

## Annual Report 2020 Krimml Waterfalls

**State:** Austria, Federal State of Land Salzburg  
**Name of the area:** Krimml Waterfalls

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### 1.) Conditions:

*No Conditions*

### 2.) Recommendations:

1. Review and where necessary improve the regulations of the protected area in order to strengthen the protection status; and devote a part of the management plan of the HTNP to the Krimml Waterfalls:  
The management plan for the Hohe Tauern National Park was decided by the National Park committees. The Krimml Waterfalls will be integrated in the action field "running waters and wet habitats" and in the chapter „legal basis “ a separate sub-item was



dedicated to the European Diploma – see Annual Report 2017. This recommendation is implemented on an ongoing.

2. Continue to take appropriate measures in order to preserve the natural beauty of this impressive natural monument for future generations:

Is implemented on an ongoing.

3. Avoid impacts on the high aesthetic quality of the landscape surrounding the Krimml Falls, especially in the areas around “Wasserfallboden” and “Schönangerl” :

Is implemented on an ongoing. In all of nature conservation law administrative procedures, which take place in the surroundings to the Krimml Waterfalls, always takes a rigorous examination of the potential impact on the natural monument.

4. Maintain great vigilance regarding the development close to the falls, e.g. installations or extension of shops, as well as medical care and new touristic activities (e.g. ice-climbing);

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5. Avoid as far as possible increasing light pollution:

Currently there are no efforts.


6. Continue to pay close attention of the problem of path erosion; and ensure that visitors only use the existing paths;

The general maintenance work on the footpath implemented and the balustrades was renovated by the Austrian Alpine Association. This work will be implemented with great care on the landscape for the safety of visitors and for the visitor management.

7. Pursue scientific research and secure funding for studies on regional birdlife, fungi (including lichens) and bryophytes, as a contribution to protect the area`s typical biodiversity:

This year there were no special research projects in the area of European Diploma site.

8. Strengthen the cooperation with local stakeholders, especially land owners, the municipality, the Austrian Alpine Association (ÖAV), tourism operators and associations.



The cooperation is very well maintained with the Austrian Alpine Association, the land owners, the community and the tourist office and there is a good agreement. Progress with measures taken in order to meet the recommendations defined during the award or renewal of the European Diploma of Protected Areas.



### 3.) Site Management:

*No changes*

### 4.) Boundaried:

*No changes*

### 5.) Other information:


#### **Visitor Management**

The amount of visitors has diminished from 700.000 in 1992 to 348.623 in 2008. This year was marked by the Covid-19 measures. The Krimml Waterfalls were only open from 29th May again for visitors. In addition, in June and begin of Juli schools were not able to visit the Krimml Waterfalls due to Corona changed teaching needs.

The visitor number of 293.729 persons is a very good one for these difficult circumstances.. Of these, 251.115 were adults, 39.769 children and 2.845 members of the Austrian Alpine Association. Most of the visitors come between Juli and September and spend only one day in this site. The means of transport used for visiting the region are mainly private cars, followed by busses and train. For years the arrival is forced by public transport. The National Park Sommercard Mobil was very well received. To be able to enjoy and sample the region and its variety-packed offer, there were two new all-inclusive tickets available from 1th May to 31th October 2020. All people holidaying in the region, who are spending the night in a participating hotel, private lodging or holiday apartment or on a farm, had the chance with this card to choose from more than 60 attractions and avail of additional discounts. One of the benefits of the National Park Sommercard was the visit of the Krimml Waterfalls and the Krimml Worlds of Water and the free use of the local "Pinzgau railway" and all "Salzburg Verkehr Postbuses" . More information see: [www.nationalpark-sommercard.at](http://www.nationalpark-sommercard.at)

The Krimml Waterfalls are an important excursion destination of the Austrian schools and a starting point of their field trips into the Hohe Tauern National Park. Many visitors had taken part in the excursions guided by the well-trained Rangers of the Hohe Tauern National Park.

In the course of several PR activities for the National Park Hohe Tauern and the Krimml Valley film and photo shoots or insertions of the Krimml Waterfalls were made. For example, reference may be made to the new image film National Park Hohe Tauern.



In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the European Diploma Krimml Waterfalls, the exhibition "Panta Rhei - everything is flowing" was created by the Nationalpark Hohe Tauern and the Austrian Alpine Association at Krimml Municipal Office. This exhibition has been extended until the spring of 2021 by free entry.

In its magazine "Hohe Tauern Blicke"; the Ferienregion Nationalpark Hohe Tauern offered the Krimml Waterfalls as a destination for excursions and in its folder "Alpine Hospitality"; has pointed out the health effects of the Krimml Waterfalls.

With 22.659 posts on Instagramm, the deadline was 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020, the Krimml waterfalls took first place. This was the result of an evaluation by the media observer and PR service provider APA.Comm of more than 200 Austrian waterfalls.

## **6.) Influence of the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

The award of the European Diploma is not only honourable, but it is also a challenge for the conservationists to meet the demands of protection in a responsible way. This year we could preserve the nature and the landscape of the Krimml Waterfalls. The policies of the Hohe Tauern National Park and of the government of Land Salzburg adhere strongly to the idea of the protection of the Krimml Waterfalls. These interventions were warded off only based on the regulations of the European Diploma! Extremely keen standards are being applied to all matters connected with the Krimml Waterfalls and their protected surroundings. The award of the European Diploma to the Krimml Waterfalls has made the falls and the National Park well known throughout the world. This fact has been appreciated by the National Park Administration in many publications and conferences.

