

2nd stage KAT Walk Family

Stage 2: Brixen im Thale - Kirchberg in Tirol

total walking time	7 h	distance	13,5 km	difficulty	average
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altitude meters uphill	961 m	altitude meters downhill	951 m	highest point	1770 m
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stamina: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

skill: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

public transport: Station Brixen im Thale Bahnhof – directly on the route
Timetables: www.vvt.at

Kitzbüheler Alpen guest card = free ticket for local public transport! More information can be found [here](#).

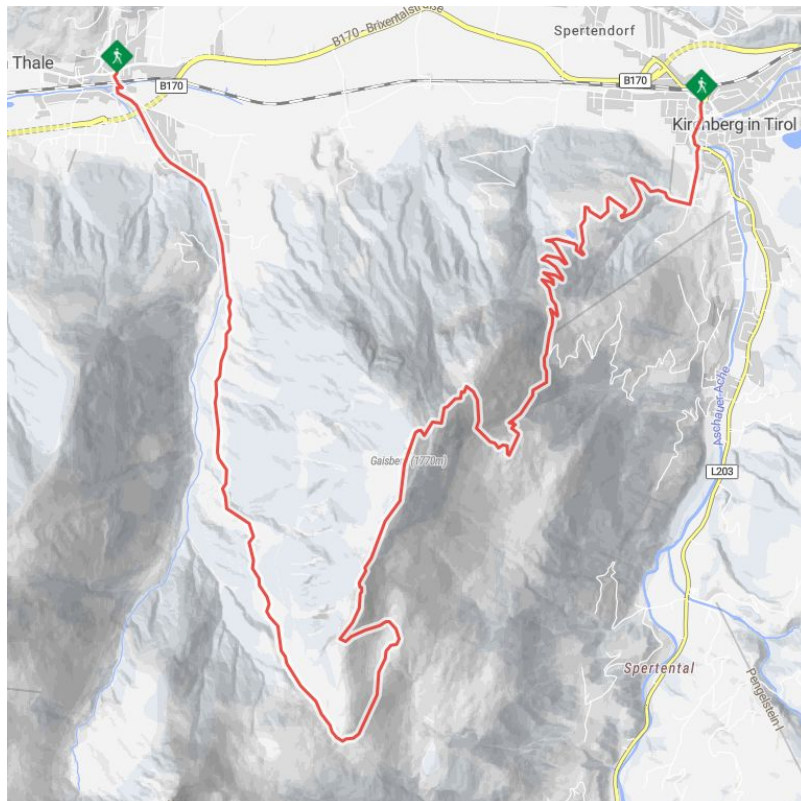
starting point: Brixen im Thale - centre

destination point: Kirchberg in Tirol - centre

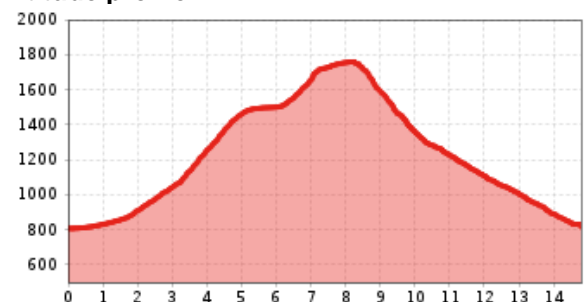
road quality: Asphalt road, forest roads, mountain paths (medium difficulty – marked in red)

best season: JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP

route typ: family tour



Altitude profile



Description

Today you'll hike the Gaisberg, which is unique by nature:

When the Alps were formed millions of years ago, the Gaisberg "tore" away from the rugged mountains of the Wilder Kaiser due to the so-called Alpine folding. As a result, the rock and flora here are very different from the mountains in the area. An exciting puzzle tour into the valley accompanies you on the descent. There is a lot to discover and marvel at – so let's go!

Stoabock route: for sporty families and children in good physical condition with endurance (can be partially shortened with the mountain railway as an option)

Oachkatzl route: minimal walking distance, maximum fun – with use of the mountain railway for leisurely hiking days

Stoabock route (with summit: 13.5 km – 1,000 m uphill – 950 m downhill – 7 hours):

Today's tour starts from the **village centre** on **Dorfstraße** to **Reitlwirt**, which you can recognize by its pink outer walls. From here, a path leads to the **train station** on the right and underneath the tracks, from where you should follow the path called **Brixenbach**. Always keep an eye out for the **yellow signs** saying **Brixenbachalm** and **Wiegalm**, they will keep you on the right track!

Continue a little uphill until the road leads to the **right** over the **Brixenbach** stream. Watch out! Here it is important **not** to march **over the bridge, but rather straight ahead** to follow the **yellow signs** towards **Kreuzweg, Brixenbachalm**.

Soon you will find yourself on a "**Kreuzweg**" (Way of the Cross). In Tyrol the Christian faith is widespread and that is why such paths, telling a story of Jesus Christ with pictures, are very special for locals.

After hiking uphill for a while, your next point of orientation is the **Brixenbachalm**. By the time you get there, you've been on the road for over an hour! A few metres before the Alm, a **trail** branches off to the **left** in the direction of **Wiegalm**. The route continues steeply through the **alpine pastures** and then into a **forest**. You are now close to the **Wiegalm**, which you can reach via a forest path, and you have mastered another hour of hiking!

Immediately behind the Alm you will follow the path to the left in the direction of **Gaisberg**. Here, you get to make a decision: Do you want to **conquer a summit** today?

- **YES**, I would like to **achieve the summit victory** on the Gaisberg (45 mins from **Wiegalm**):

Great, you don't want to miss the highest point of the Gaisberg? Then hike uphill from **Wiegalm** through the **alpine landscape**. The path continues up the **ridge of the mountain** until you reach the **top**. In the uppermost area the changing rock is particularly evident. After the **summit**, **caution** is advised: the rain has partially washed away the path down here and the **descent** is a little **steeper**. As soon as the steep section is over, always follow the **signs** towards **Bärstättalm**. From there, continue towards the **Gaisberglift**.

- **NO thanks**, we are **not** in the **mood for a summit** today:

No problem! In that case, you can walk **straight ahead** over **Harlassanger Alm / Kobinger Hütte** and **Bärstättalm** to get back to the **main route**. Always keep an eye out for the **yellow signs** saying **Harlassanger, Kobinger Hütte** and **Bärstättalm**. The path leads slightly up and down – soon **Harlassangeralm** and right next to it **Kobinger Hütte** can be spotted.

Then the trail leads slightly downhill on a wide path through the alpine pastures to **Bärstättalm**. From there, always follow the **signs** to the **Gaisberglift** and you will be back on the main route!

The path leads into a beautiful **mixed forest** and after a few curves you will pass **avalanche barriers**. Can you spot them? These are particularly important in winter because they prevent dangerous avalanches from breaking off the mountain.

You will soon have reached **Gaisbergalm** and the **Gaisberg lift station** right next to it. Are you ready for your exciting **GOASberg mystery tour**? (If you are no longer in the mood, you can also comfortably take the Gaisberg chairlift down to today's stage destination Kirchberg in Tirol.)

GOASberg mystery tour: Accompany **mountain goat Bertl** on **eight exciting puzzle stations**, discover a **mountain lake**, a **giant swing** and even a fun **petting zoo**! With so much entertainment, the **descent** to **Kirchberg** will go by in a flash! As a **reward**, you can collect the **GOASberg diploma** and a small **souvenir present** from the **Kirchberg tourist information office**.

As soon as you have arrived in the **valley**, follow the **road** towards the **village centre** until you reach the **tourist information office**. Well done – you are now true nature experts!

Oachkatzl route (4 km – 430 m downhill – 1.5 hours):

The squirrels are taking the **train** today (free of charge with the **Kitzbüheler Alpen guest card**) from the end of yesterday's

stage **Brixen im Thale** to today's starting point in **Kirchberg in Tirol**.

From the **train station** you will walk through the **village centre** towards **Aschau**. After a good half an hour you will arrive at the **valley station** of the **Gaisberglift chairlift**, where you can pick up the **booklet** for the upcoming **puzzle tour**. If you **fill it in** during the hike you'll receive a little **surprise**.

The **chairlift** transports you to the lofty heights of the Gaisberg. Once **at the top**, you can **start** the **GOASberg mystery tour** straight away. After **eight cool stations** such as the **giant swing**, **mountain lake** and **petting zoo**, you and **mountain goat Bertl** will have learned a lot about this special place. In addition, you will be **rewarded** with the **GOASberg diploma** and a small **souvenir gift**, which you can **pick up** at the **Kirchberg tourist information office**.

Highlights along the way:

~~Equipment~~ **Discover the landscape on Gaisberg**

What can you discover?

Comfortable clothing, sturdy mountain boots and a lot of anticipation for exciting adventures! In addition: breathable outdoor

~~• Family fun on the GOASberg mystery tour~~
clothing, sufficient food and drinks, first aid equipment, mobile phone with full battery & charger, hiking map & guide books, possibly GPS device or load the GPS data onto the mobile phone, sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen & hat), rain cover, cash

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