



# FACT SHEET

## Nockberge Tourism Region

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## Facts and Figures – Nockberge Tourism Region

**Geography** The Nockberge Tourism region lies nestled in the soft alpine mountains of the Nockberge. Enjoy a unique view of the mountains as well as a number of family skiing resorts, small towns with southern charm, pristine alpine valleys, traditional culinary delights, and much more!

**Area** 704 km<sup>2</sup>

**Total Population** 24.175

**Municipalities** Albeck  
Deutsch-Griffen  
Feldkirchen  
Gnesau  
Himmelberg  
Krems  
Reichenau

**Accomodations** 512

**Total number of beds** 6.278

**Campsites** 5

**Number of overnight stays** 508.100 in year 2018

Photographs from the Nockberge Tourism Region can be found at:

<http://www.nockberge.at/de/service/presse>



In winter the Nockberge Mountains appear as an untouched, snow white, idyllic nature resort. The skiing resorts Turracher Höhe, Hochrindl, Innerkrems and the Heidi Alm Ski Park on Falkert promise perfect skiing slopes and unique experiences in nature that make all your winter dreams come true! In the Valleys below, relaxing winter hiking trails, traditional Christmas markets and special cultural events await you!

## **The Top 10 in the Region**

### **1. Take a tour on the Nockberge Trail**

The Nockberge trail brings you on a four day skiing hike into the Southern mountains of Katschberg, Innerkrems, Turracher Höhe, Falkert and Bad Kleinkirchheim. This is a unique experience in Austria: The Nockberge Trail can be booked online using the website: [www.nockberge-trail.com/en/](http://www.nockberge-trail.com/en/)

### **2. Snow Paradise Hochrindl**

The Hochrindl enchants its visitors with magnificent panoramic views of the South. If you like downhill and cross country skiing or you just enjoy relaxing walks through the snow, then you are sure to enjoy unforgettable winter days in this unique terrain. Skiers can enjoy 20 kilometres of perfectly conditioned skiing slopes.

### **3. Ski tours – Nature trail on Falkert mountain**

On the first Carinthian ski touring trail in the Heidi-Alm mountain resort in Falkert, you can learn the most important basics of ski touring. Perfect, untouched slopes, a fascinating natural landscape, and snow covered peaks on all sides, guarantee unforgettable moments. A certified ski guide is on hand for those who do not wish to venture out by themselves. The sign-posted route is divided into six sections and runs through the picturesque valley of “Sonntagstal”.

### **4. Cultural shopping city Feldkirchen**

In addition to high quality concerts, the Bamberger Amthof in Feldkirchen also hosts exciting guided tours on the history of the city, through the museum located within its historic walls. Lovingly decorated streets invite you to stroll around and of course in winter you can look forward to a range of special culinary delights.

### **5. Concerts in Albeck Castle**

Albeck castle is also named the “Pearl of the Gurk Valley”, and rightly so. Whether it’s hosting a concert, theatre, a cabaret or an exhibition, the baroque halls of the castle exude culture. Treat yourself to some culinary delights in the Castle Restaurant.

[www.schloss-albeck.at](http://www.schloss-albeck.at)



## **6. Trail of the Skiing Legends**

The family skiing resort Innerkrems lies in the heart of the Nockberge Mountains. Thanks to the optimal snow conditions found here, the Alpine Performance Centre was created as a training area for some of Austria's most prominent downhill skiers. Furthermore, the Performance Centre presents the "trail of the Skiing legends", one of four themed trails in the Nockberge Region. Nine stations along this hiking trail pay homage to the legends who have a special connection with the Nockberge Region, such as, Fritz Strobl, Hermann Maier, Franz Klammer, and Michaela Dorfmeister.

## **7. The Nocky Flitzer also races in Winter**

13 steep curves, 15 waves and 3 full turns – the Nocky Flitzer, the spectacular Alpine Roller coaster on the Turracher Höhe Mountain provides an exciting experience for everyone! At 1,600 metres in length, you can speed your way down into the Valley, in winter as well as in summer.

## **8. Magical moments in Nockberge Biosphere Park**

In winter you can enjoy unforgettable guided tours with one of our Biosphere Park Rangers, who will lead you to the snowy landscape of the Nockberge Biosphere Park. On the tour there are many things to see and experience, such as, watching wild game being fed as you sit in the comfort of a rustic hunting lodge.

## **9. New Winter Folder: Enjoy Winter off the slopes**

If skiing is not your thing then don't fret- there are lots of magical experiences awaiting you off the slopes – picturesque hiking trails, frozen lakes that turn into crystal clear ice skating rinks, extensive cross country skiing trails, and cultural delights in the shopping town of Feldkirchen with top class concerts in the Bamberger Amthof – to name but a few. All of these trails and tips are listed in the new winter folder "Looking for trails in the Nockberge – winter experiences off the slopes", which was published in cooperation with the Badkleinkirchheim region.

## **10. Personal Butler Service**

This highly personal Butler service provided by Gertraud and Elmar is the hallmark of the Turracher Höhe. Guests are spoiled with a glass of wine and even your sun cream is delivered directly to you. Elmar knows the most beautiful places of this magnificent winter landscape and will happily explore them with you, by foot, or with the use of snow shoes.



## **Ski Slopes**

### Turracher Höhe:

42 Pistenkilometer, 14 Seilbahnen und Lifte.

[www.turracherhoehe.at](http://www.turracherhoehe.at)

### Hochrindl:

20 Pistenkilometer, 6 Liftanlagen und Übungslifte.

[www.hochrindl.at](http://www.hochrindl.at)

### Heidi-Alm Skipark Falkert:

12 Pistenkilometer, 3 Liftanlagen, Übungslifte.

[www.heidialm.at](http://www.heidialm.at)

### Innerkrems:

45 Pistenkilometer, 9 Liftanlagen, 4 Übungslifte.

[www.innerkrems.at](http://www.innerkrems.at)

The four skiing areas, Turracher Höhe, Hochrindl, Innerkrems and the Heidi Alm Skipark on Falkert offer miles of ski slopes with state of the art skiing lifts. On Turracher Höhe snow is guaranteed due to its high altitude which ranges from 1,763 to 2,020 metres above sea level. Vast, wide descents invite skiers and snowboarders alike to wonderful days on the slopes. Austria's best fun mountain with a Kids Slope, Snow Park, Fun Slope, Fun Cross and Family Line are loved by all of our younger guests. Every winter, Lake TurracherSee turns into a natural ice skating rink and the quiet landscape invites you to enjoy winter hikes or sleigh rides. You can also take advantage of around the clock service from your personal Butler. The well-known figures from the famous children's series Heidi await eager young children in Falkert Mountain skiing Park and aspiring mountaineers can hone their skills on Carinthia's first ski touring teaching trail. This year, CAT skiing is available for the first time. Free riders are taken to the Peak of Falkert Mountain where wonderful untouched downhill slopes await. The gentle slopes of Hochrindl allow you to enjoy sunny moments on the southern side of the Alps and Innerkrems with its 45 kilometres of slopes, is perfect for skiing beginners or those who want to return to skiing after a long break. 9 state of the art lifts and 4 training lifts are at your disposal. Skiing and snowboarding courses are on offer, as well as race camps, and Nordic Fitness classes. Cross country skiers can enjoy kilometres of trails and every year this skiing resort turns into the European centre of dog sledge racing on the Innerkrems long trail. On top of that, there are multiple camps for ski touring aficionados to explore the snowy Nockberge Peaks.



### **Where winter is "on track"**

Whether you visit Innerkrems, Turracher Höhe, Falkert, Hochrindl or one of the valleys below, when it comes to cross country skiing, the Nockberge Mountains are "on track". Turracher Höhe boasts a total of 15km of perfectly maintained skiing trails. A full day ticket is € 3,00 and can be purchased at the Kornockbahn base station. The Lake TurracherSee trail is perfect for beginners and takes you across the picturesque highlands with a total length of 1,8km. The "Weiten" Valley Trail is a total of 7.2km long and the "Zirbenwald" trail will take you through snowy pine forests for a total length of 3,1km. At an altitude of 1850m above sea level the "Hochmoor" trail, 3,7 km in length waits for cross country skiers enjoying both classical and skating technique. Cross country skiers will also find perfect conditions on the "Höhenloipe" trail in the "Heidi Alm Resort" on Falkert. The Hochrindl is among the most popular Nordic skiing areas in the south. Skiing on the panoramic trail you can enjoy a spectacular 11km long view of all of Carinthia. If you prefer to ascend and reach new heights you should visit the "Innerkrems Schönfeld" trail, which is 22km long and reaches an altitude of 2.050m above sea level. On top of that we can recommend the "Römer" trail in Gnesau as well as five different trails around Feldkirchen.

### **Ice skating, winter hikes and more**

The medieval town of Feldkirchen is the gateway to the Nockberge Mountains. On sunny winter days you can enjoy 5,500 square meters of pristine natural skating rinks on lakes Malschacher See and Flatschacher See - close to Feldkirchen and its ample cultural program, yet far away from traffic and noise right in the heart of a superb winter wonderland. If you want to get high up in the mountains on skates you should head to Lake Turracher See - due to its altitude of 1.768m above sea level it freezes every year. The skating rinks on Lake Falkert See and the Heidi Alm pond also offer great space to try off some of your spins and pirouettes. You can find further skating rinks in Feldkirchen, Gnesau, Sirnitz and Innerkrems. More than 25km of winter hiking trails through snowy pine forests and in-between snowy peaks are on offer on the Turracher Höhe. On Falkert, idyllic paths lead to amazing views and on Hochrindl a hike up to the white cross is highly recommended. All around Feldkirchen you will find paths leading you to the wintry lakes of the south, where glistening winter-scenery awaits. Want to discover more? Bobsledding, romantic sleighing trips, cosy Christmas markets – all of this and more! The diversity in the Nockberge region is definitely one of a kind.



### **Austria's first skiing tour trail you can book online**

Snowy peaks, untouched slopes, comfortable ascents assisted by cable cars and a soothing oasis of relaxation to recover your energy for the following day: The combination of wellness and wilderness turns the brand new Nockberge trail into a delightful adventure for cross country skiers. Spreading over 4 days in just as many stages the trail crosses a very special part of the Carinthian Alps: Starting on Katschberg, crossing Innerkrems, Turracher Höhe, Falkert and Bad Kleinkirchheim, the trail leads you to the Nockberge mountains' southern peaks. Your tour through the rugged wintery landscape is combined with the amenities of comfortable hotels and wellness resorts. The first stage leads you from Katschberg to Innerkrems. It is a splendid mountain crossing including glorious views and rapid downhill slopes inviting you to try the odd carving turn. The second stage is known as the King's trail, leading you right through the Nockberge biosphere park, past "Königstuhl" peak at 2.336m altitude. You can ski down to Lake Turracher See along the border between Salzburg and Styria. On the third day the trail takes you through snowy forests to Lake Falkertsee and as a fitting end to your adventure you cross Mallnock peak to reach Bad Kleinkirchheim. In between these stages you get to enjoy the highest comfort, typical alpine culinary delights and true Carinthian hospitality.

#### **Unique in Austria:**

You can book your "Nockberge trail" adventure as well as guided tours with certified guides online through our web portal. You do not have to spend the night on mattresses in isolated huts but in high end hotels offering relaxing wellness facilities and regional culinary delights.

[www.nockberge-trail.com](http://www.nockberge-trail.com)

### **Nockberge Biosphere Park: Up close and personal with Nature**

Spreading over the counties Salzburg and Carinthia, Nockberge Biosphere Park covers an area of approximately 1.500 square kilometres. In between these mountains with their millions of years of history, sustainable agriculture according to ancient traditions is their number one priority. In 2012 the area around the Nockberge Mountains was officially named Nockberge Biosphere Park by UNESCO. Once the landscape is covered in its snowy veil, peace and quiet descends upon the land. If you'd like to explore the sleeping mountains on a skiing tour or a snow shoe trail, snowy paths will lead you in to the romantic alpine valleys. For example, you can enjoy a guided game feeding trip accompanied by one of our Biosphere Park Rangers where you can watch wild game being fed from the comfort of a rustic hunting lodge. As the winter sun of the south descends behind the furthest peak of the Nockberge Mountains and long shadows creep over the snowy peaks, wild deer and other animals will carefully leave their cover to feast on the food that has been left for them.

[www.biosphaerenparknockberge.at](http://www.biosphaerenparknockberge.at)



## **Culinary Delights**

If you visit the Nockberge region to taste the local delicacies, you can look forward to Alpine Cuisine with an Adriatic influence that won't disappoint. Local restaurants and their hosts are ready to spoil you with homemade delights all year round. Whether it be a traditional Carinthian fare in a rustic mountain hut, a stylish Chalet, a comfortable countryside Inn, or the cuisine of fine dining restaurants, where creativity peaks on a daily basis, the choice is yours.

Because regional food is of utmost importance, restaurant owners pride themselves in personal contact to farmers and producers of the area. Meat and dairy are sourced within the region, and sides and vegetables vary according to the season. You can experience the endless treasure chest that is the Nockberge region by tasting artisan products such as honey, freshly baked bread, Nockberge Alpine beef, farmhouse ice cream, classical Carinthian desserts and freshly caught Arctic Char. This rich variety guarantees culinary delights.

## **Carinthian Seal of Quality: Under the seal of Quality**

The Carinthian Seal of Quality guarantees a very high standard of service and quality. In order to receive this coveted seal of approval, there is a specially designed catalogue of criteria which needs to be fulfilled. Once approved, on-going inspections and further training ensure the promise of superior quality is kept.

The Nockberge region proudly boasts an especially high number of certified hospitality companies: At the time of writing, there are 36 companies united under the Carinthian Seal of Quality. Another interesting factor is the unique number of winter and summer sports schools, which have been awarded the Carinthian Seal of Quality. In addition, the many different day trip destinations including the Nockalm Road, the Heidi park children's experience, the gemstone museum Kranzelbinder and many more, underline the high quality standard and recreational value of the region.

## **New: Image folder & Accommodation Directory**

In addition to the pristine landscape with all its mysterious paths and peaks, the many wonderful hotel and guesthouse hosts add to this region's uniqueness. Travellers are welcomed here with open arms and a whole-hearted smile. Accommodation within the region ranges from 4 star superior hotels to cosy guesthouses. Here, everyone will find their own personal holiday destination, that match their needs and desires. In order to help you in your search, our new accommodation directory comes packed with many ideas for day trips and excursions, along with useful travel tips and a complete list of all hotels, guesthouses and inns in the region.