Snowshoe info



The following tours lead through alpine terrain and should only be negotiated in good weather and snow conditions, by practiced hikers with appropriate equipment (the information board at the valley and mountain station show which trails are open).

All trails are marked with red poles and yellow signs, distance between poles 30 - 50 meters. During storms or when there is a rick of avalanches, the snowshoe trails are closed.



Trail 1: HELMESKOGEL (1.633m)

Level of difficulty: easy to medium

Route: 4,5 kilometers - approx. 50 meters elevation gain Duration: approx. 1.5 - 2 hours (round trip)

The tour starts right beside the information board at the mountain station.

The hike leads uphill along the inns and the Alpine lodge village 'Hüttendorf'. Follow the yellow signs to the left until you reach the valley station of the tow lift (no. 4). From here, you cross the mountainside. Follow the trail straight ahead. The 'Helmeskogel' sign leads you further to the south. After the junction to 'Steinkogel' (trail 3) and a short ascent (beautiful viewpoint towards the ski area) you reach a small plain bellow the summit. Here the snowshoe signposting ends. After a few minutes via the ridge you reach the summit cross.

Trail 2: ALBERFELDKOGEL (1.709m- 'Europakreuz')

Level of difficulty: medium

Route: 5 kilometers - approx. 200 meters elevation gain Duration: approx. 2 hours (round trip)

The tour starts right beside the information board at the mountain station.

The hike leads slightly uphill along the inns and the Alpine lodge village 'Hüttendorf'. Follow the yellow signs to the left until you reach the valley station of the tow lift (no. 4). From here, you cross the mountain-side. Follow the trail straight ahead. The 'Alberfeldkogel' sign leads you further to the west and through the valley. Keep right and hike to the north uphill in the direction of 'Alberfeldkogel'. Soon you reach a plateau (caution in poor visibility) and further via the last short ascent to the Alberfeldkogel summit with its summit cross 'Europakreuz' [1.709 m), one of the most scenic viewpoints in the Höllengebirge mountain area.

Trail 3: HINTERES EDELTAL (Circular trail)

Lefel of difficulty: medium difficulty

Route: 4 kilometers - appros. 150 meters elevation gain Duration: approx. 2 - 2.5 hours

The tour starts right beside the information board at the mountain station.

The hike leads slightly uphill along the inns and the Alpine lodge village 'Hüttendorf'. Follow the yellow signs to the left until you reach the valley station of the tow lift (4). From here you cross the mountain side. Follow the trail straight ahead. The 'Hinteres Edeltal' sign leads you further to the south. Follow the valley, the Helmeskogel mountain in front of you. Ascending gently you reach the foot of a fore summit. A short but steep ascent follows, which leads you to trail 1 (approx. 20 min. to the peak). Follow trail 1 downwards, but leave it after a few steps and descent, the ski area is already in sight. Past the valley station of the tow lift (7), via the 'Sattelalm' pasture and the 'Ju-Schuh'-hut you reach the starting point after a short ascent.

This tour can be combined with trail 1 and 2 (total duration approx. 4-4.5 hours).

Trail 4: HOCHSCHNEID (1.752m- Circular trail)

Level of difficulty: intermediate to advanced (depending on snow conditions)

Route: 7.5 kilometers - approx. 420 meters elevation gain Duration: ca. 3 - 4 hours (round trip)

The tour starts right beside the information board at the mountain station.

The hike leads slightly uphill along the inns and the Alpine lodge village 'Hüttendorf'. Follow the yellow signs to the left until you reach the valley station of the tow lift (no. 4). From here, you cross the mountain-side. Follow the trail straight ahead. The 'Hinteres Edeltal' sign leads you further to the south. Follow the valley, the Helmeskogel mountain in front of you. At the junction follow the valley along trail 4 until you reach the ridge in the direction of 'Hochschneid'. Via the ridge and after the summit slope you reach the 'Schneid'. After a short steep ramp you'll ascent to the next junction to trail 5 ('Riederhütte'). Hike further downhill following trail 4 in the direction of the starting point. This trail leads you further to the valley station of the tow lift (no. 5) and past the 'Ju-Schuh'-hut to the mountain station of Feuerkogel cable car.





Trail 5: RIEDERHÜTTE (Höllkogel mountain)

Level of difficulty: intermediate to advanced (depending on snow conditions)

Route: 8.4 kilometers - approx. 320 meters elevation gain Duration: approx. 3 - 4 hours (round trip)

The tour starts right beside the information board at the mountain station.

The hike leads slightly uphill along the inns and the Alpine lodge village 'Hüttendorf'. Follow the yellow signs to the left until you reach the valley station of the tow lift (no. 4). From here, you cross the mountainside. Follow the trail straight ahead. At the junction to trail 3, 4 and 2 follow the sign in the direction 'Riederhütte' straight to a narrow passage. Slightly ascending you reach a saddle at the junction to trail 4. Keep hiking in the direction of 'Riederhütte'. After a small ascent you reach the 'Höllkogelgrube' and a few minutes further the junction to 'Höllkogel' mountain (Attention! No snowshoe signposts, in good conditions the trail is prepared!). Follow the valley and after a short ascent you reach the foot of the 'Kleinen Höllkogel' mountain at 'Riederhütte'.

(Attention: 'Riederhütte' is not always open. Please check at 'Feuerkogelhaus' for more info about opening times.)

SAFETY NOTES FOR SNOWSHOE HIKING:

We do not assume any liability. Each guest acts at his/her personal responsibility and should be able to properly assess their own fitness. Watch out for any changes in the weather - signs include gathering wind, fog and a rise in temperature. Stay up-to-date with the current situation from the avalanche warning report, e.g. on www.lawinen.at! Heed the avalanche warning lights and signs. Follow the instructions of the ski patrols and emergency services. Never rely on already existing tracks! They are no guarantee for protection from avalanches and may lead in a completely wrong direction. For emergencies, save the phone numbers of the lift company (+43 50 140) and the mountain rescue (140) on your mobile phone. Should you end up in a valley without reception, remove the SIM card and call 112!

GUIDED SNOWSHOE HIKES:

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Trail S: PRACTICE-TRAIL (Circular trail)

Duration: approx. 1 hour

The trail complies with the 'Almenrundweg' (pasture round hike) at the Feuerkogel mountain and forms the entry to trail 1 - 5.

The tour starts right beside the information board at the mountain station.

The hike leads slightly uphill along the inns and the Alpine lodge village 'Hüttendorf'. Follow the yellow signs to the left until you reach the valley station of the tow lift (4). From here, you cross the mountainside. Follow the trail straight ahead. At the crossroad (right in the direction of 'Alberfeldkogel') keep left and hike downhill. Past the valley station of the tow lift (5), the 'Ju-Schuh'-hut and a short ascent you are back at the starting point.

