

## OTHER HIKING PATHS

The hike to the top of the Gasselkogel (EL 1411m, i.e. 4629 ft. a.s.l.) is recommended, because of the spectacular view over the lake Traunsee. The path starts at the chalet and will lead you to the top of the mountain in 20 minutes. Other hiking paths lead you from Rindbach via the Spitzlsteinalm to the showcave.

Find the GPS coordinates for the different hiking paths on our website.

## MOUNTAINBIKE

The route from Rindbach via forest roads to the Karbertalalm is open for mountain bikers. It is also connected to the mountainbike-route "Rindbach - Farnau - Offensee".

## GEOCACHING

The area around the cave and the mountain hut is a hotspot for geocaching. Find more information on our website or on geocaching.com

## SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF EBENSEE

It is an apolitical, non-profit-association, based on scientific research. With more than 350 members it is the second largest speleological society of Austria. Since 1933 the show cave, the mountain hut and the bus shuttle are operated by the society.

**NORMAL ROUTE** **MOUNTAINBIKE ROUTE**  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA "SPITZELSTEINALM"**  
**ROUTE TO SUMMIT OF THE "GASSELKOGEL"**  
**SHUTTLEBUS STOP** **CAR PARKING**



## ACCESS

Drive from Ebensee (Upper Austria) to Rindbach. Free car parking area at the end of the public road. The hike takes 2 1/2 hours along a marked path. Hiking boots are recommended!

Bus shuttle transfer from the rail station "Ebensee Landungsplatz" and the parking area available!

## OPENING HOURS (SHOW CAVE AND HUT)

Beginning of May to mid-September.

On Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays (9:00am. - 4:00pm.)

## GUIDED CAVE TOURS

Guided cave tours take about 50 minutes.

Last tour starts at 4:00pm.

Take warm clothes with you!

## INFO ON RESERVATION, FEES AND BUS SHUTTLE

Look at the attachment or our website.



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- Showcave, Mountain Hut, Bus Shuttle
- Cave Exploration

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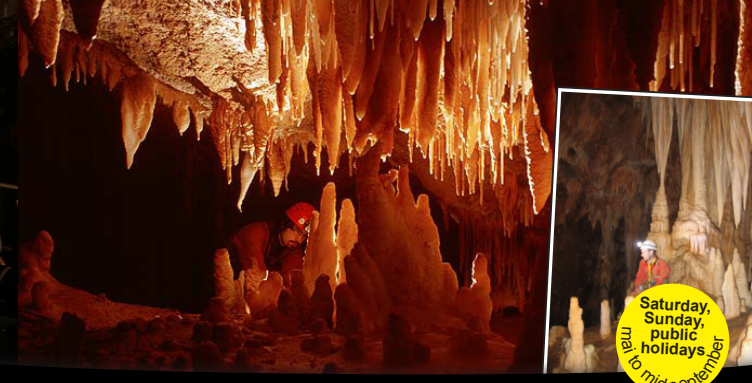




2,5 h  
walk to the hut



50min  
length of a cave tour



Saturday,  
Sunday,  
public  
holidays  
may to mid september

## THE CAVE "GASSELHÖHLE"

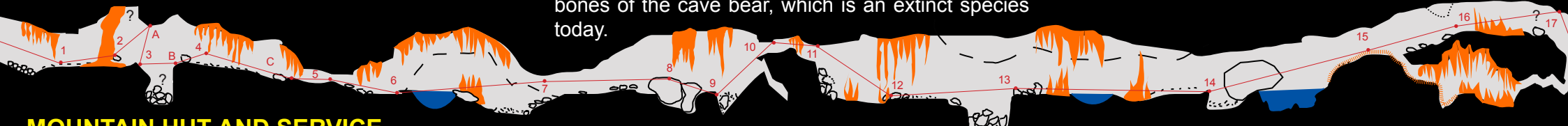
The spacious cave is known for its rich concentration of speleothems (stalagmites and stalactites), whose colours and impressive forms are shown with the power of electric light. Without any doubt, the "Gasselhöhle" is the most beautiful cave in the Northern Limestone Alps of Austria.

## DISCOVERY

The cave was discovered in 1918 and became quite early a tourist attraction. In 1931 the cave was nominated as a protected natural monument by the Austrian government. The official opening of the show cave took place in 1933. Not far inside the cave the explorers found several skeletons and single bones of the cave bear, which is an extinct species today.

## CLIMATE

The temperature inside the cave ranges from 6 to 7°C (42-44°F) and the relative humidity of the air reaches nearly 100%. In these conditions the air is almost sterile. The cave is nominated as a favorable place for the treatment of asthma and allergies.



## MOUNTAIN HUT AND SERVICE

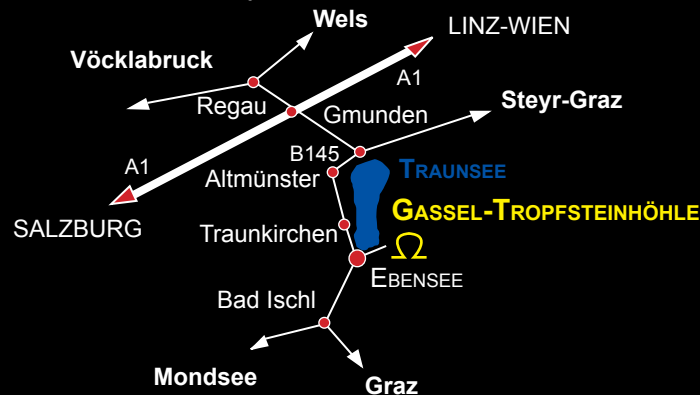
Inside the chalet and on the sun terrace with a panoramic view on the surrounding Alps the hut keeper offers regional delicacies, like the unique "Zirbenschnaps", a liqueur made of pine cones, and the "Kaiserschmarrn".

## ACCESS

The show cave is situated in the "Gasselkogel", a mountain east of Traunsee. It is accessible via different hiking paths. The main track starts at the village of Rindbach (near Ebensee) and follows a small river with picturesque cascades. After the traverse of the wooded valley of "Rindbachtal", the hiker will reach the mountain hut next to the cave entrance (EL 1229 m/ 4032 ft.). The hike takes about 2 1/2 hours and is also recommended for families.

## CAVE TOURS

Guided cave tours are offered on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) and take about 50 minutes. The underground journey leads the visitors along concreted paths and wooden stairs approximately 250 m (820 ft.) inside the cave.



## SPELEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS

Nowadays the cave system "Gasselhöhle" is surveyed 5 kilometers in length (3 mi.) and 150 m (500 ft.) in level difference. In 1984 the discovery of the "Hall of the Pearls" caused a sensation in the Austrian speleological society. There, the explorers have found several cave pearls, which are the biggest in Austria, up to 4 cm (1½ in.) in diameter.

During the current explorations (since 2006) new parts of the cave (like the "Sintervulkanhalle") were discovered, which are not open to the public. In 2010 the survey group of the Speleological Society of Ebensee was highly distinguished by winning the "Poldi-Fuhrich-Price" of the Austrian Speleological Association.



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### SHOW CAVE OPENING HOURS 2018

1. Mai - 16. September, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays (9:00am. - 4:00pm.)

### FEE (GUIDED TOURS)

Adults: 9 €

Reduced fee (Groups of 15 people or more, Members of Alpine or Caving Clubs): 8 €

Salzkammergut Card / Bad Ischl Guestcard Holders, Adults using the shuttle bus up and down: 6 €

Children (age 6-14): 5 €

### GROUP RESERVATION AND INFORMATION

Speleological Society of Ebensee

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Tel.: 0043 - (0) 680 - 11 27 544

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### SHUTTLE BUS TRANSFER FROM EBENSEE

Lengh: 12 km (7½mi.), difference in altitude: 590 m (1936 ft.)

Duration: 25 minutes

Remaining hike: 30 minutes

**Advance reservation necessary!** Service only on request!

**Tel.: 0043 - (0) 680-4446510**

Registration deadline for groups more than 8 people: Friday noon

### Departure:

Car parking area of Gasselhöhle in Rindbach  
Rail station "Ebensee Landungsplatz" (on request)



### Fee (bus transfer):

Ascent 9 €

Ascent & descent 14 €

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