

A Journey into the Tauern Window

INSIGHTS INTO ALPINE GEOLOGY AND HISTORICAL MINING

Level of difficulty:	Guided mine tour through partially narrow passages and over steep wooden stairs. Easy approach via a well-maintained hiking trail (Geology Trail).
Equipment:	Sports or light trekking shoes, rain and sun protection, appropriate clothing and spare clothes, backpack with drinks and snacks; please note that cooler temperatures prevail in the mine!
Costs:	€10 for adults, €5 for children.
Dogs:	Bringing dogs is not possible in the mine!
Meeting point:	Monday to Friday (from July 13 to September 11, 2026) at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Hochfeld mine (self-guided access).
How to reach us:	The municipality of Neukirchen is also easily accessible by public transport. Bus stop: Neukirchen Dürnbach (bus) for access via the Geology Trail. For arrival by car in Neukirchen/Sulzau, please use the parking area at Gasthof Schütthof.
e-Liner:	On Monday afternoon, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning, there is the option to travel directly to the mine by e-Liner. On Tuesdays, a return journey by e-Liner is also possible. For further information on meeting points, departure times, and prices, please visit www.wildkogel-arena.at or call +43 720 710 730.
Duration:	Approx. 2 hours (mine tour only).
Route:	Approx. 1.2 km, approx. 40 m elevation gain (mine tour) Approx. 5.0 km, 200 m elevation gain (Geology Trail round trip) Approximately 5.0 kilometers, 200 meters of elevation gain (Geo Teaching Trail, there and back).
Booking:	Advance registration for the Hochfeld show mine is mandatory and must be completed at least three hours before the start of the tour. Please register at npht.at/showmine

Description: From Gasthof Schütthof (Sulzau), you follow the Geology Trail at a relaxed hiking pace (approx. 1.5 hours) to the entrance of the show mine. Along the way, several informative display boards and worthwhile viewpoints offer magnificent views of the Untersulzbach Waterfall.

The guided tour of the mine begins on site. Since the early 1990s, considerable effort has been invested in transforming the former mine into a fascinating visitor attraction. This underground experience provides exciting insights into alpine geology and the history of the National Park.

The show mine – a true rarity in the Hohe Tauern mountains – is made accessible to visitors through guided tours and explained in an engaging way. Among other things, the structure of the Tauern Window and geological rock formations can be impressively observed and understood.

After approximately two hours of guided tour, guests return independently to the starting point.

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