

Opening hours

June - September: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
October - May: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Last admission 30 mins before gorge closes!
Opening hours are subject to changes due to weather conditions.

Short term closures are sometimes inevitable due to safety reasons. Every year major repairs are necessary as high water and ice constantly cause a tremendous amount of damage.

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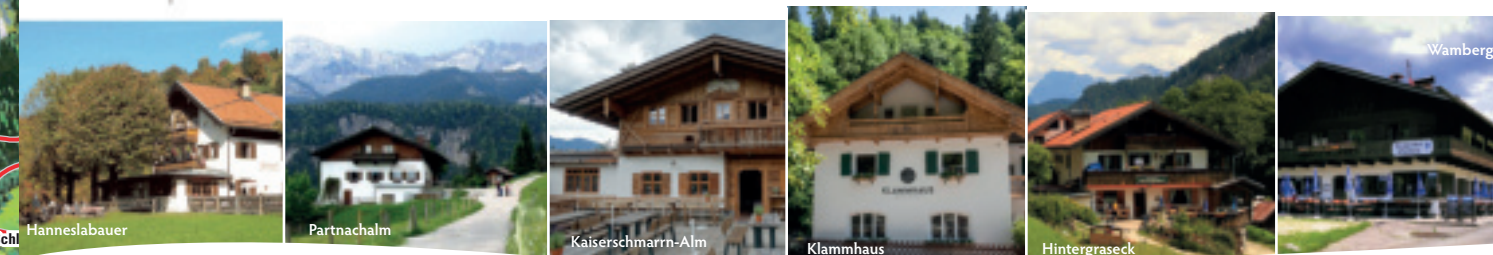
dogs on a leash welcome



wheelchairs are not possible



strollers/buggies not allowed



Hiking trough and around the gorge

The Partnach Gorge is the starting point for numerous hikes in the Reintal, Hausberg and Kreuzeck regions. Before the entry to the Partnach Gorge, a steep roadway branches off to the left, by which you reach on foot the 130 m higher situated Vordergraseck in 20 minutes. A more comfortable way is to take the cableway of the hotel DAS GRASECK.

Left of the little entry house, a route leads in 20 minutes to the "Iron Bridge". From here, it is an easy 10-minute walk (left) to Vordergraseck or in approximately 15 minutes and after a climb of 100 m (right) to the **Partnachalm**. In Vordergraseck, various places of refreshment are available: Das Graseck, Gasthof **Hanneslabauer** and the **Kaiserschmarrn-Alm**. From Vordergraseck routes also lead to **Hintergraseck** and up to the **Eckbauer** continuing to **Wamberg**, or also down to the rear entry of the Partnach Gorge, through which you can then wander down into the valley.

Also, the hiking and climbing regions Oberreintal, to the Meierhütte and Dreitorspitze, in the direction of the Hausberg and Kreuzeck regions become accessible from here.

Along the Partnach leads the classical route to the top of the Zugspitze, taken by its first ascender Josef Naus in 1820. Here you walk via the **Bockhütte**, the **Reintalangerhütte** and Knorrhütte up to the Zugspitzplatt and then to the summit.

Especially beautiful but also somewhat challenging is the mountain hike to the Castle Schachen. After walking through the Partnach Gorge, you follow the signpost "Kälbersteig". Nearly at the top, you come to the so-called Königsweg (royal route), by which King Ludwig II reached his castle. From here, you walk almost on an even level up to the **Schachen Alp**, the **Schachen Castle** and the Schachen House, an accommodation which is run in summer.



The Jagdschloss am Schachen (hunting castle), built in the year 1871 by the Bavarian King Ludwig II, is worth a visit. On the outside, the castle looks like a Swiss house, in the inside it contains on the first floor a lavishly equipped, colourful state room in the oriental style. Visits are possible in summer between 11:00 and 14:00 hours. Directly behind the castle is the Alpengarten with rare alpine plants.

At the junction of Kälbersteig and Königsweg, the route leads at the left downhill to the **Wettersteinalm**. This alpine pasture lies in a kettle below the Wetterstein walls. In summer, you are invited to stop here for a bite to eat. Very simple and rustic – a genuine alpine farm.



Join a **guided torch hike** in winter trough the Partnach Gorge. This will be an unforgettable adventure. Especially during the cold season - when the light of the blazing torches reflects in the curtains of ice and icicles, the gorge casts an unique spell on enchanted visitors.

The area around the Partnach gorge offers far more hiking tours. Get your information material from the tourist office: KOMPASS hiking map with hiking guide or a panorama map.

If you want to be informed beforehand about the various possibilities, refer to our homepage: gapa-tourismus.de/tourenplaner. With only a few clicks you will find recommendations for hiking tours with directions, profiles and duration as well as tips about where to stop off.



Please always keep in mind:
Solid hiking boots and adequate protective clothing are absolutely necessary. When you are hiking in alpine regions, it is also advisable to consult maps and guides beforehand.

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Partnach Gorge

Allow yourself to be enchanted by the wild waterfalls, countless rainbows in the summer sunlight or sparkling icicles in winter, the sheer force of nature!"



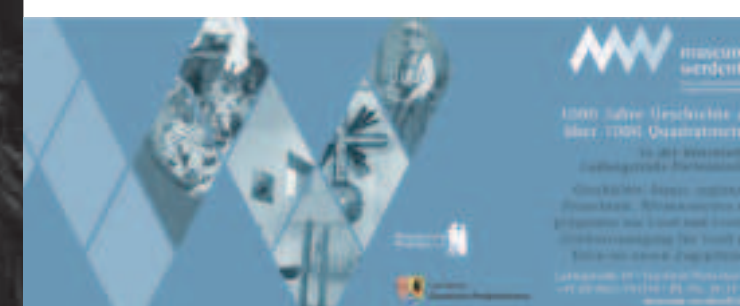
The origin of the Partnach gorge

Before the Ice-Age, the Partnach still flowed in the valley of the present Ferchenbach eastwards, finding its way via Klais and Krün, and joining there the Isar. Geologists assume that a locking element made of shell limestone near Graseck then blocked the way into the Loisachtal – only a rivulet led in the present direction of the Partnach.

Development of tourism

The floating industry called "Triften" boosted this development. In 1885 a devastating windfall destroyed large parts of the forests in the Partnach and Ferchenbach valleys as well as in the Schachen area above the Raintal. At that time people thought about building a footpath through the inaccessible gorge in order to facilitate the floating of timber.

In 1886 steel girders were fixed into the steep walls of rock just above the torrent and covered with thick boards. Thus a provisionary passage was created. Equipped with iron poles the woodcutters stood on these small "bridges" directing the logs through the gorge. Some remains of these constructions can still be seen today.



Facts about the gorge
Length: 699 m
Length of tunnels: 247 m
Height of the Iron Bridge: 68 m
Highest rock face: 86 m
Difference in altitude of the gorge: 80 m

Arrival and useful information

Navigation aid: Karl-und-Martin-Neuner-Platz

From Munich take the motorway A95 direction Garmisch-Partenkirchen which becomes road B2. Follow the B2 direction Mittenwald. At the end of the town turn right into "Wildenauer Straße" direction Ski Stadium. At the Olympic Ski Stadium is a car park. There is no access by car to the entrance of the gorge.

You can also reach the Olympic Ski Stadium with public transport: lines 1 and 2 of the city bus stop right in front of the train station.

Or you take a beautiful walk along the railway line Grainau – Garmisch or from the train station in Garmisch along the river Partnach to reach the point of departure at the Ski Stadium.

From the Olympic Ski Stadium you get to the gorge by either a 25-minute-walk or a ride in a horse-drawn carriage.

! In the Partnach gorge water is constantly dripping from the walls, even after longer periods without rain. Solid boots and waterproof clothes are therefore highly recommended. The path is mainly leading through tunnels or galleries which are less than 1,80 metres high in some places so umbrellas prove to be impractical. The access to the gorge with bikes, wheelchairs, prams, boats or the like is prohibited for reasons of narrowness and safety.

! Drone photography is not allowed in the gorge!



With time, this rivulet dug deeper into the rock creating a pre-prepared bed into which the Partnach broke and in the course of thousands of years allowed the development of the rock layers and form of the present Gorge.

The origin of the Partnach lies in the Reintal which counts amongst the most beautiful high-lying valleys of the Northern Limestone Alps. From here, as a natural outflow of the Schneeferner – the remainder of the Ice-Age glacier on the Zugspitzplatt – it leads its icy water through the romantic Reintal. After having passed the Reintalangerhütte but before taking an underground course for several hundred meters in the "Steingerümpel", the Partnach plunges steeply into depth at the Partnachfall. At the Bockhütte it streams through the back and middle Gorge, which both are however not walkable. Shortly before entry into the Partnach Gorge, it is still powerfully supplied with water.



From 1910 to 1912, under the most difficult conditions and with high financial expenditure, the development of the up to 80-metre-deep Partnach Gorge for tourism started. With the continuously growing tourism, an increasing number of daredevil tourists also discovered the Partnach Gorge, so that in 1912 it was developed for visitors as a natural monument.

Today the Partnach gorge belongs together with mount Zugspitze to the top 100 sights in Germany.



...did you know,

the name Partnach consists of two words: „portn“, the Indo-German designation for passage, gateway and the old High-German word „aha“ (equal to „Ache“) which means watercourse. The part of the town called Partenkirchen, the former Roman „Partanum“, got its name from the river.

since 1930 the gorge has also been accessible in winter a well-known mountain guide, Josef Bergkofer (called „Pitzner“) who owned a little hut at the entrance of the gorge safely escorted timid visitors through the gorge with its tossing waters. Today the Pitzner hut is a popular place for hikers to stop of.

For more information about the history of the gorge: partnachklamm.de/en or QR-Code:



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