

2-day hike Hike Ötschergräben, Ybbstaler Alpen, Niederösterreich (Part of Workshop Mountain Photography 2009)

Date: Sat/Sun 24-25 October 2009

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Registration required, closed for this time

Route description:

Across Ötschergräben (a nature park, sort of canyon) to Vorderes Ötscherschutzhaus (stay overnight). On Sunday either the same route back or partly a new one to Erlaufklause. Scenic hike in the valley south of Ötscher along a little river.

Wienerbruck (795m) - Ötschergräben (622m) - Ötscherhias (680m, in the valley) - Vorderes Ötscherschutzhaus (888m, stay overnight). The same trail back or via Ötscherhias and Forstgut Hagen to Erlaufklause (parking space or train station of "Mariazellerbahn").

Length of activity in hours/kilometers, elevation (all figures approximatively):

4-5 hours net walking time every day, difference in height 300m.

Taking pictures considerably, discussing technical details on the spot will mean it will take much longer.

Grade of difficulty: Not difficult, but surefootedness required at some spots.

Meeting point and ending point: Wienerbruck, car park near railway station: Cross the rails, then you see it.

Meeting time: Saturday 24 October, 9.00 a.m.

Ending Time: Sunday 25 October appr. 6.00 p.m. or later (social drink?).

Optionally ending at Erlaufklause. From there we have to get back to our cars. Yet to be arranged:

Mariazellerbahn: Erlaufklause > Wienerbruck (we look at timetable at Wienerbruck on Sat)

1 car takes the drivers Erlaufklause > Wienerbruck

Taxi, hitchhiking ...

Car Connections:

Via Westautobahn less kilometers, but more driving not on motorway.

Via Südataubahn much more kilometers, but more on motorway, so nearly the same duration for both. Probably depending if you live at the southern or western end of Vienna.

Wien - Westautobahn A1 - exit St. Pölten Süd, then Bundesstraße 20 via Lilienfeld - Türnitz - Annaberg the direction to Mariazell. Wienerbruck is appr. 15 km before Mariazell, between Annaberg and Josefsberg.

123 km (from Vienna/City), 2 ¼ hours appr.

Wien – Südataubahn A2 – Wiener Neustadt – Knoten Seebenstein – Schnellstraße S9

direction to Semmering – NOT to village Semmering, but to Mürzzuschlag (through tunnel) – Mürzzuschlag – Mariazell – Wienerbruck

177km (from Vienna City), 2 ¼ hours appr.

Car sharing:

I can offer car sharing (starting from underground station U4 Hütteldorf) for 1 person. Anybody needing or offering car sharing please send me an email or give me a phone call. I'll try to coordinate that: 0680 2104624.

Hiking equipment needed:

Usual equipment for hiking in alpine regions in the autumn with stay overnight at a hut (travel sheet!). Dress yourself with layer technique (if we stand still we get cold more easily compared to continuous walking). Headlamp or flashlight also a good idea (photographers are always getting into darkness :-)) Food for one or two lunches in the open air (also possible at Ötscherhies), snacks, enough drinks (1 ½ liters).

Photographic gear needed:

Bring your own camera with manual (paper or CD-ROM), card reader (if you own one), spare rechargeable battery and spare card (if you own one). If applicable: Polarizer filter, lens shade, photo backpack.

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