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Kalkalpen National Park



Unser Naturerbe.

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Hier investiert Europa in
die ländlichen Gebiete.





Turk's cap lily



The lynx – a symbol of forest wilderness

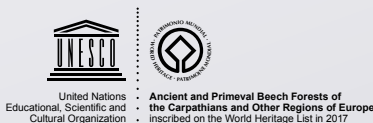


Steep north slopes of the Sengengebirge

Welcome to Kalkalpen National Park

Feel the spirit of wilderness

Kalkalpen National Park protects the last big forest wilderness of Austria, with the longest natural stream system in the Northern Limestone Alps. The area provides habitats for an extraordinary diversity of animals and plants. In 2017 the ancient beech forests of Kalkalpen National Park were recognised as Austria's first UNESCO World Natural Heritage site.



Opened 25 July 1997

International recognition IUCN category II, Natura 2000 and Ramsar site, UNESCO World Natural Heritage

Locality Sengengebirge and Reichraminger Hintergebirge, Austria

Elevation 385 to 1,963 metres (Hoher Nock)

Size 20,850 hectares, of which

forest	81 %
dwarf pine	8 %
alpine meadows & pastures ...	6 %
rock	5 %
nature zone	89 %
management zone	11 %

Ownership

state	88 %
private	11 %
local government	1 %



The "Große Bach", a green jewel in the Hintergebirge

Natural characteristics

Largest forest wilderness of Austria:

200 kilometres of natural streams

800 springs

30 different types of forest, with areas of primeval forests and natural beech forests

50 mammals, including 17 bat species

80 breeding birds, including 6 woodpecker species

1,000 flowering plants, 42 wild orchid species

1,500 butterflies – the highest number in Austria

546 years old! The oldest beech tree in the alpine region.

Enormous number of beetles

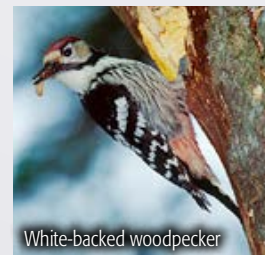
Among them 26 primeval forest relict species such as rosalia longicorn beetle and Austrian-wood borer

High population of primeval forest birds

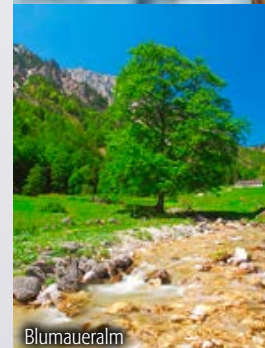
such as the white-backed woodpecker, Tengmalm's owl and red-breasted flycatcher

Homecomers: Golden eagle, otter, black stork, peregrine falcon and the lynx have found a home and shelter

More than 100 endemic species: plants and animals that exist only in the Alps, e.g. cave beetle species in the Sengengebirge



White-backed woodpecker



Blumaueralm



Scarce Fritillary butterfly



Natural mixed forest



Sinkhole landscape on Nock-Plateau in the Sengengebirge



Ranger tours all year round

Join us on a guided tour through the wild forests of Kalkalpen National Park. All tours and events can be found in our visitor programme leaflet or on the internet. For groups we organize individual programmes; please contact our visitor centres for information. The following list is an extract from our tour programme with National Park rangers:

Discover nature

- Domestic orchids
- Nature E-Biking
- In the territory of the lynx
- Lords of the wilderness (Bodinggraben hunting lodge)
- Trip with a national park specialist

Experience wildlife

- Ornithological tours
- Black grouse mating
- Chamois kindergarten and rutting season
- Red deer family
- Stag rutting season

Feel wilderness

- Cross the National Park on ancient or wilderness trails
- World heritage tours: Diversity in the beech forests
- Our way to forest wilderness
- Wilderness Camp programmes

Enjoy alpine pastures

- Butterflies – flying jewels
- Guided alpine pasture tours

Winter in Kalkalpen National Park

- Snowshoeing in winter wonderland
- Red deer feeding at Bodinggraben/Molln



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Bivouac sites

Stay overnight under the starry sky and feel the adventure of woodland wilderness. Enjoy it in Kalkalpen National Park only on bivouac sites and up to two nights.

Steyrsteg Bivouac

950 m above sea level

Room for ten two-men-tents. Accessible from Molln/Bodinggraben (1 ½ hours) or from Windischgarsten/Haslersgatter (1 hour).

Weißwasser Bivouac

600 m above sea level

Room for 13 two-men-tents. Accessible from Reichraming via Hintergebirgs-Radweg (22 km) or from Weißwasser/Unterlaussa (2 km).



Facilities: fire site and firewood, toilet, spacious site for tents, beside a stream, NO drinking water!

Fee: Costs payable on-site.

Don't forget: Provisions, drinking water, sleeping bag, tent or bivouac sack, thermal mat, rainwear, warm clothing, head torch.

Information


Molln National Park Centre, Phone +43 (0) 75 84 36 51

Groups are asked to reserve!






Themed nature trails and managed huts

“Auf den Spuren der Waldbahn”

Hintergebirge Cycle Path along the old forest railway, Reichraming
 Starting point: Reichraming or Unterlaussa/Mooshöhe. Length: 46 km
 (3 ½ hours). Rest points : Große Klaushütte, Anlaufalm, Radlertreff
 Mooshöhe.

“Von Alm zu Alm”

*Circular footpath from pasture to pasture,
 Hengstpaß/Windischgarsten*



Starting points: Hengstpaßhütte or one of the managed huts :
 Puglalm, Spitzenbergeralm, Laussabaueralm , Zickerreith 
 Length: Long trail 4 km, Short trail ¾ km

“Im Tal des Holzes”

Circular footpath into the Weißenbach valley, Reichraming
 Starting point: Weißenbach car park/Reichraming.
 Length: 5 km (2 hours)


“Wollgras, Alm und Wasserschwinde”

Circular footpath across the Ebenforst wetland

Starting point: Ebenforstalm (2 hours climb from Bodinggraben/
 Molln). Length: 2 km (1 hour). Rest point: Ebenforstalm  


“Wilderness Trail Buchensteig”

Trail through natural beech forests, Reichraming

Starting point: Anzenbachschrannen/Reichraming. Length: 1st stage to
 Wilder Graben 3 ½ km, 2nd stage to Große Klause 6 km (3 ½ hours).
 Rest point: Große Klaushütte 



“Wasser-Spuren”

Traces of water: into the Bodinggraben valley, Molln

Starting point: Scheiblingau car park/Bodinggraben. Length: 5 ½ km,
 (1 ½ hours). Rest point: Jagahäusl 

“Natur-Spuren”

*Traces of nature: from Villa Sonnwend to Wurbauerkogel hill,
 Roßleithen/Windischgarsten*

Starting points: Villa Sonnwend or Panorama Tower Wurbauerkogel.
 Walking time: 3 ½ hours. Rest points : Villa Sonnwend National
 Park Lodge  and Wurbauerkogel mountain restaurant



Some more temporarily managed huts and rest points within the National Park:

Anlaufalm  

982 m above sea level

Starting point: Brunnbach. 3 hours, 18 beds

Blahbergalm 

1,040 m above sea level

Starting points: Weißwasser/Unterlaussa, 1 ½ hours,
 Hengstpaß 3 hours

Ebenforstalm  

1,104 m above sea level

Starting point: Bodinggraben/Molln, 1 ½ – 2 hours, 21 beds

Schaumbergalm 

1,150 m above sea level

Starting point: Bodinggraben/Molln, 1 ½ – 2 hours

Feichtauhütte self-catering hut 

1,365 m above sea level

Starting point: Bodinggraben/Molln, 2 ½ hours, 35 beds

*Please contact our visitor centres for further information, e.g.
 opening hours, food and drink available · www.kalkalpen.at.*



Arrival by train or public transport

- To Windischgarsten: intercity trains and local train services from Linz and Graz
- To Reichraming: local train services from Linz/St. Valentin via Steyr
Timetable: Österreichische Bundesbahnen fahrplan.oebb.at
- Hiking bus from Windischgarsten to Hengstpaß fahrplan.oebb.at

- Information (Green circle with 'i')
- Bivouac site (Green triangle)
- Themed nature trail (Green circle with 't')
- National park infrastructure (Green circle with 'n')
- Temporarily managed hut (rest point) within the National Park (Red triangle)





Molln National Park Centre



The National Park Centre is located in the centre of the village of Molln. At the front desk you get all the information for your hiking and mountain biking tours.



Youtube



- **Exhibition “Mountain Forest and Water World”**
- **Film: “Making an Ancient Forest”**
- **Visitor information & shop**
- **National Park headquarters & water laboratory**
- **Event centre**



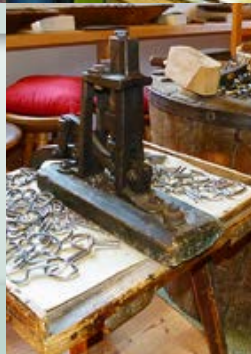
Contact

Nationalpark Allee 1
4591 Molln, Austria
phone +43 (0) 75 84 36 51
nationalpark@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at

Tour tips

- Steyr gorge and “Rinnende Mauer”
- Visit the local jaw harp producer
- Red deer watching in Bodinggraben



Ennstal National Park Visitor Centre



Ennstal Visitor Centre is located between Reichraming and Großraming right next to the Eisenbundesstraße B 115. The Visitor Information Centre lies directly beneath a green wave-like construction covered with grass, representing the “wooden sea”.



Youtube



- **Exhibition “Wonderful Woodland Wilderness”**
- **Forest cinema “Am Weg zur Waldwildnis”**
- **Visitor information & shop**
- **Earth cube “Wilderness in the soil”**
- **Forest indoor workshop for pupils**



Contact

Eisenstraße 75
4462 Reichraming, Austria
phone +43 (0) 72 54 84 14-0
info-ennstal@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at

Tour tips

- Ranger tours in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage
- Wilderness trail “Buchensteig”
- Cycling Tour “Auf den Spuren der Waldbahn”





Wurbauerkogel Panorama Tower



The National Park Panorama Tower is located near the village of Windischgarsten on the Wurbauerkogel Adventure Mountain. On a clear day the 21-metre-high glass tower offers a breathtaking panoramic view over 21 mountains higher than 2,000 metres.

- Exhibition "Fascinating Rocks"
- Rock cinema "Limestone Paradise"
- Visitor information & shop
- Panorama lift



Youtube



Audioguide!
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Contact

Wurbauerkogel 29
4581 Rosenau, Austria
phone +43 (0) 75 62 200 46
panoramatum@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at

Wurbauerkogel Adventure Mountain

Mountain restaurant, Dry Toboggan Run, Alpine Coaster, 3D Field Archery, Downhill Bikepark, chair lift; Themed nature trail to Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge



Wilderness Camp & Hengstpaß Visitor Hut

National Park Wilderness Camp

This convenient camp in the wilderness with 33 beds, kitchen, 2 lounges, group room, 2 bathrooms and campfire area is the perfect base for our ranger outdoor programmes: www.wildniscamp.at

- Experience wilderness for adults, families and school groups
- Kids camp
- Individual camps on request

Information & bookings

Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge
phone + 43 (0) 75 62 205 92
villa-sonnwend@kalkalpen.at

Hengstpaß Visitor Hut & self-catering hut



Hengstpaß is one of the most popular hiking destinations in Kalkalpen National Park and can also be reached by car. The hut at the top of the pass is an info office and also bookable year-round as a self-catering hut providing 22 beds, kitchen, bathroom and lounge with fireplace.

Contact

Am Hengstpaß 13
4581 Rosenau, Austria
phone +43 (0) 664 88 43 45 71
info-hengstpass@kalkalpen.at

Opening hours: www.kalkalpen.at

Bookings self-catering hut:

Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge,
phone +43 (0) 75 62 205 92





Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge

Villa Sonnwend National Park Lodge is situated in an idyllic, sunny location near Windischgarsten, surrounded by nature and breathtaking mountain scenery. The Jugendstil Villa is perfectly equipped for seminars, workshops or your holidays.

We offer:

- One-day seminars
- All-inclusive seminar packages
- National Park packages for individual guests and groups
- Booking & starting point for National Park tours
- National Park visitor information & shop

Facilities and service

- 28 rooms 3 ★★★ superior with bathroom, hair dryer, radio, flat screen TV, free W-Lan
- 3 modernly equipped seminar rooms
- Ahorn Arena for outdoor seminars
- Sauna with relaxation room, infrared cabin
- Local and healthy cuisine
- National Park restaurant with sun terrace
- Large park with forester's hut, open fire site



Information and bookings

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www.villa-sonnwend.at



Hiking checklist

For your safety and a relaxing nature adventure, appropriate hiking equipment is essential. We recommend:

- Hiking boots, hiking sticks, first aid kit
- Rain protection and warm clothing
- Provisions and drinking water
- Hiking map, compass, head torch
- Mobile phone, sun protection, binoculars



We recommend
Kompass hiking
map 70

Thank you for supporting nature!

Please use marked hiking paths. Cycling on selected routes only. Horse riding and ski tours on marked routes only. Keep off wetlands. Do not pick plants or flowers. No wild camping. No open fires. Dogs must be on a lead. Don't drop rubbish. Please make no noise. General traffic ban. No fishing.



Take a look at our Webshop

Picture book *Nestled in the mountain forest*

Habitats, animals and plants in Kalkalpen
Nationalpark Park, 108 pages, 200 photos
9.00 Euro

eshop.kalkalpen.at

Prices are subject to change.



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Exhibition *MountainForest & WaterWorld*

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Ennstal Visitor centre

Exhibition *Wonderful Woodland Wilderness*

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Wurbauerkogel Panorama Tower

Exhibition *Fascinating Rocks*

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Wilderness Camp

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Upper Austrian Kalkalpen

National park travel services: The

general terms and conditions for travel agencies are to be applied. More information at www.kalkalpen.at



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