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Turk's cap lily



The lynx – a symbol of forest wilderness

Welcome to Kalkalpen National Park

Feel the spirit of wilderness

Kalkalpen National Park protects the last big forest wilderness of Austria, with the longest natural stream system in the Northern Limestone Alps. The area provides habitats for an extraordinary diversity of animals and plants. In 2017 the ancient beech forests of Kalkalpen National Park were recognised as Austria's first UNESCO World Natural Heritage site.



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Ancient and Primeval
Beech Forests of the
Carpathians and
Other Regions of Europe
Inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 2017

Opened 25 July 1997

International recognition IUCN category II, Natura 2000 and Ramsar site, UNESCO World Natural Heritage

Locality Sengsengebirge and Reichraminger Hintergebirge, Austria

Elevation 385 to 1,963 metres (Hoher Nock)

Size 20,850 hectares, of which

forest	81 %
dwarf pine	8 %
alpine meadows & pastures ...	6 %
rock	5 %
nature zone	89 %
management zone	11 %

Ownership

state	88 %
private	11 %
local government	1 %



Natural characteristics

Largest forest wilderness of Austria:

- 200** kilometres of natural streams
- 800** springs
- 30** different types of forest, with areas of primeval forests and natural beech forests
- 55** mammals, including 17 bat species
- 80** breeding birds, including 6 woodpecker species
- 1,000** flowering plants, 42 wild orchid species
- 1,560** butterflies – the highest number in Austria
- 550** years old! The oldest beech tree in the alpine region.

Enormous number of beetles

Among them 41 primeval forest relict species such as rosalia longicorn beetle and Austrian-wood borer

High population of primeval forest birds

such as the white-backed woodpecker, Tengmalm's owl and red-breasted flycatcher

Homecomers: Golden eagle, otter, black stork, peregrine falcon and the lynx have found a home and shelter

More than 100 endemic species: plants and animals that exist only in the Alps, e.g. cave beetle species in the Sengsengebirge



Blumaueralm



Scarce Fritillary butterfly



Natural beech forest



UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site



Europe's last primeval beech forests

Beech forests are Europe's natural wilderness. Over the centuries they were pushed back significantly by human settlement and economic usage. The last primeval beech forests were designated as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site in 18 European countries. Kalkalpen National Park and Dürrenstein-Lassingtal Wilderness Area are Austria's only Natural World Heritage sites so far. This is a great decoration.



Alpine longhorn beetle

Natural old beech forests are often last habitats for endangered species, such as the White backed woodpecker or the Rosalia longicorn beetle. Old forests with dead wood are essential for their survival.



In Kalkalpen National Park scientists discovered the oldest beech tree in the entire alpine region. The lynx is a symbol of the return of wilderness. Unfortunately some individuals were killed illegally, his future in our region lies in human hands.



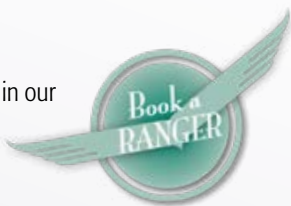


Ranger tours all year round

Experience wildlife, feel wilderness, enjoy alpine pastures – join us on a guided tour into Kalkalpen National Park with our rangers at all seasons of the year! Please contact our visitor centres.

Tour programme

All guided tours and events can be found in our visitor programme leaflet or on the internet. You can also book your individual tour on your desired date.



- UNESCO World heritage tours: Diversity in beech forests
- Red deer watching
- Butterflies – flying jewels
- E-Biking tours
- Alpine pasture tours
- Snowshoeing in winter wonderland and many more ...

www.kalkalpen.at



Tip: gift vouchers
for guided tours available!



Nature trails and managed huts

“Auf den Spuren der Waldbahn”

Hintergebirge cycle path along the old forest railway, Reichraming

Starting point: Reichraming or Unterlaussa/Mooshöhe. **Length:** 46 km (3 ½ hours). **Rest points** : Große Klaushütte, Anlaufalm, Radlertreff Mooshöhe.

“Im Tal des Holzes”

Circular footpath into the Weißenbach valley, Reichraming

Starting point: Weißenbach car park/Reichraming.

Length: 5 km (2 hours)

“Wilderness Trail Buchensteig”



Trail through natural beech forests, Reichraming

Starting point: Anzenbachschrannen/Reichraming. **Length:** 1st stage to Wilder Graben 3 ½ km, 2nd stage to Große Klause 6 km (3 ½ hours).

Rest point: Große Klaushütte 


“Wollgras, Alm und Wasserschwinde”

Circular footpath across the Ebenforst wetland

Starting point: Ebenforstalm (2 hours climb from Bodinggraben/Molln). **Length:** 2 km (1 hour). **Rest point:** Ebenforstalm  

“Wasser-Spuren”



Traces of water: into the Bodinggraben valley, Molln

Starting point: Scheiblingau car park/Bodinggraben. **Length:** 5 ½ km, (1 ½ hours). **Rest point:** Jagahäusl 

“Natur-Spuren”

Traces of nature: from Villa Sonnwend to Wurbauerkogel hill, Roßbleithen/Windischgarsten

Starting points: Villa Sonnwend or Wurbauerkogel Panorama Tower.



Walking time: 3 ½ hours. **Rest points** : Villa Sonnwend *National Park Lodge*  and Wurbauerkogel mountain restaurant



“Von Alm zu Alm”

*Circular footpath from pasture to pasture,
Hengstpass/Windischgarsten*

Starting points: Hengstpassshütte or one of the managed huts :

Puglalm, Spitzenbergeralm, Laussabaueralm , Zickerreith 

Length: Long trail 4 km, Short trail $\frac{3}{4}$ km



Some more temporarily managed huts and rest points within the National Park:

Anlaufalm  

982 m above sea level

Starting point: Brunnbach. 3 hours

Blahbergalm 

1,040 m above sea level


Starting points: Weißwasser/Unterlaussa, 1 ½ hours,

Hengstpass 3 hours

Ebenforstalm  


1,104 m above sea level

Starting point: Bodinggraben/Molln, 1 ½ – 2 hours

Schaumbergalm 

1,150 m above sea level

Starting point: Bodinggraben/Molln, 1 ½ – 2 hours

Feichtauhütte self-catering hut 

1,365 m above sea level






Starting point: Bodinggraben/Molln, 2 ½ hours

***Please contact our visitor centres for further information, e.g.
opening hours, food and drink available · www.kalkalpen.at***



Arrival by train or public transport

- To Windischgarsten: train services from Linz, Vienna and Graz
- To Reichraming: local train services from Linz/St. Valentin via Steyr
Timetable: www.oebb.at
- Hiking taxi Pyhrn-Priel www.urlaubsregion-pyhrn-priel.at
- Call-a-bus Windischgarsten–Hengstpass, Route 435 www.ooevg.at
- Shuttle-services Enns-, Steyr- and Kremstal
www.steyr-nationalpark.at

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|  Information |  National park infrastructure |
|  Bivouac site |  Temporarily managed hut (rest point) |
|  Themed nature trail | within the National Park |





Ennstal National Park Visitor Centre



Ennstal Visitor Centre is located between Reichraming and Großraming, directly on the Enns River and is an ideal destination for groups, schools and families.

- **Exhibition “Wonderful Woodland Wilderness”**
- **Forest cinema “Am Weg zur Waldwildnis”**
- **Visitor information, ranger tour booking office & shop**
- **Earth cube “Wilderness in the soil”**
- **Forest indoor workshop for pupils**



Contact

Eisenstraße 75
4462 Reichraming
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info-ennstal@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at

Tour tips

- Ranger tours in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage
- Wilderness trail “Buchensteig”
- Cycling Tour “Auf den Spuren der Waldbahn”





Wurbauerkogel Panorama Tower



The National Park Panorama Tower is located near the village of Windischgarsten on the Wurbauerkogel Adventure Mountain. On a clear day the 21-metre-high glass tower offers a breathtaking panoramic view over 21 mountains higher than 2,000 metres.

- **Exhibition "Fascinating Rocks"**
- **Rock cinema "Limestone Paradise"**
- **Visitor information & shop**
- **Panorama lift**

Audioguide!
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Contact

Wurbauerkogel 29
4581 Rosenau
phone +43 (0) 75 62 200 46
panoramaturm@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.panoramaturm.at

Wurbauerkogel Adventure Mountain

Mountain restaurant, Alpine Coaster, 3D Field Archery, Downhill Bikepark, chair lift; Themed nature trail to Villa Sonnwend *National Park Lodge*





Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge



Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge is situated in an idyllic, sunny location near Windischgarsten, surrounded by nature and breathtaking mountain scenery. The Jugendstil Villa is perfectly equipped for seminars, workshops or your holidays.

We offer:

- One-day seminars
- All-inclusive seminar packages
- National Park packages for individual guests and groups
- Booking & starting point for National Park tours
- National Park visitor information & shop

Facilities and service

- 28 rooms 3 ★ ★ ★ superior
- 3 modernly equipped seminar rooms
- Ahorn Arena for outdoor seminars
- Sauna with relaxation room, infrared cabin
- Local and healthy cuisine
- National Park restaurant with sun terrace
- Large park with forester's hut

Information and bookings

Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge
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www.villa-sonnwend.at



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Further Information Offices

Windischgarsten Information Office

The team of the Windischgarsten Tourist Office offers comprehensive information about the Pyhrn-Priel Holiday Region as well as hiking and excursion tips.

- Visitor information & shop
- Ranger tour booking office

Contact:

Bahnhofstraße 2, 4580 Windischgarsten
phone +43 (0) 75 62 / 52 66-17
info-wdg@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at



Hengstpass Visitor Hut

Information and self-catering hut

Hengstpass is one of the most popular hiking destinations in Kalkalpen National Park and can also be reached by car. The hut at the top of the pass is an info office and also bookable year-round as a self-catering hut providing 22 beds, kitchen, bathroom and lounge with fireplace.

Contact

Am Hengstpaß 13, 4581 Rosenau/Hengstpaß
phone +43 (0) 664 88 43 45 71
info-hengstpass@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at

Bookings self-catering hut:

Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge,
phone +43 (0) 75 62 205 92
villa-sonnwend@kalkalpen.at





Wilderness Camp & Bivouac sites

National Park Wilderness Camp

This convenient camp in the wilderness with shared rooms, kitchen, 2 lounges, group room, 2 bathrooms and campfire area is the perfect base for our ranger outdoor programmes: www.wildniscamp.at



- **Experience wilderness for adults, families and kids**
- **School groups**
- **Individual camps for groups and companies on request**

Information & bookings

Villa Sonnwend *National Park Lodge*
phone + 43 (0) 75 62 205 92
villa-sonnwend@kalkalpen.at

Bivouac sites

Two bivouac sites with firewood and toilets are available for an overnight stay in the middle of the national park. Please observe current fire protection ordinance.



Steyrsteg Bivouac • 950 m above sea level

Room for ten two-men-tents. Accessible from Molln/Bodinggraben (1 ½ hours) or from Windischgarsten/Haslersgatter (1 hour).



Weißwasser Bivouac • 600 m above sea level

Room for 13 two-men-tents. Accessible from Reichraming via Hintergebirgs-Radweg (22 km) or from Weißwasser/Unterlaussa (2 km).



Reservation necessary:

Ennstal National Park Visitor Centre, phone +43 (0) 72 54 84 14-0,
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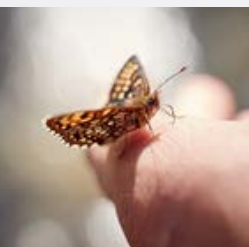
Hiking checklist

Please note that cell phone reception is often not available in the national park. Do not rely on digital apps. For your safety and a relaxing nature adventure, appropriate hiking equipment is essential. We recommend:

- Hiking boots, hiking sticks, first aid kit
- Rain protection and warm clothing
- Provisions and drinking water
- Hiking map, compass, head torch
- Mobile phone, sun protection, binoculars



*Tip: Kompass
hiking map 70*



Thank you for supporting nature!

Please use marked hiking paths. Cycling on selected routes only. Horse riding and ski tours on marked routes only. Keep off wetlands. Do not pick plants or flowers. No wild camping. No open fires. Dogs must be on a lead. Don't drop rubbish. Please make no noise. General traffic ban. No fishing.





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Ennstal Visitor Centre

Exhibition *Wonderful Woodland Wilderness*
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Wurbauerkogel Panorama Tower

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Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge

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Windischgarsten Information Office

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Hengstpass Visitor Hut

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More information at www.kalkalpen.at

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