KAT Walk Compact stage 3: Pure World Cup - Feel From the Hahnenkamm via the legendary Streif Multi-day long-distance hiking trail through the Kitzbühel Alps. Stage 3 of 5: Kirchberg in Tirol - Kitzbühel

total walking time	7 h	distance	15,0 km	difficulty	average
altitude meters uphill	1000 m	altitude meters downhill	1050 m	highest point	1802 m
stamina:	* * * *				
skill:	* * * *				
public transport:	Train station Bahnhof Kirchberg in Tirol – 5 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 garage Parkgarage Kirchberg – directly on the route				
starting point:	Kirchberg in Tirol - centre				
destination point:	Kitzbühel - centre				
road quality:	Asphalt road, forest roads, mountain paths (medium difficulty – marked in red)				
best season:	MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT				

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Description

On road ways & steep paths proceed through Alpine terrain to the highest point of the tour to Ehrenbachhöhe.... From here hike on the ridge of the Hahnenkamm through Kitzbühel's ski area, across to the Hahnenkamm mountain station, before the descent proceeds along the Streif race route to Kitzbühel. There is information, with signboards provided about the individual well-known route sections (e.g. Mausefalle). Some sections have breath-taking views to Kitzbühel and the Wilder Kaiser.

From the **centre** of the town of **Kirchberg** head to the **church** and through **Neugasse** and **Möselgasse** up to a **wooden house** which has a yellow **hiking signpost** for **Maierl 1** ½ **hours**. Branch off to the **left** here into **Kasbachweg** and hike through pastures up to the **edge** of the **forest**. At the houses change to the **left** on a steep **path** into the **forest**.

This lovely path soon heads into **open pastureland** again and later you continue hiking on an **asphalt access road** past the **car park** for a **gondola** (use the **Maierl, No. 11** to get your bearings). Continue to **ascend** now slightly on a road that passes a **farm**, until you come to the **edge of a forest**. A **forest road** branches off to the **left** here (**Bergschenke Krin, Ochsalm**).

On this route which is somewhat **steeper**, proceeding in several serpentines through the **forest**, continue heading uphill until you come to open Alpine pasture/ meadows. Proceed on a **lovely meadow** path which proceeds steadily **uphill**, until you come to an **asphalt access road** beneath **Bergschenke Krin**.

Pass the guesthouse and continue on the **road** to **Maierl**. You will soon come to the **plateau** which has **Gasthaus Maierl** and **dreamy views** to all of the **Wilder Kaiser**. Around 200 meters **before the guesthouse**, a **forest trail** branches off; keep heading for **Ochsalm**. After around **300 metres** take a sharp **right** and after **another hundred metres** on the **left** take a steep path into the **forest**.

This path now climbs straight up through the forest, continuing through a **meadow** and then there is a **soft left** into the **forest** again. There is now another short section up through the **forest**, then afterwards the route proceeds less steeply through **Alpine terrain** until you reach a **forest path**. To the **right** of this there is a short section slightly **downhill**, then the route **ascends** again up to the **Ochsalm** (1,458 m; 2 hours from Kirchberg).

Hike on this forest trail now to *Ehrenbachhöhe*. You will soon come to the saddle (approx. 100 m to the north of <u>Gasthaus Hochbrunn</u>). Take a left here, continuing to *Ehrenbachhöhe* and after not even a hundred metres, head left up on a hiking path to *Ehrenbachhöhe* (1,802 m; 1 hr 15 mins from *Ochsalm*).

At the top get your bearings and orient yourself to *Ehrenbachhöhensee*, then hike **behind** the **lake** on a short section through the **pastureland** up to *Bernhardkapelle* chapel. Continue now on the **forest path** over to the nearby Hahnenkammbahn (1668 m; 45 minutes from Ehrenbachhöhe).

There is an option to shorten the route here and head straight down to Kitzbühel on the gondola.

Anyone who has enough energy left to **keep hiking** can head for <u>Hocheckhütte</u>, which is beneath the mountain station, and through the **ski area** down to the **Seidlalm**. Hike directly along the renowned **Streif race route** (**Streif race route trail No. 26**). Mausefalle, Steilhang and Hausbergkante are household names.

The route proceeds via **Seidlalmsee**, which can be seen far and wide, to the **Seidlalm** (1,206 m). After the **Seidlalm** head along the race route to **Lärchenschuss**. Cross **Lärchenschuss** and follow the **hiking path** through a short section of forest to the **Hausbergkante**. The final **big screen** is at the Hausbergkante (watch the skiers in action live here).

The descent proceeds straight across the *Hausbergkante* to the *Ganslern slalom slope*.

The **zig-zag path** leads us past **Ganslern Alm**, passing the **fastest section of the race route** (where speeds of up to 140 km/hr are reached).

The finish area is used as a golf course in the summer. The path now proceeds to the *Hausbergtal road*, follow this down into the valley and the **signposts** for **Kitzbühel**'s *Hahnenkammbahn valley station* (approx. 2 hours from the *Hahnenkamm* mountain station). From the **valley station** it is around 5 minutes to the **centre** of **Kitzbühel**.

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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