

Unternberg Peak Hike



- » Length (Round-trip): 10.6 kilometres
- » Walking time (Round-trip): 4:30 h
- » Difficulty Level: Mountain tour, long inclines
- » The starting point can be reached with the village bus – Please pay attention to the schedules! «

From the starting point at the Unternberg chair lift, follow the wide forest road to the Raffner Alm (No. 40). Pass the Raffner Alm on the right and follow the path along the north side of the Unternberg. Then turn right onto path No.40. From there, the path follows a gently inclining serpentine path up to the Unternberg ridge. The hiking path takes you along the ridge and past the Unternberg mountain meadow huts to the restaurant at the peak and the chairlift station. You can return to the starting point following the same route. If you wish to avoid the descent, you can take the double-seated chairlifts down to the valley.

Special Features:

At the peak you can witness the hang-gliders and paragliders starting their flights up-close. At the peak there is a small shrine instead of the usual summit cross.

Rauschberg – Alpine Peak-Hike

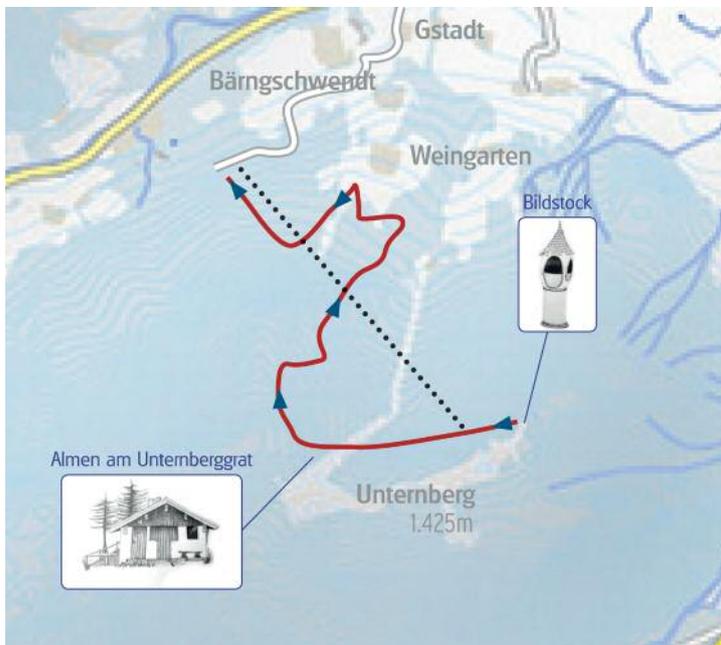
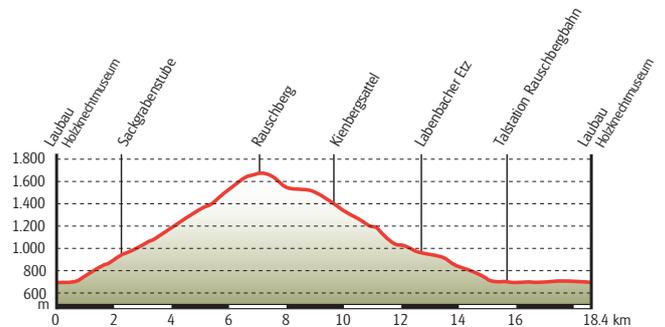
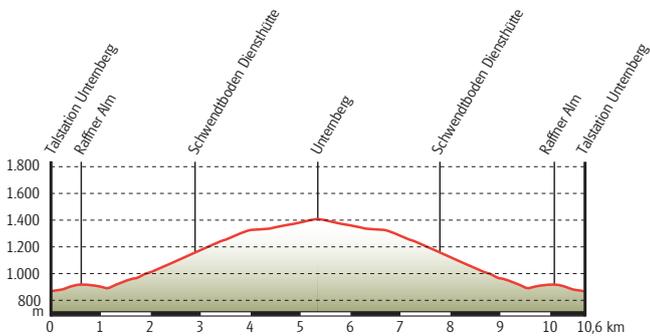


- » Length (Circular Route): 18.8 kilometres
- » Walking time (Circular Route): 8:50 h
- » Difficulty Level: difficult mountain tour, long inclines; sure footedness is necessary, Pay attention to safety notices!
- » The starting point can be reached by the village bus – Please pay attention to the schedules! «

From the starting point at the Holznechtmuseum (Lumber Jack Museum) in the part of town called Laubau walk along the forestry street (No.31) until you reach the Fischbachbrücke (Fish Brook Bridge). After the bridge go left leaving the Allinger Stube to your right, turn right onto path No.22. After you pass the Sackgraben hut, you will reach a fork in the path – keep left. You will then leave the forestry street and turn right onto the steep path (No.22), which passes through a romantic mountain forest. The forest opens into a mountain pasture on the back of the Rauschberg. From here, follow the serpentines to the mountain restaurant and the summit cross. Take path No.20 back to the valley via the Kienbergsattel, the former Kienberg ski lift and the Labenbacher Etz above the Froschsee lake to the Rauschberg cable car base station. (An easier descent is via the Rauschberg cable car). Then take the level path past the Taubensee lake (No.21) along the forestry road (No.35) back to the starting point in Laubau.

Special Features:

The world's highest "art mile" awaits you on the summit of Ruhpolding's highest mountain. There you will also find an Alpine adventure path and an informational path describing the vegetation, botany, and zoology of the alpine arena.



Ruhpolding's Saga Path



- » Length (Circular Route): 5.5 kilometres
- » Walking time (including time to read the stories): 1:25 h
- » Difficulty Level: Walking path with nearly no inclines (good for baby buggies!)

From the starting point at the Eggelbrücke (Eggel bridge) walk along the Dr. Degener Promenade (No.80) to the memorial of the union of the original three villages in 1882. As soon as you turn into the Saga path (No.83) on the right, follow the path to the Seehauser Street that crosses it. After you cross the Seehauser Street, the path continues on over the Mühlwinkl to the Mühlbauernkapelle (miller farmer chapel). Turn left here and follow the street towards the Wasen district, which you will reach after the bend in the road to the left. Take a right onto the path in front of the farmhouse with the inscription "Beim Schifter." This level path (No.85) leads over the idyllic cow pastures in the Fuchsau part of town to the Dr. Degener Promenade (No.80), after you have crossed the Seehauser Street again. Walk downstream to the Eggel Bridge.

Special Features:

In Ruhpolding, there are quite a few old sagas and ghost stories. Some of these stories about ghosts and mystical creatures are told and illustrated along the saga path. You can get a detailed brochure in the Tourist Information Office for a 1.00 € fee.

Fairy Tale Hike

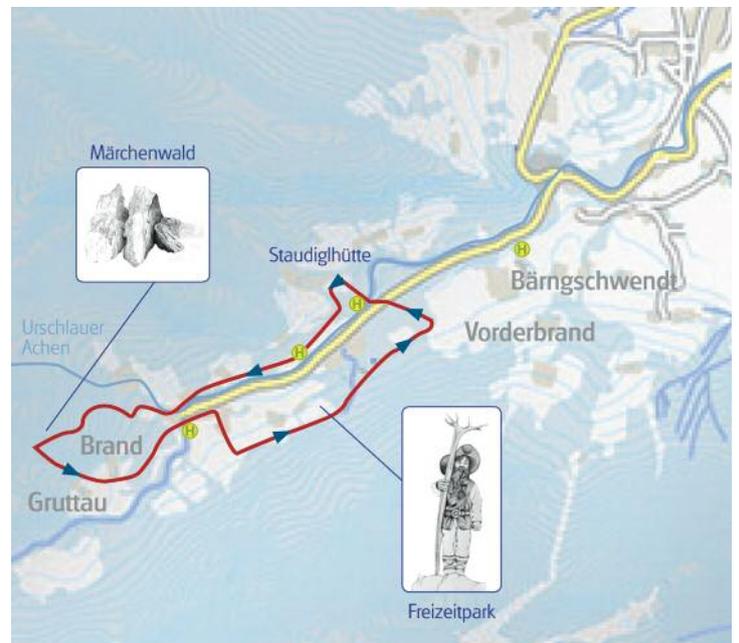
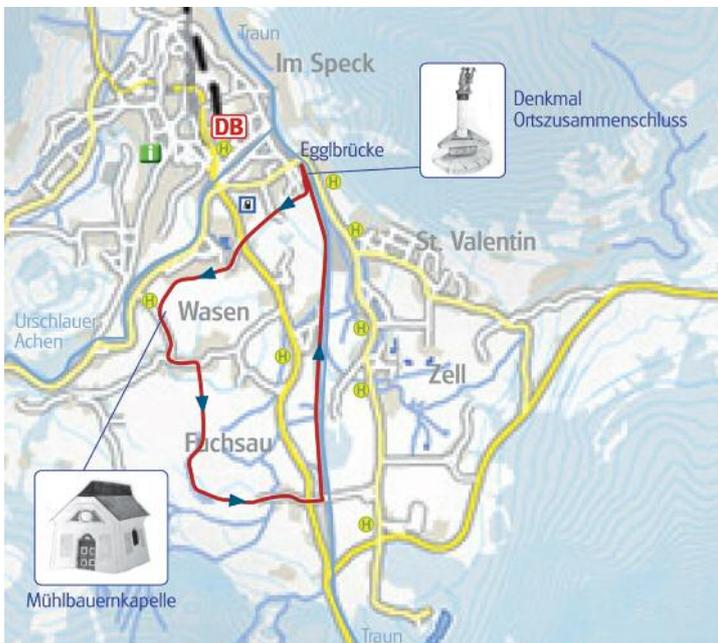
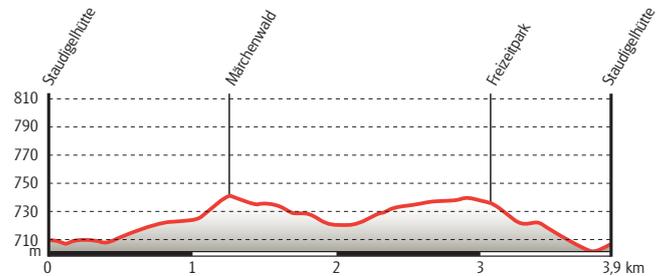
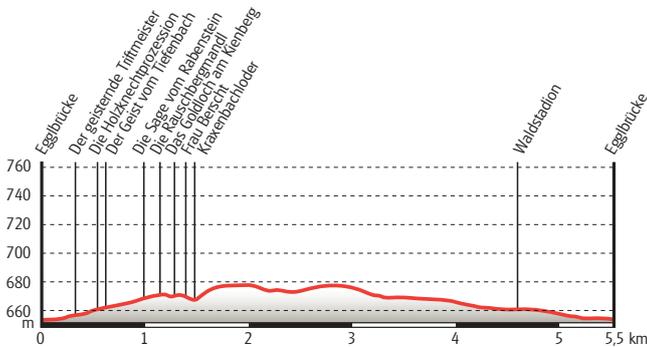


- » Length: 3.9 kilometres
- » Walking time: 1:10 h
- » Difficulty Level: A walk with barely any inclines
- » The starting point can be reached with the village bus – Please pay attention to the schedules! «

Begin at the Staudigel hut in Vorderbrand. Walk upstream to the right of the Urschlauer Achen along the narrow path (No.50) until you reach the restaurant Gasthof Brand. At the back of the restaurant, cross the small brook and follow path No.50 towards the mystical, fairy forest. Here you will find many little paths that lead to a path leading past an enchanted lucky grotto or a bear cave from times long past. You reach the "exit" of the fairy forest by always orienting yourself to the main path. When you reach an asphalted road, turn left and follow the street to the district road. You are then back in the Brand district. Now cross the bridge and turn onto the next asphalted road on the right (No.41). After you have passed the farms you will enter the woods in which the Ruhpolding amusement park is located. It is worth taking a detour! The path leads back towards the Staudigelhütte after you turn left in the direction of Vorderbrand (No.41) and cross the bridge.

Special Features:

Much to the delight of active parents, it is easy to keep "little hikers" motivated on this short but impressive walk. The natural fable forest enchants children with its magic. The amusement park with over 40 attractions guarantees a fun time.



Cultural Walk

- » Length (Circular Route): 7.4 kilometres
- » Walking time (Circular Route): 2:00 h
- » Difficulty Level: Walking path with minimal inclines

From the starting point at the Eggelbrücke (Eggel Bridge), begin walking downstream on the left hand side of the Traun, past the tennis courts (No.81) towards the Bojernsteg (footbridge). Cross the Traun here and follow the path along the Schwabenbauernweg towards Ruhpolding's train station. Now go left at the historical Schwaben farmstead and walk along the Roman-Friesinger Street to the Hauptstraße (main street). Take a right onto the Hauptstraße and take it to the ducal hunting palace built in 1537 with its chapel and the Bartholomäus-Schmucker Museum of Local History (behind the Hotel zur Post). Then follow the main street in the same direction and turn left onto the Rathausstraße (town hall street). Go up the hill along the Kirchberggasse (church hill street), to the gorgeous parish church St. Georg with its picturesque mountain cemetery. From here, the asphalted street (Gunezhainerweg) leads past the new cemetery and the "boards of the dead." These are memorials for Ruhpolding's citizens who served the community. Next turn left to the next turn-off at the Miesenbach Chapel. The chapel was built in 1992 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Ruhpolding Traditional Dress and Dance Club. Continue on the Brandstätter Street. Cross this street and follow the path through the Kurpark (Village Park), past the Kurhaus and the mini-golf course until you reach the Urschlaubrook banks. Take the Toni-Stengel Weg (No.82) upstream along the brook. The path takes a sharp left and a small descent leads to the historical Windbeutelgräfin (the "cream puff countess" restaurant). Take a left at the Mühlbauern Chapel in the part of town called Wasen and follow the path (No.83). After you cross the Seehauser Street you will arrive at the village's Protestant church (Johanneskirche). Go past the former Speedway Stadium and continue upstream along the Traun and cross the Dr. Degener-Promenade (No.80) to the Bäckersteg (Baker's foot bridge). After you cross the footbridge, you will meet the Grashof Street where you will take a left. Now follow the street to the part of town called Zell, where the gothic church St. Valentin is located. Then follow the Traun downstream back towards the starting point at the Eggelbrücke.

Special Features:

There are many crosses, stone memorial columns, wayside crosses and smaller chapels in Ruhpolding. You can obtain a detailed brochure of these memorials for 0.50 € at the Tourist Information Office.

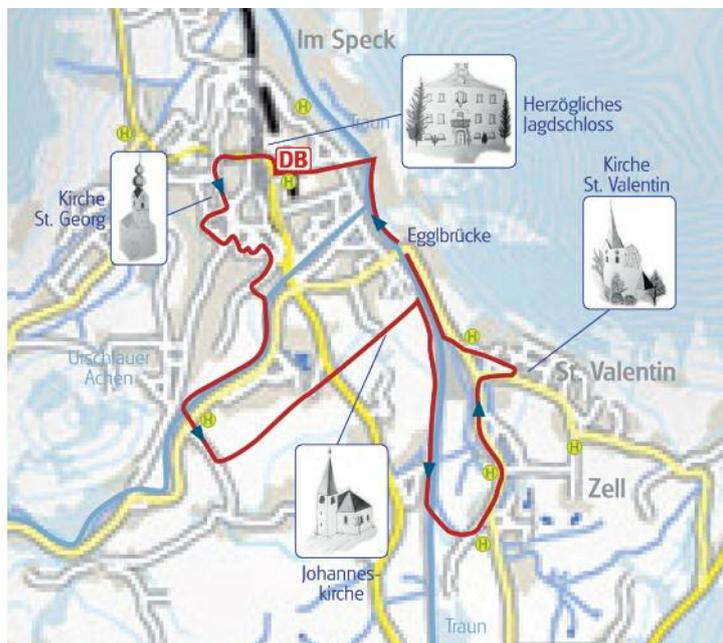
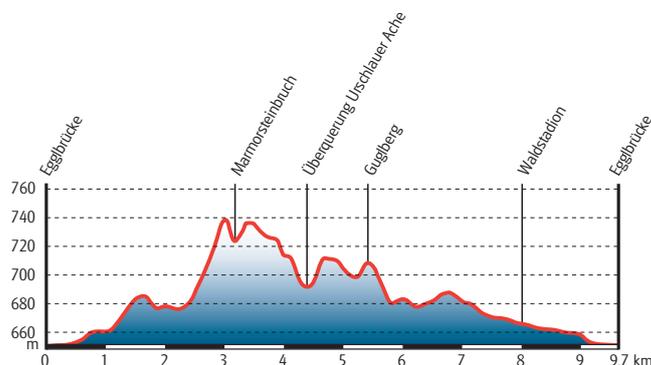
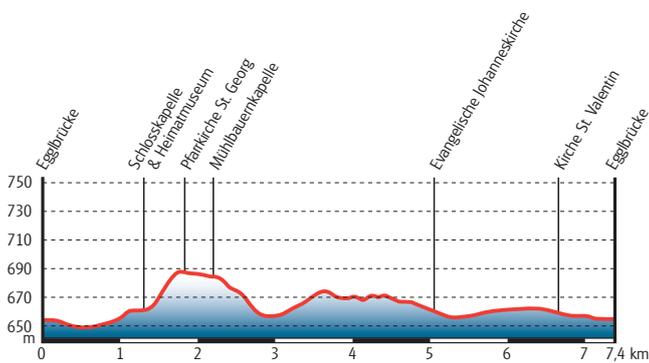
A Walk Around the Valley

- » Length (Circular Route): 9.7 kilometres
- » Walking time (Circular Route): 2:50 h
- » Difficulty Level: Level walking path with minimal inclines
- » Use the village bus for "short-cuts" – Please pay attention to the schedules! «

This ramble begins at the Eggelbrücke (Eggel bridge). Across from the hiker's parking lot, continue along the path towards the tennis courts. Then take a left onto the Parkweg (path No.80) and walk upstream along the Urschlauer Achen stream to the traffic light. Now cross the Hauptstraße (main street). After the bridge, take a left onto path No.82. Take a left onto the Brandstätter Straße which crosses your path after a few hundred meters and walk along the slope to the Brandstätter Bridge. Keep right before the bridge and continue on the forestry road (No.50) towards the part of town called Maiergschwendt. After crossing Maiergschwendt Street, go left and then take a turn to the right along the path parallel to the street. Head onto the narrow pathway past the quarry (Nr.50). As soon as you have rejoined the asphalted street, take a left and follow the street. You will then cross Urschlauer Achen stream again and turn right, then left again after a few meters onto path No.41. The incline will take you through a small forest to the Bärngschwendt district. Take a left onto path 41 across from a splendidly painted farmstead. Go past the Guglberg and the Gstatt district (path No.85) and ramble past the para-gliding school. A narrow asphalted street (No.85) will lead you past the picturesque meadows and pastures at the base of the Unternberg. In the "Fuchsau" cross the Seehauserstraße and turn left onto the Dr. Degener Promenade (No.80). From there you can return to the starting point at the Eggelbrücke.

Special Features:

From the Early Middle Ages until the 1970s, the quarry was used for architectural and decorative marble. Its popularity in Ruhpolding is evident by its extensive use in many structures around the parish church St. George such as the baptismal font, fountain, gravestones, etc. In 2009, the marble quarry received the honour of being called "Bavaria's most beautiful Geotope".



Along the Southern Bank of the Traun River



- » Length (Circular Route): 5.6 kilometres
- » Walking time (Circular Route): 1:25 h
- » Difficulty Level: Level walking path without inclines

The hike begins at the Eggbrücke (Eggl Bridge) and continues along the Mayer-Hias-Weg (path) left of the Traun up the stream to the Bäckersteg (No.81). Here you turn left and follow the path along the Windbach (brook) around the golf course (No.86). After you cross the Grashof Street, take a right at the third branch point and cross the Etzgraben and the part of town called Hutzenau. You will then rejoin the Grashof Street. Keep left and turn right the next path that leads to the Ortnerbrücke (bridge). Cross the bridge and follow the Dr. Degener Promenade (No.80) down river back to the starting point.

Special Features:

When you reach the 18-hole golf course, you will be rewarded with a beautiful view of the Miesenbach valley and the meadow where the hang- and paragliders launching from the Rauschberg land.

Röthelmoos Tour

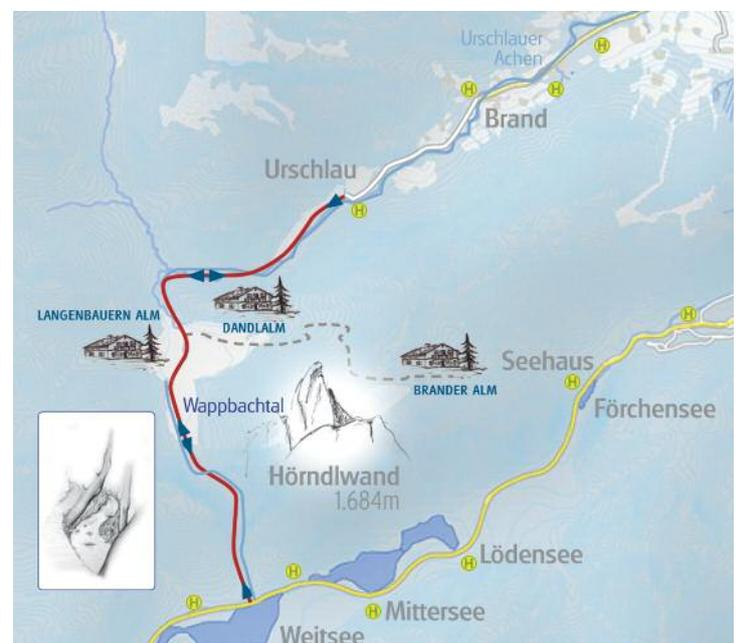
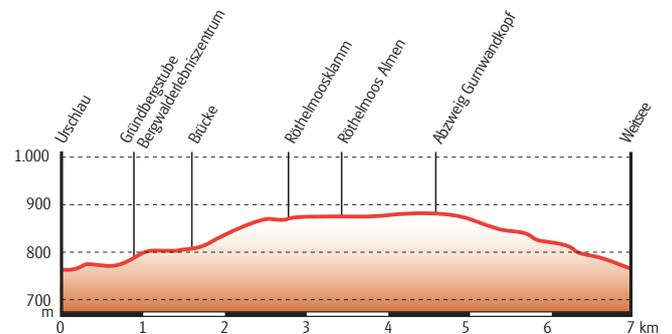
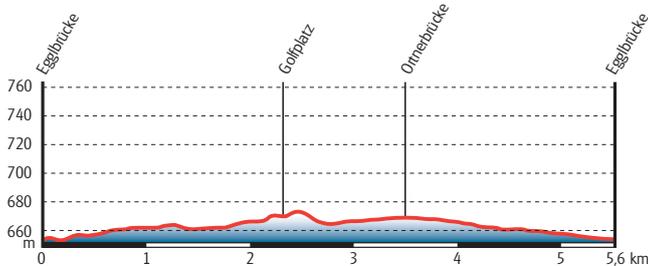


- » Length: 7 kilometres
- » Walking time: 2:15 h
- » Difficulty Level: Level walking path with minimal inclines
- » Beginning and end points can be reached by the village bus – Please pay attention to the schedules! «

Begin by walking upstream the Urschlauer Achen along the tarred road (No.48) from the Urschlaue district until you reach a fork in the road. Hold left and follow the wide forestry road (No.48). This road leads to the Röthelmoos pasture area (the mountain huts serve refreshments between May and October) located under the Hörndlwand. At the crossing, continue on straight ahead along path No.49 up to the turnoff to the right towards the Wappbachtal valley. Now walk downstream along the romantic, narrow path by the lively Wappbach brook until the path crosses the German Alpine road. In the summer months you can enjoy a refreshing dip in the Weitsee, Mittersee or Lödensee lakes. From here, depending on the schedules, you can take the bus back to Ruhpolding.

Special Features:

Alpine pastures with huts and a lake district: two scenic highlights on one route!

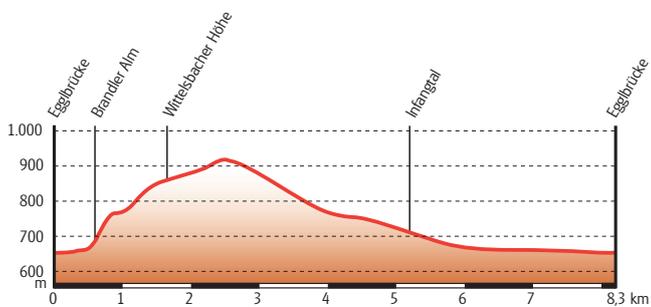


Anniversary Path – Wittelsbach Heights



- » Length (Circular Route): 8.3 kilometres
- » Walking time (Circular Route): 2:55 h
- » Difficulty Level: A walk with middle and occasionally longer inclines

Begin at the Egglebrücke (Eggl bridge) and walk downstream along the Traun on the Miesenbacher Straße. Cross the Miesenbacher Straße and follow path No.11 across the hill to the Brandler Alm restaurant. Go left past the "Brandler," along the long incline to the path No.11 up to the scenic vantage point with a magnificent view of the valley. The path then continues along serpentine through a forest to the "Wittelsbacher Höhe" clearing. At this point, take a left onto the forestry road No. 11. As soon as you reach the first fork in the path, hold right onto path No. 10. At the next fork, hold right again onto path No. 19 towards Infangtal. Then, take a left at the main road and then take a right after a few meters onto path No. 87 (towards the golf course). You will reach path No. 86 by crossing the small bridge to the right. Follow the path to the Traun banks and from there walk downstream along the Mayer-Hias-Weg (No.81) to your starting point.



Along the Smugglers' Route to the Heutal (Austria)



- » Length (Round-trip): 16.4 kilometres
- » Walking time (Round-trip): 5:30 h
- » Difficulty Level: A hiking path with long inclines, an easy mountain tour

» The starting point can be reached by the village bus – Please pay attention to the schedules! «

From the Lumberjack Museum (Holzknechtmuseum) in the Laubau district, walk along path No.30 until you reach a fork in the road. Take a right and follow the flat forestry road (No.30) upstream along the Fischbach brook until it ends. (You will save time if you bike this portion). Then cross the small bridge and hike along the narrow path (No.34) – this path used to be the smugglers' route to neighbouring Austria – up to the Staubfall waterfall. After you passed under the "Staubfall," follow the level path towards the Heutal where you can stop for a meal or refreshments. You can reach the starting point returning the same way.

Special Features:

It is a great experience to feel the misty spray of the Staubfall waterfall in your face! This is also a great biking/hiking combination excursion.

