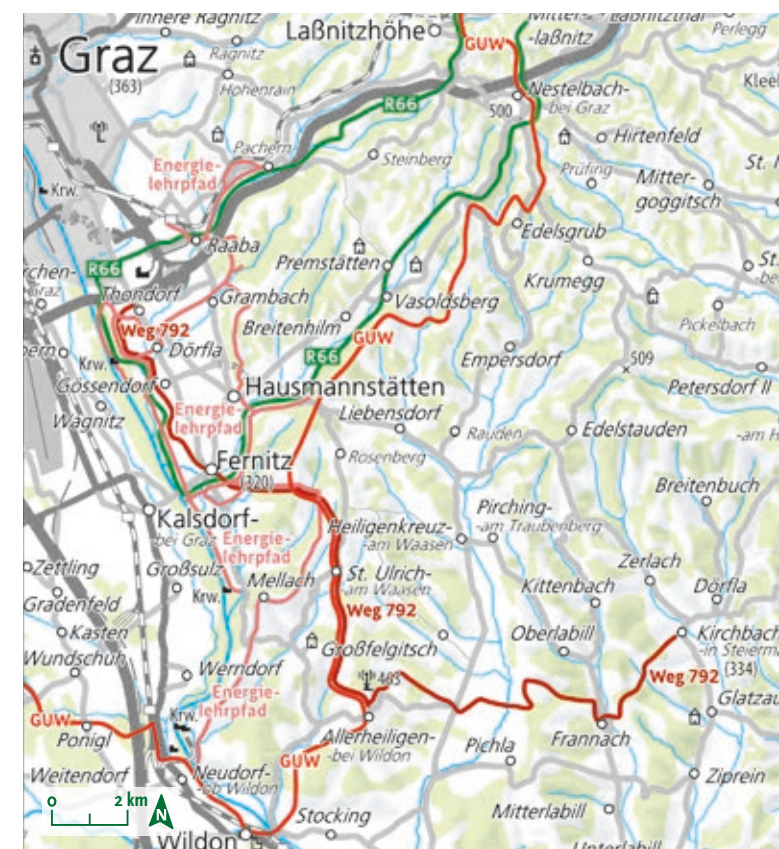
- 1 Mur Floodplains – Trail 792
- 2 GUW Grazer Umland Hiking Trail
- 3 Ferbersbach Cycling and Hiking (R66)
- 4 Energielehrpfad GU-Süd educational trail

Food & drink

Lots of excellent restaurants and inns in Gössendorf, Hart bei Graz and Vasoldsberg – see regiongraz.at/foodguide

Sights & experiences

Mur Floodplains, Gössendorf Hydro-power Plant and the Energielehrpfad GU-Süd educational trail, BattleKart Graz-Gössendorf, Klingensteiner Achteckstadt, Hügelland Alpacas Vasoldsberg



Mur floodplains

LONG-DISTANCE HIKING AND PILGRIMAGE

"The journey is the destination" – nowhere is this saying more appropriate than on a pilgrimage or a long-distance hike. The Graz Region boasts several national and international routes that offer exactly those experiences!

For pilgrims, the journey is often about spiritual discovery, while long-distance hikers are more likely to seek physical challenges and impressive mountain and nature experiences. What both have in common are the unforgettable impressions gained along the way.

The best-known pilgrimage route through the Graz Region is undoubtedly the Styrian Mariazell Pilgrimage Route, which enters from Carinthia, passes through the city of Graz via Mariatrost and the Schöcklland region, and continues towards the Almenland region.

A popular and leisurely one-day pilgrimage is the Pope Francis Pilgrimage Route. Starting at the Mariatrost Basilica, it leads through Weinitzen to

the Basilica on Weizberg and is also ideal for first-time pilgrims.

The West Styrian Way of St James has several variants, connecting Thal, Bärnbach, Köflach and Modriach. One variant crosses Gleinalpe and Speikkogel, providing a genuine mountain experience.

The recently created Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail is a long-distance route that runs entirely within the Graz Region. Covering more than 100 kilometres, it is divided into six varied daily stages, all conveniently accessible by S-Bahn and suitable for both day hikes and multi-day tours. Further details can be found on pages 24–27.

Other important national long-distance hiking trails include the North–

South Hiking Trail 05 (European Long Distance Trail E6), the Central Alpine Trail 02 and the Koralm Crystal Trail. All of these routes traverse the high peaks and mountain ranges of the region – including Gleinalpe, Packalpe and Stubalpe – running from the north-west to the south-west of the Graz Region.

Experienced multi-day hikers who enjoy planning their own routes will find countless opportunities around Graz to combine trails into individual itineraries. The extensive and well-developed network of paths offers a wide variety of options for ambitious tours. Along the way, welcoming inns and mountain huts provide comfortable overnight accommodation and welcome opportunities for rest and refreshment.

TRAILS

- 1 Styrian Mariazell Pilgrimage Route 06
- 2 Mariazeller Gründerweg Trail
- 3 Pope Francis Pilgrimage Route
- 4 West Styrian Way of St James

LONG-DISTANCE HIKING TRAILS

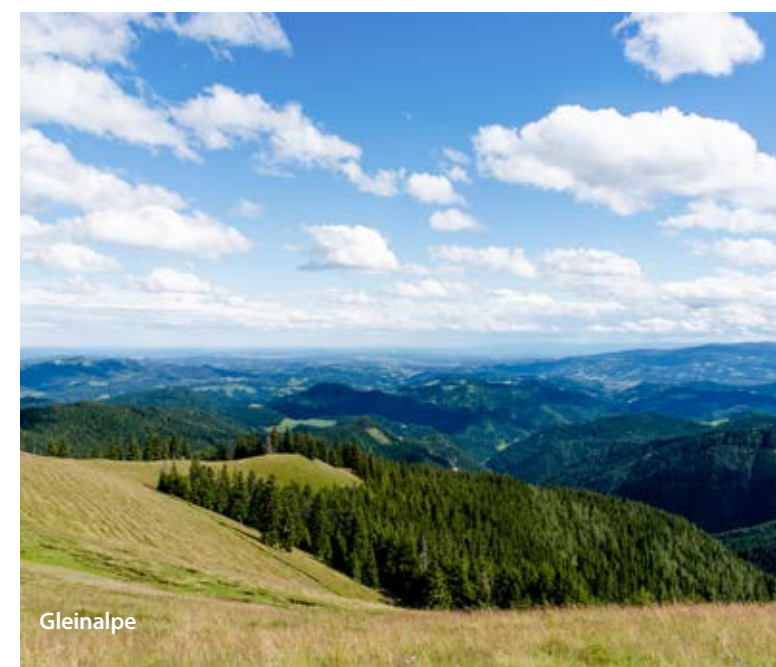
- 5 North–South Hiking Trail 05/E6
- 6 Central Alpine Trail 02
- 7 Koralm Crystal Trail
- 8 From Glacier to Wine
- 9 Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail



Ernst Fuchs Church, Thal



Pilgrimage Church of Maria Lankowitz



Gleinalpe

Additional tips

Especially when undertaking long-distance hikes, keeping pack weight to a minimum is one of the keys to success, as a backpack that is too heavy can quickly take the enjoyment out of hiking.

More information on the pilgrimage routes can be found at:
pfweg.eu, mariazellerwege.at,
jakobsweg-weststeiermark.at

GETTING TO WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH A GOOD PLAN

HIKING MAPS FOR THE GRAZ REGION

- Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail
- Hiking map Schöckl – St. Radegund
- Hiking map Semriach & Peggau
- Hiking around Frohnleiten
- Hiking around Laßnitzhöhe
- Hiking and walking trails around Köflach
- Hiking atlas and backpack hiking tours, Steirische Rucksackdörfer
- Hiking around Ligist
- Graz – Strolling through the city and beyond

Order at: regiongraz.at/brochures

Freytag & Berndt hiking maps

WK 131, WK 132, WK 133, 1:50,000
(available for purchase)

MOUNTAIN HIKING GUIDES – GUIDED HIKES

Anyone who enjoys spending time in nature and sharing the pleasure of hiking with like-minded people should consider joining a guided hike. The hiking guides know the most scenic spots and the most rewarding viewpoints throughout the Graz Region. Thanks to their extensive local knowledge and hiking expertise, they ensure that all participants reach their destination safely, while also sharing the occasional insider tip. Whether on well-known hiking routes or quiet hidden trails, certified mountain hiking guides turn every excursion into a memorable nature experience. Please note that the guided hikes are held in German only.
regiongraz.at/wandertouren



THE GRAZ REGION HIKING BADGE

Climb the most beautiful peaks of the Graz Region and collect hiking points along the way. Numerous mountain huts, scenic viewpoints and varied landscapes make every tour a special experience.

It's easy:

Download the app free of charge, register and start collecting points throughout the Graz Region. Once you have collected 100 points, you will receive the Graz Region Hiking Badge as your reward.

The Grazer Bergland Hiking Trail is also included: Covering around 103 kilometres, it leads north of Graz through forests, across panoramic ridges and through vibrant villages and towns in six daily stages. In total, around 4,300 metres of elevation gain are conquered. Digital hiking badges in bronze, silver and gold are awarded for completed stages.

regiongraz.at/digital-hiking-badge

Download the app here:

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ALPINE CLUB CONTACTS

ÖAV – Österreichischer Alpenverein: alpenverein.at

Naturfreunde Österreich: naturfreunde.at

ÖTK – Österreichischer Touristenklub: oetk.at



ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW

DOGS ON ALPINE PASTURES – GUIDELINES FOR HIKERS

Alpine pastures and grazing land shape our cultural landscape and are the foundation of regional food production and natural biodiversity. These beautiful landscapes can only be preserved and enjoyed by visitors through ongoing management and careful cultivation. Hikers are therefore asked to respect these environments and behave responsibly.

- Keep your distance from livestock and do not pet or feed the animals.
- Avoid startling or disturbing livestock.
- Please note! In particular, avoid encounters between dogs and livestock with young offspring.
- Keep dogs on a short lead! If an attack by grazing livestock appears imminent, release the dog immediately.
- Stay on the path! Do not leave marked hiking trails on alpine pastures and grazing land. Avoid shortcuts or off-trail routes.
- Avoid grazing livestock! If animals are blocking the path, pass them with the greatest possible distance.

sichere-almen.at

HIKING EQUIPMENT, ALPINE EMERGENCY NUMBER AND SAFETY

The golden rule when packing your rucksack is: Take as much as necessary, but as little as possible! What is truly necessary is, to some extent, a matter of experience. After a few hikes, you will have a good idea of what you need and what you can comfortably leave at home.

In the mountains, the principle of layered clothing has proven particularly effective. Ideally, wear at least 4 to 5 layers that can be added or removed depending on the weather conditions and level of exertion.

The following items should always be carried in your hiking rucksack: first-aid kit and blister plasters, sufficient food and water, spare clothing, a warm jacket, protection from the sun, wind and rain, a hiking map and a mobile phone.

Safety and equipment tips:
bergrettung.at

ALPINE EMERGENCY 140

NAVIGATION

The recommended routes follow signposted hiking trails. Before setting out, we recommend printing the detailed route description and hiking map available via the QR code provided for each tour. To do this, click on "Open Full Screen" under "Map & Downloads". From there, the entire route can be shared, printed or downloaded.

During the hike, the app makes it easy to navigate using your smartphone. For remote routes, such as those in the Gleinalm area, a paid offline version is recommended. For winter tours, carrying reliable maps and a printed route description is strongly advised for safety reasons.
regiongraz.at/tours
outdooractive.at
bergfex.at



Hiking guides

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The quickest way to get to the Graz Region



[regiongraz.at/
getting-here](https://regiongraz.at/getting-here)



graz-airport.at



oebb.at



asfinag.at

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS

Graz Airport offers daily connections from and to the most important European destinations. Austria's second-largest city is also easily accessible by train and coach. With the newly opened Koralm Railway, travel times from many cities have been significantly reduced. When arriving by car, please note that from 1 December 2026, the Austrian motorway and expressway vignette is only available in digital form.



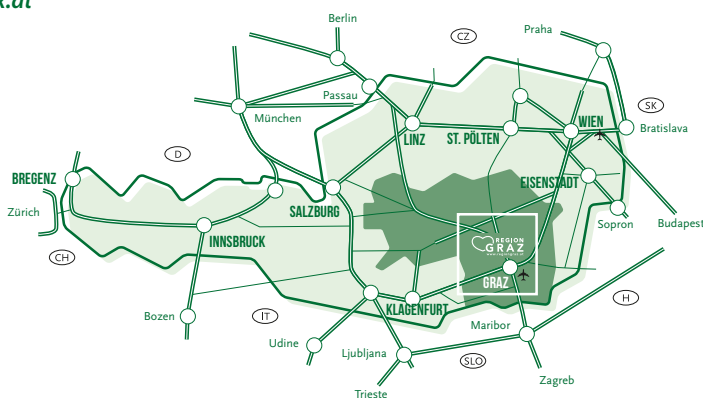
LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Within the Graz Region, there are seven S-Bahn connections and a large number of regional buses available. The shared taxi network flux completes the local public transport.

verbundlinie.at, flux.at

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