

KAT Walk Alpine stage 5: Scaling summits – Magnificent adventures on the Kitzbüheler Horn

Multi-day long-distance hiking trail through the Kitzbühel Alps. Stage 5 of 6: Kitzbühel - St. Johann in Tirol

total walking time	8 h	distance	21 km	difficulty	average
altitude meters uphill	1250 m	highest point	1996 m		
stamina:	★ ★ ★ ★ ★				
skill:	★ ★ ★ ★ ★				
public transport:	Train station Kitzbühel Bahnhof – 10 minutes' walk to the starting point Timetables: www.vvt.at Kitzbüheler Alpen guest card = free ticket for local public transport! More information can be found here.				
parking:	fee based parking lot Parkplatz Hornbahn - right at the starting point				
starting point:	Kitzbühel - Valley station Hornbahn				
destination point:	St. Johann in Tirol - Valley station Harschbichlbahn				
road quality:	Asphalt road, forest paths, mountain path (medium difficulty - marked in red), alpine hiking trails				
best season:	JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT				



Altitude profile



Description

A stage that requires a good level of fitness ... across the renowned Kitzbüheler Horn to St. Johann in Tirol, that can also be truncated by using several cable cars. Views to all four points of the compass, a well-tended Alpine flower garden and several refreshment stop options make this stage a very special experience! Spectacular path on the descent from the Horn to Harschbichl.

Note: from June 2022 - increased number of kilometers due to adjusted route!

Preliminary notes: By taking the [Kitzbüheler Hornbahn](#) or the [Harschbichl cable car](#) you can truncate this stage to vary the length. Please note the cable car opening and operating hours!

[Hornbahn Section 1](#) to the [Adlerhütte](#) (1,270 m, time difference 1 hr 15 minutes)

[Hornbahn Section 2](#) to [Alpenhaus](#) (1,670 m, time difference 2 hrs 15 mins)

[Horn Gipfelbahn](#) (1,960 m, time difference 3 hrs 30 mins)

On the **descent** too you can use the [Harschbichl cable car](#) to St. Johann in Tirol (1,600 m – 650 m, time difference around 2 hrs).

There are also [mountain carts](#) at the **intermediate station**, on which there is another option of **speeding into the valley**. If time permits, a trip to the [Hornpark climbing forest](#) near the [Harschbichlbahn intermediate station](#) is worthwhile.

From the **starting point** at the [Hornbahn valley station](#) head on the **access road** to [Hagstein](#). At the **farmhouse Grünberg** branch off on to a steep **forest path** heading for [Gasthof Hagstein](#), [Adlerhütte](#), [Alpengasthaus](#).

The route proceeds through the **forest**, **uphill** in several **serpentine**s. Further up you pass **Alpine meadows** to reach [Adlerhütte](#) (2 hrs from Kitzbühel) and the nearby **intermediate station** for the [Hornbahn](#). Continue on the steep **path behind Adlerhütte**, that soon crosses into a **forest path**. From here keep following the **signposts** to the [Kitzbüheler Horn](#).

The path soon crosses the **pastureland area** and as a result, the **hiking path** still ascends slightly beneath the [Wilder Hag](#) over the **hilly Alpine terrain** of the [Trattalmen](#). The summit is now always in front of you and you hike on the **access road**, initially to [Alpenhaus](#) (1 hr 15 mins from [Adlerhütte](#); mountain station section 2).

Then continue on the **access road** to the [Kitzbüheler Horn](#), until you come to the **entrance** of the [Alpine flower garden](#). Go **through** this and continue up on the path to [Horn Gipfelhaus](#) (50 minutes from [Alpenhaus](#)) and the transmitter at the **top of the Horn**.

On the **descent**, hike up to the section that **branches off** to [St. Johann in Tirol](#), passing an impressive **viewing cross** up at around 1,900 metres altitude and take the **same path back**. The **path** branches off here and is **well-secured with ropes**, proceeding through **steep terrain** (as an **alternative** to the [Scheibersteig](#) you could opt for the **easier but longer [Hornrundwanderweg](#)**). A spectacular route section on the north west side of the Kitzbüheler Horn!

The terrain flattens out further down and just beneath [Harschbichlalm](#) you come to a **path** again. Now either proceed on a short section to [Harschbichlalm](#) (approx. 1 hour from the [Kitzbüheler Horn](#)) and take the [cable car](#) into the valley, **or** head down towards the [Stanglalm](#).

Beneath the [Stanglalm](#) the route proceeds on a **forest path** for a short section, until once again this merges on to a steep **path**. At the next **junction**, head for [Müllneralm](#).

From there follow the **signs** for [Bassgeiger Alm](#), continuing to [Gasthof Hirschberg](#) and [Hochfeldalm](#). Follow the **signposts** for [Buchwies](#), the stage proceeds through the **forest** to [St. Johann in Tirol](#) and [Hilscherpark](#) at the **valley station** for the [Harschbichlbahn](#)

Route

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equipment

Breathable outdoor 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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