Home to the Ibex.



HIGHLIGHTS ON THE KAUNERTAL GLACIER ROAD

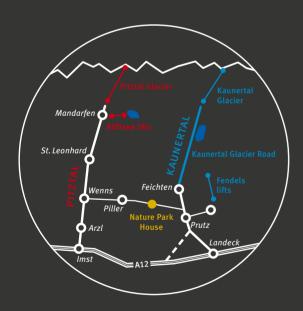
The Glacier Road winds its way from the village of Feichten at 1,273 metres above sea level up to the edge of the "eternal ice" at an altitude of 2,750 metres. In the course of its 26 kilometres, it covers a total of 29 bends and an altitude difference of almost 1,500 metres. Many interesting features can be seen right by the side of the road.

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THE GLACIER PARK

Pitztal and Kaunertal



THE LOCATION

At the corner of three countries, in South West Tyrol



PITZTAL

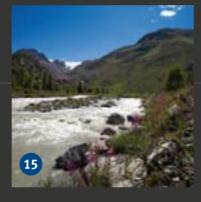
Natural Monument Glacial Pothole 1,445 m

In summer 2006, a sensational discovery was made when a mud slide occurred approximately 2km behind the tollgate: a glacial pothole, which reveals the traces and sculptural power of the glacier from more than 10,000 years ago (the last great Ice Age).



Gepatsch Reservoir

The reservoir has a maximum area of 2.6 km² and is fed by streams in the Kaunertal and even in the Pitztal. When it was completed in 1964 the rubble dam was 600 metres long and 153 metres high, making it the tenth highest in the world. There are numerous short walks around the reservoir.



Fernergries 1,890 m

Here you'll find some spectacular scenery as well as a climbing garden for both experienced climbers and beginners. 26 routes stretch across an area approx. 150 metres wide and approx.100 metres high. They range from difficulty



Panoramic view 1 2,220 m

The Gepatschferner is the second biggest glacier in the Eastern Alps. It covers an area of approx. 18 km². Glacial run-off at about 2,080 metres above sea level forms the Gepatschbach stream, which flows into the Gepatsch reservoir.



Lake Weißsee 2,425 m

Lake Weißsee is a mountain lake that is fed by glacial ice. Take a short walk around the lake to find out about the local myths and legends involving shepherds and the Lady of the White Lake.



Path through the Crevasse

A circular trail leads you inside the naturally-lit glacial crevasse. Touch and feel the glacial ice! Free guided tours (in good weather!), Mon – Fri, from July until approx. mid September. Duration approx. 40 min., meeting point 10.30 am on the sun terrace of the Glacier Restaurant. Please don't forget your sturdy footwear and sunscreen.



Drei-Länder-Blick (3-Country View) 3,108 m

The new Karlesjochbahn lift goes all the way up to 3,108 metres above sea level, to the border between Austria and Italy. Enjoy breathtaking views across the mountains of Italy, Switzerland and Tyrol.

Alpine zone 2,300 – 2,900 m

Nival zone over 3,100 m

Subnival zone

2,900 - 3,100 m

GLACIER ALTITUDE ZONES

The enormous differences in altitude have an obvious influence on the vegetation and climate.

Colline Zone up to 900 m a cultivated landscape of meadows and arable land alongside deciduous forests with chestnut, oak and winter

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Alpine Zone 2,300 – 2,900 m

Subnival Zone 2,900 – 3,100 m The Subnival Zone is an area of rock and ice, where plants are few and far between.The climatic snow line lies

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Gepatsch Reservoir

Nival Zone over 3,100 m

The Nival Zone is covered permanently by a layer of snow and ice, otherwise known as the glacier.

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Subalpine zone 1,700 – 2,300 m



Montane zone 900 – 1,700 m





13 Gepatschhaus 1,928 m / km 15.3

It was built back in 1873, which makes it the

oldest Alpine Club hut in Austria.

Around 60 cows graze on this private Alpine pasture over summer.

Climbing garden belonging to the German Alpine

Club with 26 different routes across the rocks. Start

of the circular walk to the glacier snout – 13 display

boards describe the flora and fauna in the glacier

region. After a 2 minute walk towards the glacier,

15) Fernergries/Climbing Garden 1,890 m/km 16.5

13 The Chapel of Maria Schnee 1,928 m / km 15.3

Building of the chapel was completed in

1895 – at the beginning of the 20th century Sunday masses were regularly held here

for the mountain guides and their guests

Rooms with beds can still be found in the

14 Gepatschalm 1,880 m/km 15.9

chapel to this day.

The Gepatschhaus is an Alpine hut belonging to

the Frankfurt section of the German Alpine Club.





THE 30 STATIONS

1 The Giant of Kaunertal 1,365 m/km 1.4



The expressive face was carved into the trunk of an approx. 250-year-old larch tree. Kaunerberg region and carried away.

2 Wolfskehr 1,375 m/km 1.7

Last inhabited farmstead in Kaunertal. The name goes back to the Wolf family. There were originally 8 other farmsteads but many were abandoned due to avalanches and floods in the 19th century.



3 Herzogmahd 1,400 m/km 2.5

Fleeing from Constance to Tyrol, Duke Friedrich IV or "Friedl with the empty bag" found sanctuary in the Kaunertal. The meadow was named after him. Not far away, just below the road you can see three springs known as the Brunnangele

4 Natural Monument Glacial Pothole 1,445 m / km 3.0



Glacial potholes originate from the Ice Age. They were formed by melt water that flowed onto the glacier bed through crevasses. As the flow of water gathered speed, vortices with speeds of up to 200 km/h began to form.

5 Rubble Wall Gepatsch Reservoir 1,480 m/km 3.5

> First view of the 160-metre-high rubble wall of the Gepatsch reservoir, Europe's highest dam built out of rubble.

6 Versetz 1,530 m / km 5.5

Quarry for the huge stone blocks used to build the dam wall.



The Faggenbach stream flows through the rugged and romantic Urfelschlucht gorge before emptying into the reservoir



12 Urfelschlucht Gorge 1,790 m / km 14.4

11) Busenlarch "Bosom Larch" 1,765 m/km 12.8

waterfall nearby.

THE GLACIER CARD

7 days in the Glacier Park – no compromises

Take advantage of all the cable cars and lifts in the Glacier Park, the Glacier Road, free entry into the exhibition in the Nature Park House and many other offers and deals – for a whole week long, as often as you like.

THE GLACIER CARD IS VALID HERE:

- Pitztal Glacier lift
- Rifflsee lift in the Pitztal Fendels lifts
- Kaunertal Glacier Road
- Kaunertal Glacier lifts
- Exhibition in the Nature Park House
- → Other concessions with our partners (see right)
- THE ADVANTAGE FOR FAMILIES:
- → Free for all children up to 14 years (born 1995 and after) accompanied by a parent!

WHEN AND WHERE:

The Glacier Card is valid from 01.06 - 30.09. It is available from the ticket counters of participating lifts or from your accommodation.

7 Ibex Slope 1,670 m / km 7.2



During the day, Ibex and chamois are also often spotted on this slope, to the right next to the quarry at bend 28.

8 Lupins 1,715 m / km 7.7

... were planted to provide vegetation below the reservoir. The lupins grow on the slopes beneath the road leading to the dam wall in the vicinity of bends



9 Gepatsch Reservoir 1,750 m/km 8.1



It has a storage capacity of 140 million m³ – that's about 700,000,000 bath-fulls! Construction of the dam sometimes employed up to 3,000 people (today, there's just over 600 people living in the entire Kaunertal)

With a circumference of 6 metres, the unusual

shape of this tree trunk was created by a freak of nature. Enjoy views of the beautiful Blick

10 Wurmetalbach Stream 1,760 m / km 11.1

Beautiful waterfall 140 metres high – can be seen from the road.



17 Block Glacier and Gepatschferner 2,060 m/km 18.3

View of the biggest block glacier in the Ölgrubenkar and tongue of the second biggest glacier in the Eastern Alps, the Gepatschferner. A block glacier is a mass of ice that reacts under the pressure of blocks of rock and rubble



18 Schnapsloch 2,085 m / km 18.6

The most winding section of the Glacier Road with impressive views of the mountain panorama and Gepatsch reservoir



Gathering place for animals and shepherds entirely by hand about 300 years ago. The "Schlechtwetterhaag" shelter provides shelter for more than 400 animals.

20 Rifflbach Waterfalls 2,185 m / km 20.1

A short tour of the Rifflbach falls begins at bend 8 and takes about 15 minutes



26 Weißsee Glacier Restaurant 2,750 m/km 26.4

Wonderful views of the Glockturm 3,355 m,

old customs hut where they used to catch

the panoramic road and the Weißseejoch

(on the Italian border). Can you see the

smugglers?

Situated right by the car park at the end of the Glacier Road. Open from 8 am until 4.30 pm, warm food served all day, large sun terrace. A deep well and a solar system supply power to the modern glacier restaurant

21 Panoramic View 1 2,220 m / km 20.4



Enjoy the views of the glacier tongue of the Gepatschferner, the Rauhekopf hut and the surrounding 3,000 m peaks of the Kaunergrat.

22 Krummgampental 2,305 m/km 22.2

The Krummgampental is a high Alpine valley. By the side of the road you will find a high moor displaying a variety of plants typical of the high Alpine region.

23 Glacial Polish 2,350 m/km 22.4

Marvel at the tremendous power of the ice over the past thousands of years, right from your car! In the rock by the side of the road you can see traces from the ice flow and the direction in which it moved.



24 Trail around the Weißsee 2.425 m/km 23.1



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GLETSCHERPARK

27 Adventure Playground 2,750 m

Large adventure playground with trampoline, slides, rafts, swings, climbing frame and children's cable car.



28 Path through the Crevasse



Free guided tours of the naturally-lit crevasse from July until around mid September, Monday to Friday. Meeting point 10.30 am on the sun terrace of the Weißsee glacier restaurant. Tours last approx. 40 min. and only take place in good weather. Please don't forget your sturdy

29 Themed Glacier Trail

Free guided tours from Monday to Friday, from July until approx. mid September. Meeting point at 1 pm on the sun terrace of the Weißsee glacier restaurant. Tours last approx. 1 hr.



30 Drei-Länder-Blick (3-Country View) 3,108 m



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In all events

USING THE ROAD

→ Distances (kilometres) provided are measured from the tollgate.

→ Points and distances refer to travel on the left side of the reservoir (east bank) in the direction of the Weißseespitze peak.

USEFUL INFORMATION

→ Please do not park in blind spots or narrow places and do not block the road.

→ Please look out for animals!

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On behalf of the Weißseespitze we'd like to welcome you to our glacial world and kindly ask you to treat it with respect.



Highlight: Alpine Coaster – the longest Alpine rollercoaster in the world

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Highlights: Rafting in the Tösens gorge and canyoning in the "Eisbach" (ice stream)

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