

2nd stage KAT Walk Family Stage 2: Brixen im Thale - Kirchberg in Tirol

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

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

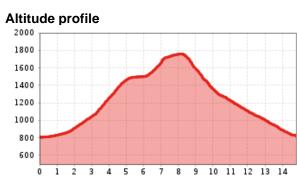
destination point: Kirchberg in Tirol - centre

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

best season: JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP

route typ: family tour





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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 <u>Brixenbachalm</u>. 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 <u>Wiegalm</u>, 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 <u>Bärstättalm</u>. 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 <u>Gaisbergalm</u> and the <u>Gaisberg lift station</u> right next to it. Are you ready for your exciting <u>GOASberg mystery tour</u>? (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

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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:

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What can you discover?
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