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Styrian Eisenwurzten



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Nature & Geopark

Discover, enjoy, get active



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WELCOME TO THE NATURE & GEOPARK

The region is rich in nature, geology, and culture. Discover our unique diversity and the people who preserve our wealth.

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Nature & Geopark
Styrian Eisenwurzen



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Our natural gems

- Krauscave, Pitzengorge & Nothgorge in the GeoVillage Gams
- Mühlbach
- Palfauer Wasserlochgorge



Rare plants & animals

Peterg Stamm, orchids, daphne, ash fritillary butterfly, lack woodpecker, shovel-shaped beetle

Facts and figures

Founded: 1996 // European Geopark since 2002 // UNESCO Global Geopark since 2015

The Nature & Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen covers an area of 586 km² from Altenmarkt to Wildalpen along the border with Upper and Lower Austria and is described by its visitors as "wildly romantic."

Our cultural landscape: Gorges and river landscapes along the Enns and Salza rivers with mixed beech forests, orchard meadows, and alpine pastures.

Our main theme: Geology and water
Our main product: Whitewater sports
Population: 5,589

Protected areas/landscape conservation areas: Ennstal and Eisenerzer Alps, Hochschwab-Zeller Staritzen; **Nature reserves:** Wildalpener Salzatal, Wegscheider Teich; **Natura 2000 European protected areas:** Ennstal Alps/Gesäuse, southern valley areas of the Göstlinger Alps; natural monuments



Watch out

These four signs indicate that there is something to discover. They provide information about rare plants or animals, indicate our natural gems, or describe a particularly attractive hiking tip and our best excursion destinations.



Rare plant or animal



Natural gem



Hiking tip



Excursion destination

Geodiversity – the Nature Park is a UNESCO Global Geopark

GeoVillage – experience geology

The journey through time begins 250 million years ago, when the region was still at the bottom of the tropical sea of the Triassic period. This geological period of the Mesozoic era is described in Großreifling, municipality of Landl, as the Anisian stage (Latin: Anisus fluvius = Enns).



NothGorge & GeoPath



In summer, there is no place more refreshing than the Nothgorge near Gams. Wooden walkways lead you deeper and deeper into the beautiful natural formation of the Gamsbach stream. The GeoPath, equipped with 15 stations, begins right next to the GeoVillage. From there, we walk towards the park pool and follow the Gamsbach stream again into the Nothgorge until we reach the wooden footbridge. We now walk along the approx. 600 m long Nothgorge footbridge and end up at a path that leads to the stone ball mill. After the mill, we walk a few meters uphill and find ourselves at the turning point of the GeoPath. We now return along Nothstreet, walk through three tunnels and pass the entrance to the Krauscave (gypsum crystal cave) and the Pitzengorge natural monument. Following the signs, we return to the GeoVillage.

GeoRama

Sections of the region's 250 million years of geological history are presented in the form of a museum. The GeoRama can only be visited by appointment as part of a guided tour.



Did you know?

Sea lilies are echinoderms, like sea urchins and starfish, and are not plants.

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

There are currently 213 geoparks worldwide. Their task is to preserve and protect special geological deposits and promote appreciation of them, as well as to develop geological phenomena for tourism purposes.



KrausCave

The 350-meter-long Kraus Cave in the Gamser Nothgorge is a place of superlatives: its special feature is the combined occurrence of countless small gypsum crystals and stalactites that sparkle in the light. It is one of the oldest show caves in Austria and the largest gypsum-bearing cave in the German-speaking world. It is also the only show cave in Europe where hydrogen sulfide has converted the limestone into gypsum.

GeoWorkshop

Young and old alike can get hands-on at an exciting workshop in the GeoWorkshop, where they can transform prefabricated pendants into jewelry and take them home as personal souvenirs. During the workshop, participants not only grind and polish their own personal mementos, but also cut and identify collected stones.



Did you know?

Here is an ammonite in the Anisian stage. Ammonites are a now extinct subgroup of cephalopods, which belonged to the mollusks.

65 MIO

Cretaceous

135 MIO

Jurassic

205 MIO

Triassic

250 MIO

Mesozoic Era

Time period of the Middle Ages of the Earth from 250 million to 65 million years ago

Timeline

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Biodiversity

Preserving biodiversity, protecting natural habitats



Preserving biodiversity, protecting natural habitats

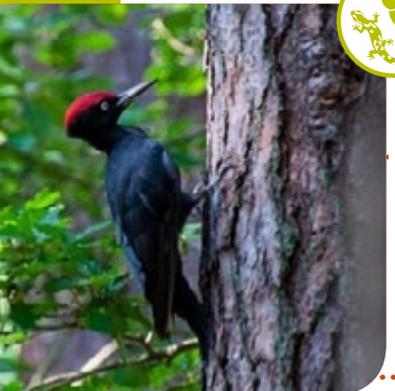
Nature parks are protected landscapes where the aim is to protect and preserve the cultural landscape created by humans with its biodiversity. This includes, among other things, orchard meadows, alpine pastures, extensively used grazing areas, but also old animal breeds and plant varieties. Natural landscapes, such as the mixed red beech forests in the Salza and Lassing valleys, the Wegscheider pond in St. Gallen, and many natural monuments, acid-rich air, and pure water characterize the natural beauty of the Eisenwurz region.



IN INTERVIEW

DI Eva Maria Vorwagner
Biodiversity expert

"The Nature and Geopark is a biodiversity hotspot where an impressive variety of habitats and species are preserved. Protecting this valuable natural heritage and making it accessible to people is essential for the preservation of intact ecosystems."



The black woodpecker

is a so-called characteristic species for the nature park. These are typical species of a biotope, the protection of which preserves entire communities. It is the largest native woodpecker and characterizes the existing features of our nature park forests with abundant deadwood. The black woodpecker is extremely vocal and, especially during the breeding season, almost impossible to ignore.



Scarce Fritillary

This highly endangered butterfly depends on healthy ash trees and flower-rich meadows. It's good that these still exist here!



Peterg Stamm

The Peterg Stamm is characterized by its delicate, star-shaped flowers and its hardy nature, which makes it ideal for alpine locations.

Biodiversity Explained:

Biodiversity actually refers to the diversity of all living creatures, in relation to each other and to their habitats. For a better understanding and for everyday use, substitute terms such as "biological diversity" or "diversity of life" are suitable.



Path of nonSENSES

Learn everything about biodiversity

The PATH of the nonSENSES in Altenmarkt near St. Gallen invites you to a unique sensory experience in nature. At 12 interactive stations, perception, sensory pleasure, and the question of the meaning of life are explored in a playful way.

From culinary delights to physical contact, from birdsong at sunrise to the beauty of landscapes, the theme of sensuality offers countless pleasurable (sensual intoxication, sensual delight) and touching approaches (sensual, rich in meaning) for communicating nature-related content. For some visitors, a walk along the trail can lead to a change in their perception of nature.

Starting point:

in front of the Altenmarkt municipal office near St. Gallen

Orchards & more - Gesäuse Orchard trees

Planting, caring for, harvesting



The apple doesn't fall far from the tree – but it just stays where it is

Orchard meadows have always been important for the survival of the rural population, for the cultural landscape, and as a habitat for native species. In recent years, however, the challenges of protecting and using orchard meadows have become increasingly acute, and they have become an endangered element of our landscape.

Regional orchard trees from the nature park region:

Sometimes it is difficult to trace where food or products come from. But we can sweeten and beautify your everyday life in equal measure: with an orchard tree. Scattered fruit trees? I'm not that scattered... - true, but we're talking about diversity here. By planting the right varieties of apple and pear trees, you can have fruit from your garden almost all year round. Vitamins you can bite into, jams for a good start to the day, juice to quench your thirst, or refined high-proof liquor for every celebration – a scattered fruit garden helps in all situations – and it's also the ideal source of shade.



For more information, visit www.eisenwurzen.com, or contact Genussmsthof Veitlbauer (www.veitlbauer.at)



Wood apple

This wild apple spread in the past through grazing, but today it has become rather rare. Here, the Wood Apple Valley in Wildalpen is named after it.



Orchard variety gardens

Five orchards in the municipalities of Wildalpen (Hopfgarten district), Landl (Palfau and Gams), Altenmarkt, and St. Gallen serve to preserve old and rare fruit varieties. The freely accessible orchards provide information about local apple and pear varieties.



Harvest

In late summer and fall, the fruit is ripe for harvesting and further processing. However, some people like to snack on it beforehand.



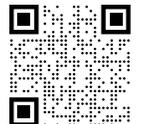
Products

A wide range of products made from orchard fruit, such as "Gesäuse Saftl" juice, are a treat for the palate. They can be purchased directly from specialty partners or in various shops belonging to the Gesäuse partners.

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Steirische Eisenwurzen



Want to support the cultural landscape of orchards yourself? Become a sponsor? Get involved in maintenance work yourself? Support our landscape conservation fund: eisenwurzen.com/landschaft



Water richness

Nature & Geopark dedicated to water

The defining element in the region:

Rivers, streams, springs, lakes, moors, gorges, and caves are among the natural jewels and excursion destinations. Of particular note is the Salza, one of the last pristine wild rivers in Austria.



Wasserlochgorge Palfau

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The water from a giant karst spring rushes down five enormous rock steps into the valley. The mighty spring cave is the largest water-bearing cave in Styria and is one of the most magnificent karst phenomena in Austria. From the source to the mouth of the Salza, the water overcomes a height of 300 meters. A nature-friendly and easily accessible climbing facility with wooden stairs and bridges leads through the 900 m long gorge.

Ascent: approx. 1,5 hours to the Wasserloch
Descent: approx. 1,5 hours via Jägerriedel (sure-footed and free from vertigo)

Equipment: sturdy shoes

www.wasserlochklamm.at



Georafting

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Experience geological history in a rafting boat – or rather: "Take part in a sporty journey through time in the Salza Valley." If you not only want to experience an adventure and strengthen your muscles, but also expand your knowledge, this tour is just right for you.

Registration: from May to October at Rafting Camp Palfau: Tel.: +43 (0) 650 36 38 240, office@raftingcamp.at, www.raftingcamp.at



Water Adventure Park St. Gallen



Canoeing in the 400-meter-long boat canal, rafting, damming, pumping, and transporting water on the drifting facility, generating energy from hydropower, saving a village from flooding – these are just a few of the highlights at the Water Adventure Park.

Opening hours: May - September
T+43 664 5204426
www.wassererlebnispark.at



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HighSpringWater Museum Wildalpen:

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Since 1910, approx. 217,000 m³ of drinking water has been flowing from the Hochschwab through the 2nd Vienna High Spring Water Pipeline to the federal capital Vienna.

Opening hours:

May 1 - October 26, Mon to Fri 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sun and public holidays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
T +43 3636 451 31 871 | www.wasserleitungsmuseum.at

New exhibition

Wildalpen rockslide

Landslides are a defining phenomenon in mountain regions – on the one hand, they pose a threat to people and the environment, but on the other, they are a natural process with potential that has received little attention to date. They play a central role in landscape change and can provide valuable geosystem services.

This topic is now part of the permanent exhibition at the HighSpring-Water Museum Wildalpen and adds a new perspective to the existing content.

Special attention is paid to the Wildalpen rockslide, traces of which are still visible in the landscape today. Discover how landslides not only pose risks, but also shape the environment and offer untapped opportunities for nature and society.



Forestdiversity

Healthy Forest Regions (HFR)

Forests offer much more than just wood: they purify our air, store carbon, protect against natural hazards, and are valuable recreational areas. However, many of these benefits have not yet been exploited economically.

The EU project "Healthy Forest Regions" (HFR) is developing innovative strategies to use forests sustainably while creating new sources of income for forest owners and managers.

Recreation in the forest – a valuable ecosystem service

Ecosystem services are the many benefits that nature provides us. With its forests, the Nature & Geopark makes an important contribution to recreation: as a natural retreat, the forest reduces stress, strengthens health, and increases our well-being, whether walking, hiking, or simply spending time in nature. This recreational function is an essential ecosystem service that the Nature & Geopark preserves for people and the environment.

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HealthyForestRegions



Our goals:

- ✓ Protect forests & promote sustainable use
- ✓ Raise awareness of the importance of forests
- ✓ Create new income opportunities for forest owners

Why is the forestry industry so important?

- ★ **Nature conservation:**
Forest owners and forestry companies that focus on nature and environmental protection actively contribute to the preservation of our forests.
- ★ **Creating habitats:**
By refraining from forestry use in certain forest areas, valuable refuges for flora and fauna are created – in line with the concept of national parks, nature parks, and wilderness areas.
- ★ **Protecting nature:**
Forest owners and forestry companies that focus on nature and environmental protection actively contribute to the preservation of our forests. Long-term sustainability: with forest management that focuses on long-term ecological and economic care, we promote healthy and resilient forests for the future.

New sector "Forest"

in the Gesäuse Partner-network!



• Forest



• Art & Culture

• Crafts & Trade

What does the new "forestry" sector offer us all?

- ✓ **Strengthening the network:**
The addition of the forestry sector expands our network to include a central, future-oriented pillar. This is where like-minded partners who are committed to high quality and sustainability come together.
- ✓ **Promoting exchange:**
The exchange between forest owners, forestry companies, and other partners promotes innovative ideas and cooperation in the region.
- ✓ **Sustainable tourism:**
With the forest as a place of recreation and learning for visitors, we create attractive offers for guests who appreciate nature and sustainability. Our region is perceived even more strongly as a role model for nature-oriented forest use and environmental protection.

The Gesäuse Partner network was established in 2006. The partner network brings together different industries. From farmers selling directly to consumers, to restaurants and outdoor activity providers, to commercial enterprises and associations, the region's leading businesses are represented. All partner companies meet strict quality criteria and share a vision for the Gesäuse region: working together for a valuable future!



•• Accommodation & Gastronomy



•••• Specialities

••• Outdoor & Nature education



Interested in becoming a partner?

You can find more information at:



www.partner.gesaeuse.at

Forestdiversity

Forest experiences in the region



Silvanum Forestry Museum, Großreifling

The English word “to raft” means “to float.” Transporting wood by water was one of the most important industries in the region, and only men who could not swim were hired as raftsmen.

Opening hours:

May–October, Wednesday–Sunday

T+ 43 3633 2201 40 | www.forstmuseum.at

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New exhibition

Forest:Worlds

Discover the fascinating history and future of our forests! The new special exhibition at the Forestry Museum highlights the transformation of forests through climate change, forestry, and nature conservation. Interactive stations, exciting exhibits, and impressive images allow you to experience the forest with all your senses. Using modern and contemporary communication methods (augmented reality and touchscreens), landscapes are brought to life, information is conveyed in a playful way, and visitors are given an understanding of, for example, the challenges facing forests in times of climate change.



Hikes in the natural forest



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Discover nature on the Zinkgraben trail

Fascinating nature experiences await you on the trail through the gorge forest along the Großer Billbach stream. Geologically interesting conglomerate rockfalls and landslides make the Zinkgraben exciting for those interested in geology. The Zinkgraben trail is ideal for cooling off and recharging your batteries, especially in hot weather.

Accessibility: Start your exploration tour either at the newly designed market square in Sankt Gallen or in the district of Weißenbach an der Enns, at the Eisenwurzten Halle.

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Discover nature in the Spitzenbachgorge

A hike through the Spitzenbachgorge, also known as the “Valley of Butterflies,” is an impressive experience. Around 450 species of butterflies find a suitable habitat here. The gorge has enjoyed the highest protection status in Styria as a natural monument since 1971.

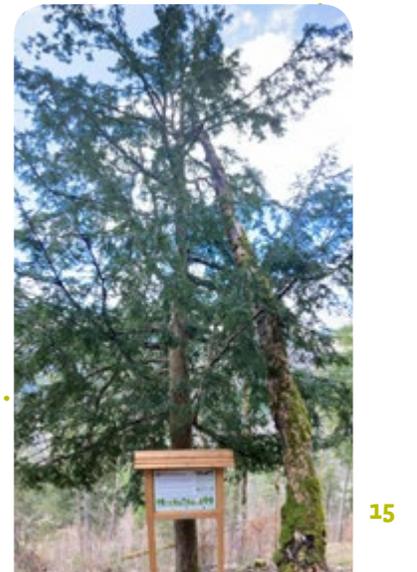
Accessibility: The hike begins in St. Gallen opposite the trail marked as hiking trail 637.

Walking time: From Markt St. Gallen to the gorge and back is approximately 1,5 hours.

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“Climate-fit forest” themed trail in Gams

The trail starts at the Kaiserbauer farm (access via the Gams fire station, past the soccer field to the end of the road) – or better still, explore the entire Gasteiger circular hiking trail. Six stations along the Salztal Valley provide important information about climate change and the role of the forest as a habitat, protected area, and climate regulator. It's the perfect place to learn more about how nature is adapting to climate change.



Forestdiversity

Forest experiences in the region

Natural Forest Network

Creation of a transnational biotope network

The Natural Forest Network is committed to preserving biodiversity and ecological connectivity in Austria. The aim is to create a cross-border biotope network that promotes the exchange of wild animals and plants. By connecting important protected areas such as the Kalkalpen National Park and the Ötscher-Tormäuer Nature Park and through cooperation with private and public landowners, valuable habitats are being secured.

Stepping stone biotopes play a crucial role in connecting different habitats and enabling the natural exchange of species.

Further information and materials can be found on the network's website:



More about nature connection in Styria and biotopes as important mosaic pieces for us all can be found at:
www.naturverbunden-steiermark.org



**Wildnis
Dürrenstein-Lassingtal**
URSPRÜNGLICH UND UNBÄNDIG

Location: Lower Austria / Styria

Established: 2001

Area: 7.000 hectares

www.wildnisgebiet.at

Special features

- ✓ Austria's only "primeval forest" - Rothwald
- ✓ UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site together with Kalkalpen National Park: "Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe"
- ✓ House of Wilderness in Lunz am See - Here you can marvel at the wilderness area in an interactive way
- ✓ The Lassing - one of the last unspoiled whitewater streams in Austria
- ✓ Ural owl reintroduction project



**Nationalpark
Kalkalpen**

Location: Upper Austria

Established: 1997

Area: 20.856 hectares

www.kalkalpen.at

Special features

- ✓ The Kalkalpen National Park inspires visitors with its extensive, untouched forests and steep limestone formations.
- ✓ A refuge for many endangered animals, including the lynx and the black stork.
- ✓ A paradise for hikers, nature lovers, and wildlife observers.
- ✓ The park is home to the largest contiguous forest areas in Austria and impresses with its quiet, majestic atmosphere.
- ✓ The geology and history of the Alpine region come to life in the park.



Where we come together and overlap:

- In Wildalpen & Landl:
Dürrenstein-Lassingtal Wilderness Area
- In Landl & St. Gallen:
Gesäuse National Park
- On the state border in St. Gallen:
Kalkalpen National Park



Location: Styria

Established: 2002

Area: 11.900 hectares

www.nationalpark-gesaeuse.at

Special features

- ✓ The Gesäuse National Park is a natural jewel with dramatic cliffs, deep gorges, and wild mountain foothills.
- ✓ Home to many rare animal species, such as sandpipers, chamois, and golden eagles. Ideal location for hikers and climbers, with routes such as the "Adlerweg" (Eagle Trail).
- ✓ A diverse flora, including numerous orchid species and rare mountain plants, makes the park a unique experience.

Experiences

Highlights in the Nature & Geopark

Gallenstein Castle

Gallenstein Castle is a cultural and social centerpiece of the entire region. As a popular destination with views of the Gesäuse mountains, it is also the venue for various events such as the Sankt Gallen Festival in the summer months. You can also find information about local history and geology along the path to the castle.



Cycling



Over hill and dale on two wheels: from easy tours to very challenging 3-day stages – the Trans-National Park Tour offers cyclists many opportunities to discover the biodiversity of the Nature & Geopark. Our insider cycling tip goes from Gams over the Torsattel to Wildalpen. Before stopping for a bite to eat, we recommend the Krumpenrunde.

TransNationalpark

2 national parks - 2 federal states

Open from April 15 to October 31

www.transnationalpark.at or gesaeuse.at



Hiking

From 350 to 2,000 meters above sea level, from the Weg der non-SENSES trail in Altenmarkt near Sankt Gallen to the Gamsstein in Landl/Palfau. Habitats of rare animals and plants can be found both here and there.



Fishing

Those seeking tranquility in nature will find it fly fishing on the Enns.



CULTURE TIP

St. Gallen Festival

The St. Gallen Festival takes place annually from mid- to late August.

www.festival.stgallen.at



Tradition and customs

During Advent and Christmas, all hell breaks loose in the Nature park region!

In St. Gallen, both the traditional bear drive and the Hammerschmiedteufel run take place at the beginning of December.

The so-called forest people, or “Waldmandl,” used to drive out bears during the bear drive, which threatened the farmers' livestock. The Hammerschmiedteufel run has its origins in the heyday of Eisenerz, when the blacksmiths, also known as hammer masters, lived in great excess. This gluttony was punished on St. Nicholas Day by the rest of the population, who danced through the streets wearing terrifying masks depicting devils, bears, lynxes, and forest people. Among them, you can still find St. Nicholas, who warns against gluttony and recklessness.

On St. Thomas' Day, December 21, you can experience the Thomasniglou parade, which only takes place in Gams. On January 5, there is the unique Glöcklerlauf parade in Wildalpen. The run of these Schönperchten with their wonderful headdresses is said to drive away evil spirits and bring blessings for the new year.



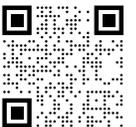
In winter

Ski touring, snowshoeing, skiing at local ski lifts and cross-country skiing.

Coming soon:

Heaven & Earth - Marterl Pilgrimage Trail

marterl.eisenwurzen.com



Behavior in nature

- Be calm and quiet
- Leave animals, plants, mushrooms, stones, and fossils in nature
- Take your trash home with you
- Respect property
- Keep dogs on a leash
- Observe restricted areas
- No open fires
- Camp only at designated camping sites
- Respect the animals' rest periods



Experience map

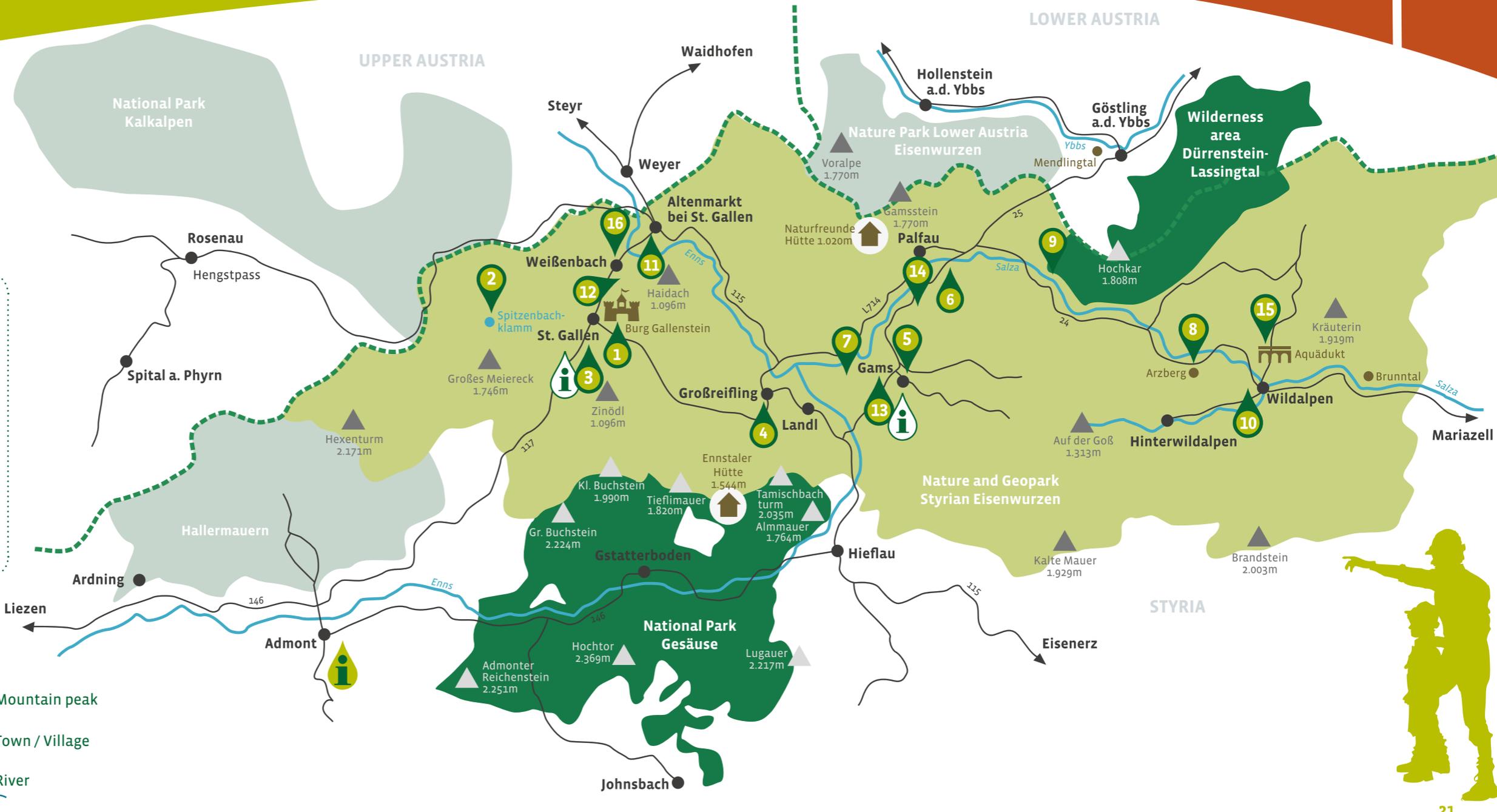
Our Nature & Geopark at a glance

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-  Town / Village
-  River



Dark sky

Eisenwurzen nature reserve – is the abundance of forest to blame?

Discover our natural night, for example, with us or in the Gesäuse National Park:

nationalpark-gesaeuse.at/nationalpark-erleben/kalender



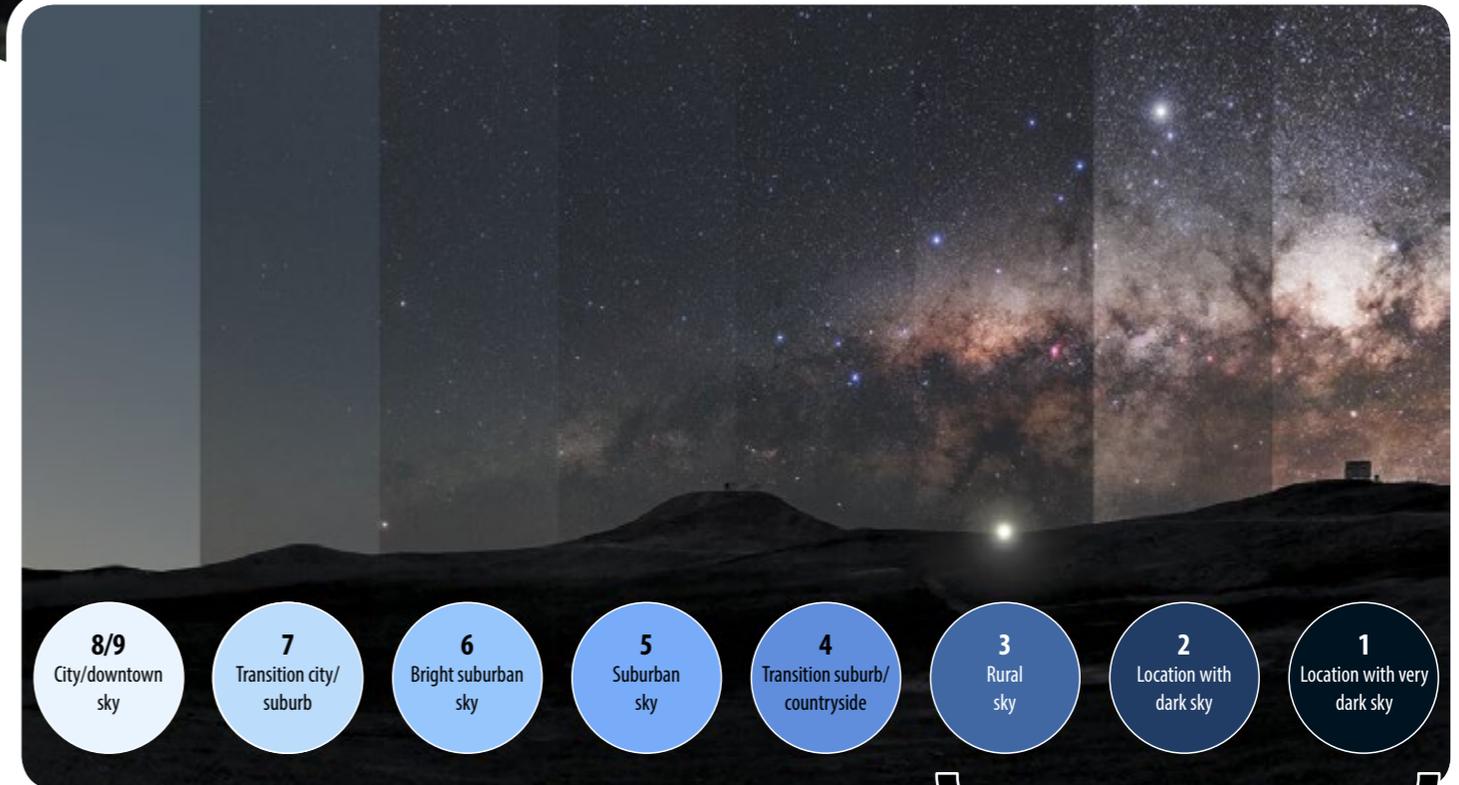
IN INTERVIEW

Julia Kaufmann, MSc

Coordinator of the Eisenwurzen Natural Night Area

"The triangle formed by the provinces of Lower Austria, Upper Austria, and Styria is the largest contiguous area in Austria with very low light pollution. Twenty-two municipalities covering over 2,300 km² have committed themselves to protecting the night in the region. Here, you can enjoy the stars and the night like nowhere else in Central Europe."

Fig. 1: Light pollution according to the Bortle scale



Source: ESO/P. Horalek, M. Wallner, www.cdn.eso.org/images/screen/dark-skies.jpg, 2023 Lizenz: CC BY 4.0

The night sky

As soon as the sun disappears below the horizon, the first stars appear in the sky. With the naked eye, we can see around 1,000 stars, planets, and the moon from one position, provided all conditions are right.

We owe this to our adaptable eyes, which can perceive our environment even in dim light and allow us to glimpse the universe. We can even see part of the galaxy in which our Earth is located with the naked eye: the Milky Way. The starry sky has always served humankind as a guide and calendar. But in today's modern world, the natural night sky is becoming less and less accessible to people.

Light pollution

Only around 1 percent of all Europeans still enjoy a dark night sky, and only 60% of people in Austria have the opportunity to see the Milky Way in the night sky. The reason for this is light pollution. This describes the brightening of the environment by artificial light sources to an extent that can be detrimental to humans and the environment. Light sources can be neon signs, streetlights, illuminated buildings, as well as light emissions from private homes.

Advantages of the "Eisenwurzen Natural Night Reserve"

Cross-state cooperation, such as in the "Eisenwurzen Natural Night Reserve" project, has many advantages. Light pollution knows no boundaries – through joint strategies, larger, contiguous natural areas can be protected, and the unique natural areas and forest worlds in the federal state triangle can be promoted. The cooperation enables the exchange of know-how, a more efficient use of resources, and joint awareness-raising.

Particularly noteworthy is the diverse range of events offered by the Gesäuse National Park, including photo workshops and guided tours.

Did you know?

The region may be sparsely populated, but it is rich in forests, as the previous pages of this folder show. Ideal conditions for low light pollution.



Education

On the trail of the forest



Information & course offerings at:

Styrian Nature Conservation Academy

Stein an der Enns 107, 8961 Sölk
T 0676 / 966 83 78
kontakt@naturschutzakademie.com
www.naturschutzakademie.com



Our school programs are ideal for excursions, project days, and school trips

Experience and understand nature – under this motto, we are committed to teaching about nature, culture, and their interrelationships. Children can enjoy personal experiences of nature and numerous eye-opening moments. Our nature and landscape guides bring children their knowledge of nature through fun and games and show them the way: they hike through natural forests, cross streams, and help explore the unknown.

Highlights of our program:

- Georrafting on the Salza
- HighSpringWater Museum
- Conquering Gallenstein
- Silvanum Forestry Museum
- On the trail as a geologist and cave explorer
- HighSpringWater Museum
- Night hike
- On the trail of nature
- Teambuilding
- The Kern orchard



Registration and information:

www.eisenwurzten.com/projekttag-schullandwochen

All events and activities in the region can be found at:



Further information and contact details:



Gesäuse Tourist Association
T +43 (0) 3613 211 60 10
info@gesaeuse.at
www.gesaeuse.at



WhatsApp channel

Current information and events can also be found here:



Lynx Trail

Through Austria's wild center

On the long-distance hiking trail with 11 stages, you will cross several large protected areas. In addition to the Kalkalpen and Gesäuse national parks and the Dürrenstein-Lassingtal wilderness area, this route also takes you through the nature and geopark area.

www.luchsstrail.at



Our bookable offer for guests

On the road with the nature guide

We would like to send our guests on trips through the Nature & Geopark.

Info & registration: eisenwurzten.com/erlebnis





Discover the diversity of our region

You can't experience the Styrian Eisenwurzen and the Gesäuse in just one day. Stay here for a few days and enjoy our unspoiled mountains, our unknown nature, our breathtaking river landscape, or our delightful orchards. Wild water and steep cliffs are what you'll find in the Gesäuse, and the Nature & Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen is right in the middle of it all. Our NaturparkResortGesäuse offers just as much variety in terms of accommodation under one roof, but scattered across the region – just like our colorful orchards. We bring together all the rarities for you – bookable offers can be found at:

www.naturparkresort.at



public and demand-oriented transport services

IN INTERVIEW

Martin Gebeshuber, MA
KLAR! Model Region Manager

"Public transport in rural areas cannot be compared to that in larger cities. Nevertheless, it does exist: public transport (on-demand bus, RegioBus, and train)."

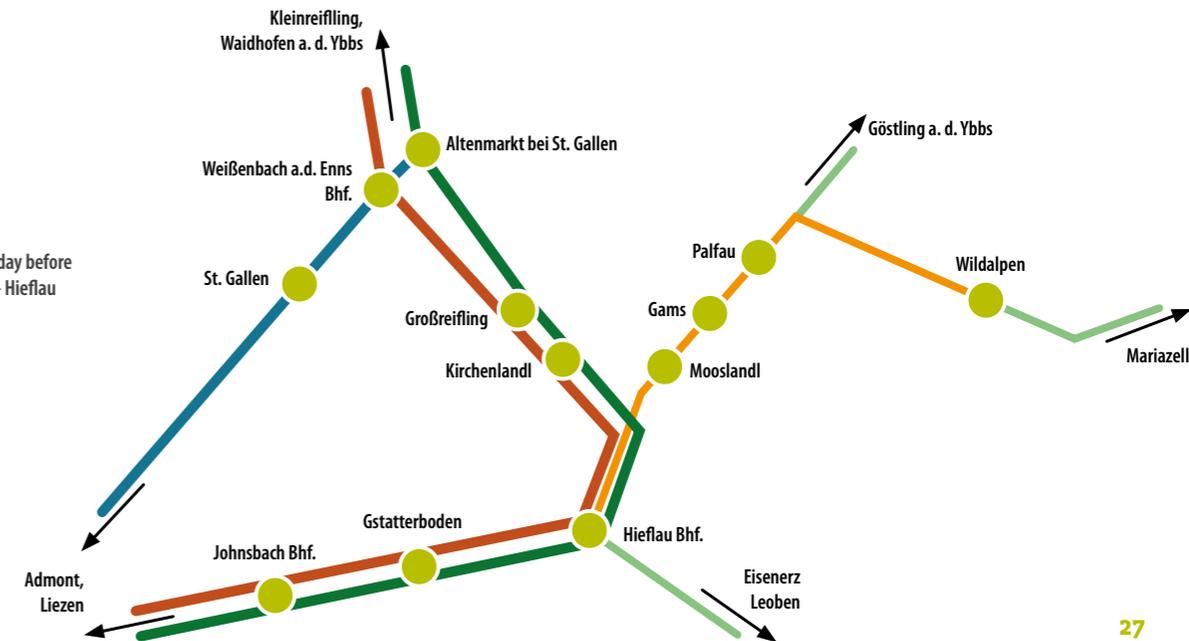
Bus lines 910 and 912 take you from Liezen or Admont to our region. The train also stops in Weißenbach an der Enns and serves as the gateway for guests from Vienna and beyond. If you only get as far as Kleinreifling, no problem – the RegioBus will take you from there to our nature park region. **Not to be forgotten** are the two train connections on Saturdays and Sundays through the Gesäuse; the train ride alone is an experience. If you want to travel from Hieflau to Wildalpen, you can order a shared taxi (line 922). Just call two hours in advance and off you go. If public transport is not an option, local taxi companies are available to take you from A to B. In the Liezen district, there is also the LIMO app, where you can find or offer carpooling opportunities.

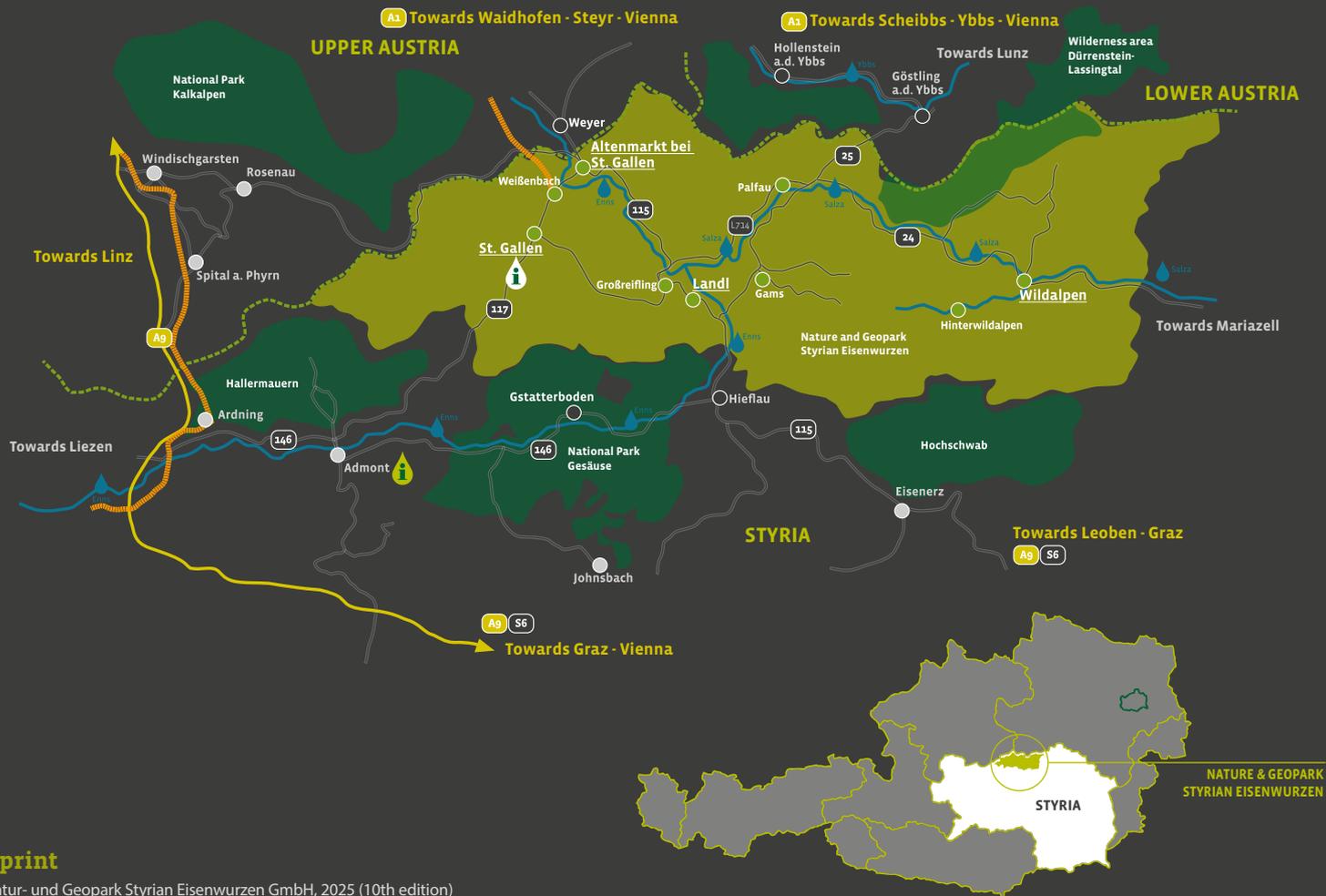
The exact arrival and departure times for trains, buses, and shared taxis can be found at fahrplan.oebb.at, verkehrsankunft.verbundlinie.at, or in the LIMO App.

LIMO



- Bus line 912 via Hieflau
 - Bus line 910 via Buchau
 - Train connection through the National- and Geopark
 - Call-and-collect taxi line 922
- 2 hours in advance
0676 5870031 or 03637212
For 7 or more people, by 6:30 p.m. the day before
Hieflau - Wildalpen (Hinterwildalpen) - Hieflau
- Taxi companies
 - Taxi Thalhuber, Gams
03637/212
 - Taxi company Werner Oskar, Wildalpen
03636/321
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03632/7710
 - Taxi Wagner, Admont
0664/2328704
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