

# Trip Sheet

## Hike Hochschwab and sleep in a winter room

**Date:** Sat 8 - Sun 9 November 2008

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### **Description:**

Hochschwab in the summer time would be a nice holiday destination not far from Vienna. This trip, we will walk in a winter climate and sleep in a winter room in a closed mountain hut. This will be a good starting point for your winter activities.

**Saturday 8 November:** We will start hiking at Seeberg Passhöhe (next to Seeweisen) at 9:10 AM to Schiestlhaus, 2153m. It is a long walk, 5 hours or more, but mostly easy, on an almost flat path.

Schiestlhaus at this time of year is closed. Only one room is open which will be our sleeping room. Schiestlhaus is a modern hut with large glass windows allowing sunshine to pass through into the room to keep it warm.

We can walk to the top of Hochschwab, 2277m, in half an hour.

**Sunday 9 November:** We will continue our hike to the west. It takes 4 hours to reach the private hut, Häuselalm, 1526m, where we can take a short break for lunch. A further walk for 3 hours takes us to Oberort-Tragöb via beautiful Klammboden. At 17:10, a bus leaves Tragöb for Bruck an der Mur where we can take a train to Vienna.

### **Length of activity, difficulty:**

Depends greatly on the weather. As it is already in winter, anything could happen. This is not a difficult hike but you must **expect the unexpected!**

**Meeting time and point:** Saturday 8 November, 05:30 at Südbahnhof

**Ending time and point:** Sunday 9 November, 20:02 at Südbahnhof

### **Public Transportation:**

Train OEC 157 from Südbahnhof to Bruck an der Mur at 05:57

Then bus 172 bound for Mariazell to Seeberg Passhöhe, arriving at 09:10

### **Driving Instructions:**

As we will end the trip at a different point than the starting point, driving is not

convenient or recommended. If we decide to go by car, the following route may be taken to Seeburg Passhöhe.

Take Südbahn A2 to Knoten Seebenstein. Then merge into S6 toward Semmering/Bruck an der Mur/Neukirchen West. After around 54km, exit toward Veitsch/Mariazell/Mitterdorf-Nord. Continue toward Mariazell about 30km, you will pass Seeweisen. The route goes up to Seeburg Passhöhe in 3km. Total driving time is around 2 hours and the distance is around 150 km.

I am sorry I am not aware of parking areas.

**Car sharing:**

Let's talk at the Nov. 3 meeting. Please contact the trip leader to indicate if you are willing to drive and can offer or would need a lift.

**Recommended Equipment:**

Carefully observe the weather forecast everyday. Common sense for winter activities applies. If there is a lot of snow, skis or snowshoes may be useful. You must bring, at least, enough food and water for two days and a sleeping bag. I will bring a small stove so that we can drink hot water at the hut.

**Comments:**

Registration required by 3rd November. A participant must be confident of your physical and mental strength in extreme weather (storm, temperature -10 degrees or below, deep snow) as well as holding a current valid OeAV membership or equivalent. Email: [outdoor.with.sumio@gmail.com](mailto:outdoor.with.sumio@gmail.com) with your name and mobile phone number. I will reply as the confirmation. Detailed discussion is planned at a restaurant after the meeting on 3rd November.

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