



Primordial Sulzbach valleys

Where nature has preserved its diversity

Level of difficulty: Moderate snowshoe hike or winter walk that requires more stamina or leads through steeper terrain.

Equipment: Sturdy, ankle-high footwear (ideally hiking boots); warm socks, ski sticks, warm clothing (including hat and gloves), sunscreen, alpine rucksack with warm drinks and snacks

Costs: € 22,- adults; Children and young people (10–16 yrs) free when accompanied by their parents. Free with the "Gästecard" or Nationalpark WinterCard!

Included in price: Snowshoe and ski stick hire (please advise when booking)

Meeting point: Every Thursday (from 31.12.26–01.04.27) at 10:00 from the Schütthof inn, coordinates (NS 47.23643, WO 12.26140).
The tour will also take place as a Christmas special on December 23, 2025.

How to reach us: By bus (route 670 to "Neukirchen Dürnbach" bus stop, then approx. 15–20 minutes on foot) or car to the Schütthof inn.

Duration: Approx. 4.5–5 hours

Pure walking time: Approx. 2.5 hours

Route: Approx. 4–4.5 kilometres

Ascent: Approx. 200 vertical metres

Refreshment stops: Possible at the end of the tour

Booking: Up to **three hours** before the start of the excursion.
Register at np.bildung@salzburg.gv.at or at npht.at/show-mine

Description: Together, we hike on snowshoes from the valley entrance to the Knappenstube, where we take a short break to warm up and enjoy our own tea and a small snack. Surrounded by the snowy mountain scenery, this cozy rest stop offers the perfect pause before we continue on to explore the front section of the Hochfeld show mine.

Equipped with protective clothing and helmets, we then descend into the "Hieronymus Erbstollen" tunnel. Here, the ranger provides fascinating insights into the lives of the miners of past centuries and tells stories about the hardships and challenges of mining life. Along the way, you may also spot animal tracks in the snow, offering clues to the hidden life of the winter forest.

This tour combines nature experiences, history, and a touch of adventure, making it an unforgettable winter excursion.

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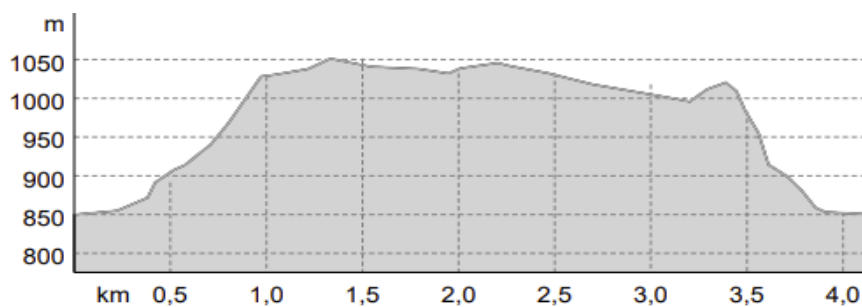




Educational content:

- a. Guests learn about the importance and functions of large protected areas – especially national parks.
- b. Guests are introduced to the concept of “wilderness” and can consciously distinguish it from other cultural and natural landscapes.
- c. After the excursion, visitors are able to recognize the contrast between intensively used winter sports areas and quieter protected areas.
- d. Guests learn about the cultural and historical development of the region through its historic mining activities.
- e. Guests gain insight into the geology and mineralogy of the Hohe Tauern and the formation of the Alps.
- f. Visitors learn to distinguish different wild animals by identifying their tracks (footprints, pellets, etc.).

Elevation profile



Registration & online
information:

