

Annual Report 2019 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. For example, the landscape aesthetic effects of an extension of an existing car park in the Gerlos toll road area (approx. 580 m as the crow flies outside the European diploma area) on the European diploma site were examined as part of the nature conservation approval procedure and corresponding conditions were demanded by the nature conservation officer.

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. Individual parts of the footpaths and their abbreviations have been dismantled, fenced and revegetated.

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 the visitor number of 391.799 persons remained more or less the same as in the previous year. Of these, 83,6 % were adults, 15,7 % children and 0,7 % members of the Austrian Alpine Association. Most of the visitors come between June 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 1st May to 31st October 2019. 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".

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Mehr als 60 Leistungen zur Auswahl

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- Badesseen, Hallen- und Freibäder
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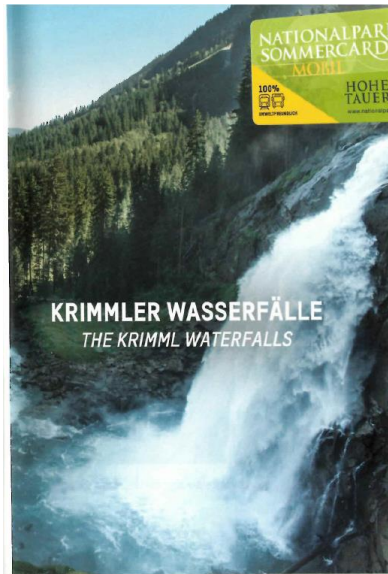
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- **Cable cars** in the region
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- **Only available from your accommodation provider!**
- **Valid from 1st May to 31st October 2019**
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KRIMMLER WASSERFÄLLE
THE KRIMML WATERFALLS

DIE MOBILITÄTSANGEBOTE MIT DER NATIONALPARK SOMMERCARD

THE MOBILITY BENEFITS OF THE NATIONALPARK SOMMERCARD

Mobilitätsleistungen der Nationalpark Sommercard

- **Tägliche kostenlose Nutzung** der Pinzgauer Lokalbahn und aller SVV-Linien im Pinzgau
- **Kostenlose Nutzung** der teilnehmenden Wandertaxis Dürnbachtal, Rutschenweg Neukirchen, Mühlbachtal, Habachtal und dem hinteren Murtal
- **Ein Tagesticket** für die Großglockner Hochalpenstraße
- **Ein Tagesticket** für die Gerlos Alpenstraße

Mobility services only of the Nationalpark Sommercard

- **Free use of the local Pinzgau railway daily** and all Salzburg Verkehr Postbuses in the Pinzgau Region
- **Free use of participating "hiking taxis"** Dürnbach Valley, slide path Neukirchen, Mühlbach Valley, Habach Valley and the Mur Valley
- **A day ticket for the Großglockner High Alpine Road**
- **A day ticket for the Gerlos Alpine Road**



Normaltarif Erwachsene / Normal rate adults: € 10,-
Normaltarif Kinder / Normal rate children: € 5,-

Inklusivleistung: Eintritt WasserWelten und Krimmler Wasserfälle und Parkplatzgebühr P4 - Kombiticket I
Included Service: Entry Worlds Of Water and Krimml Waterfalls and free parking P4

Achtung: Erhältlich nur an der Kassa der WasserWelten (Wasserfallzele)
Attention: Available only at the cashier's desk Worlds of Water

WASSERWELTEN UND KRIMMLER WASSERFÄLLE
WORLDS OF WATER AND KRIMML WATERFALLS

Die Wasserfälle, das neue Wasserfallzentrum, das Aquaszenarium, der Aquapark im Freigelände und die Ausstellung bieten einen unvergesslichen Erlebnisstag für die ganze Familie! Inhaber einer Nationalpark-Sommercard können den Parkplatz der WasserWelten (P4) kostenlos nutzen. Der Parkplatz-Coin, der bei Einfahrt entnommen wird, muß in der Zeit von 9:00 – 16:30 Uhr an der Kasse der WasserWelten entwertet werden!

Die Krimmler Wasserfälle sind die höchsten Europas und mit dem Naturschutzdiplom des Europarates ausgezeichnet. Die herabdonnenden Wassermassen können am besten vom Aussichtsweg aus besichtigt und bestaunt werden.

The waterfalls, the new Waterfall Center, the Aquaszenarium, the aquapark in the outdoor area, along with the exhibition, promise an unforgettable day for the family! Card holders can use the parking spot at the Water Worlds (P4) for free. The exit ticket for this parking place you get at the cash desk of the Water Worlds between 9 am and 4.30 pm.

Krimml Waterfalls are the highest in Europe and were awarded the European Diploma of Protected Areas. The thunderous masses of water are best observed and marveled at from a scenic path maintained by the Austrian Alpine Association.



Öffnungszeiten: 01.05. bis 27.10. täglich 9:00 – 17:00 Uhr
letzter Einlass 16:30 Uhr

Opening times: 01.05. to 27.10. daily 9 am – 5 pm
last entry 4.30 pm

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Normaltarif Erwachsene / Normal rate adults: ab/ from € 34,-
Normaltarif Kinder / Normal rate children: ab/ from € 20,-

Bonus: 15% Ersparnis auf das gültige Ausflugsfahrten-Programm
15% discount on the regular program „Ausflugsfahrten“

Erwachsene/ adults: € 29,-; Kinder/ children: € 17,-

AUSFLUGSFAHRTEN BLAGUSS/ VORDEREGGER – ZELL AM SEE
EXCURSION TRIPS BLAGUSS/ VORDEREGGER – ZELL AM SEE

Top Highlights: Großglockner Hochalpenstraße inklusive Nationalpark Rangerführung, Kombi-Ticket Krimmler Wasserfälle und Wasserwelten sowie dem Gletscher Kitzsteinhorn inklusive Ticket Top of Salzburg.

Top Highlights: Grossglockner High-Alpine Road including tour with a National Park Ranger, combo ticket for Krimml Waterfalls and WaterWorlds as well as Kitzsteinhorn Glacier including ticket to the "Top of Salzburg".

Fahrplan: 22.05. bis 27.09.2019
MAY, JUNI und SEPTEMBER – Mittwoch und Freitag
JULI und AUGUST – Dienstag, Mittwoch und Freitag
Timetable: 22.05. to 27.09.2019
MAY, JUNE and SEPTEMBER – Wednesday and Friday
JULY and AUGUST – Tuesday and Friday

Buchung: bis Vortag 16:00 Uhr;
Booking: by 4 pm on previous day;

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Bruck 10:45 Uhr und Fusch 11:00 Uhr
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On 18.07.2019 Karl Beckert, Department of Conservation in Hamilton/New Zealand, visited the Krimml Waterfalls as a prime example of a functioning visitor guidance system at a world-famous natural monument. Thus, the sustainable protection of this natural monument is guaranteed with approximately 400,000 visitors per year.

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 2020 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 - see appendix.



AUFATMEN FÜR ALLERGIKER & ASTHMATIKER
HOHE TAUERN HEALTH

Die Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität (PMU) in Salzburg konnte in einer klinischen Studie die gesundheitsfördernde Wirkung der Krimmler Wasserfälle auf Asthma und Allergien nachweisen. Das feine Sprühnebel im Nahbereich der Krimmler Wasserfälle in Kombination mit einem Urlaub in der Ferienregion Nationalpark Hohe Tauern wirken nachhaltig positiv auf das gesamte Immunsystem, im Speziellen für Asthmatiker und Allergiker. In den Partnerbetrieben finden Sie universitätszertifizierte, allergikergerechte Zimmer, um im Urlaub gut und reizfrei durchschlafen zu können. Das Personal und die Küche sind geschult. Vom Gesundheitsurlaub bis hin zur „Anti-Allergie-Kur“ wird in den Partnerbetrieben speziell auf die Bedürfnisse von Asthmatikern und Allergikern eingegangen.

The Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität (PMU - private medical university) in Salzburg has proven the health-promoting effects of the Krimml Waterfalls on asthma and allergies. The fine spray in close proximity of the Krimml Waterfalls, in combination with a holiday in the Hohe Tauern National Park holiday region can reduce allergic asthma and even results in many months free of symptoms. In the partner companies you can find university certificated rooms suited for allergy-sufferers, in order to sleep well and without irritation through the night while on holiday. The personnel and the kitchen staff are trained. The partner companies are specialized in the needs of asthma and allergy sufferers.




GROSSGLOCKNER HOCHALPENSTRASSE

DIE PANORAMASTRASSE IN DEN NATIONALPARK
GROSSGLOCKNER HIGH ALPINE ROAD

Auf dem Weg zum Großglockner und der Pasterze erleben Sie eine 4.000 km lange Reise zur Arktis. Sie durchqueren auf dem Anstieg von 1.500 Meter Seehöhe bis zur Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Höhe alle Vegetationszonen von den Getreidefeldern bis zum ewigen Eis.

Along the road there are numerous information boards, six educational paths, two information centers and the national park information center at the Kaiser-Franz-Josefs-Höhe an ultramodern designed visual school of nature. Thus, you experience what you are looking for; if you want to make the most out of the high alpine nature experience.

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**07 Noriker Pferdendomuseum - Niedersill
Noriker Horse-Museum**

Die Entwicklung des Noriker-Pferdes zum heutigen Typus hat viele Änderungen erfahren und wird heute in fünf Blutlinien gezüchtet. Diese Pferderasse eignet sich besonders als Fuhr-, Reit- und Saumpferd. In der Ausstellung wird dieses Pferd in all seinen Tätigkeiten, Bewegungen und Verhaltensformen mittels neuester Technologie dargestellt.

The development to the current type has gone through many variations and is bred in five lines today. This breed is most suitable for the use as a working horse pulling heavy loads, a riding horse or in order to transport on its back. In the exhibition this horse is shown with all its capabilities, kinds of movement and behaviour patterns by the use of the newest technologies.

**08 Gletscherwelt Weißsee – Uttendorf
Weißsee Glacier World**

Dieses Bergsommer-Erlebnis für die ganze Familie. Mit den Weißsee Gletscherbahnen wählen Sie einen eindrucksvollen Einstieg in den Nationalpark Hohe Tauern. Mit bequemen 6-er Gondeln schweben Sie in ein hochalpines Wander- und Aussichtsparadies. Sie begeben sich in die Welt der 3.000er, zu einmalig schönen Bergpanoramen und Seen.

A mountain summer adventure for the whole family. With the Weißsee lifts you have chosen an impressive entrance into the Hohe Tauern National Park. With the comfortable 6 person gondola you can float up to the high-alpine hiking and outlook paradise. You are entering the "World of 3,000 meter peaks" to uniquely beautiful mountain and lake panoramas.

**09 Smaragdweg – Bramberg am Wildkogel
Emerald path**

Entlang des Weges wird die Geologie der Hohen Tauern und des Habachtals anschaulich mit den wichtigen Gesteinen des Habachtals dargestellt. Der Wanderweg ist eine ideale Ergänzung zur Nationalparkausstellung „Smaragde & Kristalle“ im Museum Bramberg und bietet entlang des Weges elf Stationen zum Erforschen, von heimischen Mineralien bis hin zur Sage von der Fazendwand und der Suche nach dem grünen Feuer.

Along the way, the geology of the Hohe Tauern and the Habachtal valley is represented with the important rocks of the valley. The trail is an ideal addition to the "Emeralds & Crystals" national park exhibition at the Bramberg Museum, offering eleven stations for exploring, from local minerals to the legend of the Fazendwand and the search for the green fire (emeralds) along the way.

**10 Venedigerweg – Neukirchen am Großvenediger
Venediger path**

Die Spielstationen entlang des Wegs verwandeln die Kinder in kleine Abenteurer und Entdecker und eifrig wandern sie vom Hopfleibboden über das erste Highlight, einen 60 Meter langen Seilsteg bis zur Bernaldalm.

The play stations along the route transform children into little adventurers and explorers and they eagerly hike from Hopfleibboden to the first highlight, a 60 metre long rope bridge to the Bernaldalm.

**11 Kristallbad – Wald im Pinzgau
Kristallbad**

Das Gesamtangebot der In- und Outdooranlage umfasst eine 50 m lange Riesenrutsche, Saunalandschaft, Sledampfbad, Solarium, Ruhe- und Erholungsflächen, Naturwassergarten. Die gesamte Anlage ist in allen Bereichen behindertengerecht ausgerichtet. Das Badewasser wird von Bergkristallen aus dem Nationalpark aktiv beheizt.

The Kristallbad promises pure swimming pleasure in the Kristallbad in Wald im Pinzgau. The total facility offers a 50 meter giant slide, a sauna area, a brine steam bath, solarium, resting and relaxation areas and a nature water garden. The entire facility is handicapped accessible.

**12 Wasserfälle und WasserWelten – Krimml
Waterfalls and Krimml Water Worlds**

Mit einer Fallhöhe von 380 m sind sie die größten Wasserfälle Europas. Ein Aussichtsweg entlang der Wasserfälle lässt die Besucher das Tosen und Rauschen der gewaltigen Wassermassen hautnah erleben. Am Eingang zu den Krimmler Wasserfällen liegt ein sprudelnder Themenpark – die WasserWelten Krimml. Ein Erlebnis für die ganze Familie.

With a drop of 380 m they are the largest waterfalls in central Europe. The established look-out path along the waterfalls lets the visitors experience the thunder and noise of the enormous mass of water up close. The effervescent water worlds theme park is right at the entrance of the Krimml Waterfalls. An exciting experience for the whole family.

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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.