

## Cave Photo Workshop Höllenloch - Booking No.: FT1

### Cave characteristics:

Basic data: length 401 m, vertical extension 59 m, horizontal extension 324 m, entrance at 547 m a.s.l, UTM coordinates 396.027 / 5.280.066

Location: Anzenau, south of Lauffen in the Traun valley, 50 m to the south of the bridge of the dirt road crossing the Höllbach stream.

Character of the cave: Episodic water cave. The mainly horizontal tunnels are of varying height and exhibit the patterns typical for water caves; there is also flowstone and moonmilk. After heavy rainfall the cave could be filled with water and every few years will actually overflow into the creek below the entrance. The cave ends with a sump of variable water level. It is habitat for bats, in particular in winter.

Geology: The cave is bedded in the Jurassic Oberalmer Kalk formation and exhibits protruding *Hornstein* (chert) formed by the faster corrosion of the surrounding limestone.

Exploration: The first report from 1763 mentions that the cave is visited by mineral collectors, and also refutes the interpretation that the cave is a mine. A find of human skeletons is also reported. Since the start of tourism in the Biedermeier age (1815-1848) this cave has been an attraction of the Salzkammergut area and is visited frequently. Later it was surveyed for several times, and it should be mentioned that more human skeletons have been found.

### Excursion profile:

Meeting place: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 08:45, in Anzenau, at the junction to Höllbauer (UTM coordinates 395.650 / 5.280.300).

Important: This is a special offer for cave photographers and patient models, and an opportunity to learn from one of the best and internationally renowned cave photographers of our days. Get professional guidance by Annie and Philippe, who will work out their view on this cave. Individual „wild“ photographing of the participants is NOT aimed, but all should learn in supporting the formation process of cave pictures. Philippe is also experienced in teaching cave photo techniques and will share his knowledge and experience.

Duration of the trip: about 8 hours, car ride from Ebensee included, stay in cave for 5-6 hours. After each trip, we could all meet for a studio workshop in a room in Ebensee for viewing the pictures taken during the day, analysing them and teaching a bit of photo technique theory if necessary or exchanging experience.

Requirements: Individual transfer in cars. The cave is easy to navigate, as is the access along forest roads; 400 m / 20 min. To reach the Höllenloch sump you have to descend a pit hole of few meters. Language is English (and French).

Equipment: rubber boots, personal equipment and provisions, kit bag (to be able to support the transport of the foto equipment). Participants, especially models should wear bright colours such as red, yellow, orange (no black)!

In charge: Annie and Philippe Crochet

## **Cave Photo Workshop Schwarzenbachloch – Booking No.: FT2**

### **Cave characteristics:**

Basic data: total length 350 m, vertical extension 42 m, horizontal extension 324 m. Entrance at 990 m a.s.l. (UTM coordinates 400.094 / 5.278.195)

Location: Bad Goisern, to the north-west of the hamlet Pichlarn, in the SW slope of Raschberg.

Character: The main tunnel contains a permanent water flow. The entrance hall (Engleithnerhalle) is mainly occupied by a lake. A rising tunnel leads to Scheutzhalle, from where one can reach a sump (which was explored to a length of 37 m), or one climbs through boulders to reach the end of the cave in J.-Schenner-Halle.

Geology: Jurassic limestone

Exploration: The cave has been a hideaway place for protestant Lutherans in the time of counter-reformation. The cave was surveyed in 1931 and again in 1970. The sump was scuba dived in 2009. Lately the cave entrance has been used for asthma therapy.

### **Excursion profile:**

Meeting point Schwarzenbachloch: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, 08:45 a.m. in Pichlern near St. Agatha, Flohwiesen parking lot (UTM coordinates 400.450 / 5.277.600)

Duration of the trip: about 8 hours, car ride from Ebensee included, stay in cave for 5-6 hours. After each trip, we could all meet for a studio workshop in a room in Ebensee for viewing the pictures taken during the day, analysing them and teaching a bit of photo technique theory if necessary or exchanging experience.

Transport: individual transfer in cars. The cave is easy to navigate, as is the access along forest roads and a sign posted trail; 1 km / 30 min to walk. There are some shallow pools, stream passages with little cascades and some easy breakdown climbs to be passed.

Equipment: rubber boots, personal equipment and provisions, kit bag (to be able to support the transport of the foto equipment). Participants, especially models should wear bright colours such as red, yellow, orange (no black)!

In charge: Annie und Philippe Crochet

## Foto Workshop Hirlatzhöhle – Booking No.: FT3

Meeting Point: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, at 8:30 a.m., parking ground close to Simony-memorial near Hallstatt: UTM 396.993 / 5.267.153. Accessible from Ebensee by car within 50 minutes.

Duration: 10 hours, After the day trip, we could all meet for a studio workshop in a room in Ebensee for viewing the pictures taken during the day, analysing them and teaching a bit of photo technique theory if necessary or exchanging experience.

Requirements: Individual transfer in cars. Long trip, no SRT needed, but participants should be experienced cavers and should be in physically good shape. Mainly walking along large galleries. Many simple climbs that are equipped with ladders and handrails (ropes).

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Equipment: Helmet and light, caving-suit, warm underwear (temperature approx. 4°C), kneepads, (high) rubber boots, small caving-bag, food and drink, protection from sun for the hike to the cave, walking-sticks. Backpack can be left at the cave-entrance. Participants, especially models should wear bright colours such as red, yellow, orange (no black)!

Description of the trip: The excursion route will follow more or less the excursion into the “old part” of Hierlathöhle, which is characterized as follows: „After entering the cave in the north of the cave-system we’ll walk south along Zubringer which consists of passages which are partly labyrinthic. At the end of Zubringer we turn eastwards and walk through the huge Blocktunnel and Sandtunnel until we reach Brückenhalle. Depending on condition and wishes of the participants we can visit from here smaller side passages like Bachschwinde or Kulissengang. We take the same way back to the entrance.“

Due to the specific excursion theme we may swerve from this route.

In charge: Annie and Philippe Crochet, Peter Seethaler