

# VIC HIKING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## Programme 1 October 2009 – 31 January 2010

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### Aims and activities of the Hiking and Mountaineering Club

The aims of the Club are to encourage and to provide opportunities for hiking, mountaineering and other similar outdoor activities; and thereby to infuse a spirit of adventure and create love and interest in nature's beauty, its fauna and flora among the staff members of International Organizations, their families and friends.

HIKE LEADERS are volunteers from different countries; they have different styles of walking and organizing a hike. Do not hesitate to contact hike leaders (outside of office hours if possible) if you want more information about a hike before deciding to participate.

### Hiking Programme 2009 – 3 Summary

No.	DATE	HIKE LEADER	DESTINATION	CLASS
	Sat 3 October	<b>Deadline</b> for registration, Hike No. <a href="#">5</a>		
<a href="#">1</a>	Sun 4 October	<a href="#">Peter Jirak</a>	Dunkelsteinerwald - Wetterkreuzkirche	B-4 ½, easy
<a href="#">2</a>	Sun, 11 October	<a href="#">Peter Vacek</a>	Flatzer Wand	B-5
<a href="#">3</a>	Sat, 17 October	<a href="#">Christine Colella</a>	Cycling on the tracks of Joseph Haydn: Petronell – Rohrau - Eisenstadt	Ca. 50 km, a little hilly
<a href="#">4</a>	Sun, 18 October	<a href="#">Peter Jirak</a>	Öhler & Schober (1213 m) - Autumn Colours	C-5 ½
<a href="#">5</a>	WE 23-26 October	<a href="#">Paul Hesp</a>	Murau area	B/C, brisk pace
<a href="#">6</a>	Sun, 25 October	<a href="#">Peter Vacek</a>	Waxeneck	B-5
<a href="#">7</a>	Sat, 31 October	<a href="#">Christine Colella</a>	Cultural walk St. Marxer Friedhof	A-2
<a href="#">8</a>	Sun, 1 November	<a href="#">Yvonne Schmidt</a>	Stadtwanderweg 8, Sofienalpe	B 3-4
	Wed 4 November	<b>Deadline</b> for registration, Hike No. <a href="#">10</a>		
<a href="#">9</a>	Sun, 8 November	<a href="#">Peter Jirak</a>	Hocheck (1037 m)	C-5
<a href="#">10</a>	Wed 11 November	<a href="#">Hesp, Paul</a>	Crispy duck evening walk	A1
<a href="#">11</a>	Sat 14 November	<a href="#">Christine Colella</a>	Cultural Walk "On the tracks of Joseph Haydn"	A-2/3
<a href="#">12</a>	Sun, 15 November	<a href="#">Christine Colella</a>	Martini hike to Valtice, Czech Republic	A-3 ½
<a href="#">13</a>	Sun, 22 November	<a href="#">Peter Jirak</a>	Kaltenleutgeben - Heiligenkreuz - Baden	A-4 or B-5
	Fri 27 November	<b>Deadline</b> for registration, Hike No. <a href="#">15</a>		
<a href="#">14</a>	Sun, 29 November	<a href="#">Maria Hofmann</a>	Mauerbach - Salmansdorf	B 4
<a href="#">15</a>	Tues, 1 December	<a href="#">Colella, Christine</a>	Slide show on an expedition to Nepal and Tibet	

	Fri 4 December	<b>Deadline</b> for registration, Hike No. <a href="#">17</a>		
<a href="#">16</a>	Sun , 6 December	<a href="#">Peter Jirak</a>	Wilhelmsburg - Plambachecker Höhe - "Grünauer Advent"	A-3
<a href="#">17</a>	Sat, 12 December	<a href="#">Wittgrefe, Frits</a>	X-mas in Bratislava	A2-3
<a href="#">18</a>	Sun, 13 December	<a href="#">Peter Vacek</a>	Südlicher Wienerwald Höllenstein	B-4 ½
<a href="#">19</a>	Sun, 20 December	<a href="#">Christine Colella</a>	Pfaffstättner Kogel and Anninger	B-4
	Thu 31 December	<b>Deadline</b> for registration, Hike No. <a href="#">23</a>		
<a href="#">20</a>	Sat, 2 January	<a href="#">Günter Wonisch</a>	Wienerwald	A/B-4
<a href="#">21</a>	Sun, 10 January	<a href="#">Maria Hofmann</a>	Bisamberg	A 4
<a href="#">22</a>	Sun, 17 January	<a href="#">Peter Jirak</a>	Klosterneuburg - Windischhütte	B-4 ½
<a href="#">23</a>	Fri 22- Mon 25 January	<a href="#">Wittgrefe, Frits</a>	Snowshoeing Maria Waldrast	B-3, 3 times B/C 5-6
<a href="#">24</a>	Sun, 31 January	<a href="#">Peter Vacek</a>	Anninger	B- 4 ½
	Sun 31 January	<b>Deadline</b> for registration, Hike No. <a href="#">25</a>		
<a href="#">25</a>	Friday 26 February – Monday 1 March	<a href="#">Wittgrefe, Frits</a>	Snowshoeing at the Tauplitzer Alm	B3, 3 times BC5-6

## **Advance notes**

Ad-hoc snow show hikes

July 2010

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Announced by e-mail

Canadian Rockies: Jasper & Lake Louise National Parks

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## Fees

<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES per calendar year</b>		
<b>Full:</b> EUR. 20.-	<b>Spouse:</b> EUR.15.-	<b>Children (up to 15 years):</b> EUR. 8.-
<b>For larger families:</b> EUR. 45.- for the whole family		
<b>Retiree:</b> EUR. 15.	<b>Spouse of retiree:</b> EUR. 10.-	

**Hiking Club membership fees** should be paid either in cash at the Annual General Meeting, or to the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club's checking account: BANKAUSTRIA 08373500100, Bankleitzahl (BLZ) 12000. For this purpose please fill in the membership form, which can be downloaded from the club's website (<http://www.geocities.com/vichiking>), and send it together with copy of your bank transfer confirmation to Irene Karpischek, room A-0708, e-mail: I.Karpischek@iaea.org . On the bank transfer slip or electronic bank transfer form please indicate as purpose of payment: "membership" AND YOUR NAME.

**MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN ONLY TO PERSONS EMPLOYED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN VIENNA AND TO RETIREES FROM VIENNA-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>GUEST FEES FOR NON-MEMBERS</b>	
<b>PER HIKING DAY</b> (double for weekends respectively)	
<b>Adults:</b> EUR. 3.-	<b>Children (up to 15 years):</b> EUR. 2.-
<b>For larger families:</b> EUR. 8.-	
<b>AFTERNOON + EVENING WALKS</b>	
<b>Adults:</b> EUR. 2.-	<b>Children (up to 15 years):</b> participation free
<b>REGULAR GUESTS:</b>	<b>EUR 30.- per calendar year gives you the same conditions as members</b>

**Non-member fees** will be collected on the day of the hike.

### **TRIPS BY PRIVATE CAR:**

**Reimbursement to car owner:** EUR. 0.30 per kilometre divided among the passengers, including the driver. The cost per passenger is calculated by dividing the total mileage cost by the total number of passengers:

### **FEES FOR WEEKEND TRIPS:**

In order to cover the expenses involved for the Club for weekend trips, the following fees will be collected from the participants attending weekend hikes:

**Members:** EUR. 5.-

**Guests:** EUR. 10.- (this includes the daily guest fee)

### **FEES FOR LONGER TRIPS:**

**Members:** EUR. 5.- /per 2 days

**Guests:** EUR. 10.- /per 2 days (this includes the daily guest fee)

## Hike Ratings

We use a rating system for our hikes, distinguishing between the skill needed to participate in the hike, and the endurance which will be required. Each hike is given a letter as follows:

- A -** Each walk on easy ground; total amount of climbing not more than 300 m (1,000 ft)
- B -** Average hike through hilly forests; total amount of climbing not more than 600 m (2,000 ft)
- C -** Involves some climbing on steep, possibly slippery terrain; total amount of climbing not more than 1,000 m (3,300 ft)
- D -** Involves climbing on steep, possibly slippery terrain; total amount of climbing more than 1,000 m (3,300 ft). Where hikes involve a total difference in climbing altitude of more than 1,500 m (some 5,000 ft) this will be specifically mentioned
- E -** Involves rock climbing on secured trails; head for heights and sure-footedness required (normally used in addition to a C or D hike)

To this letter we add a number giving the approximate number of hours spent walking, not including lunch breaks and other rest stops. Example: B5 designates an average hike with an actual walking time of 5 hours. Please note that the difficulty of a hike depends primarily on the weather and ground conditions on the day.

## Hike Details

### 1. Sunday 4 October 2009, Dunkelsteinerwald - Wetterkreuzkirche

- Class:** B-4 ½, easy
- Description:** On our walk from mysterious Dunkelsteinerwald forest down to Traisen valley we will get our bearings from two landmarks: Göttweig Abbey, the palatial hilltop Benedictine monastery; and the exposed Wetterkreuzkirche church, which should be avoided during thunderstorms. It caught fire by lightning three times. Finally we will visit one of the area's wine taverns to drink a glass of wine in enchanting surroundings.
- Route:** Meidling im Tal (245 m) - Maria Ellend chapel (400 m) - Krustetten (lunch) - Wetterkreuzkirche (367 m) - Wagram ob der Traisen - Traismauer (197 m)
- Map:** ÖK 25V sheet: 4323-Ost, St.Pölten und 4324-West, Herzogenburg
- Meet:** 7:50 a.m. railway station **Wien Hütteldorf** upper hall near the ticket counter. (Reachable by **S45** or by **U4**, journey time Heiligenstadt-Hütteldorf 29 min., Schwedenplatz-Hütteldorf 22 min.) We can use the '**Einfach raus**' ticket: 2-5 persons for EUR 28, - a day. Please be in good time, group by 5 and buy it together. Erlebniszug Donau leaves for Passau at 8:13, arrives St. Pölten at 9:05, continue by R-train to Meidling im Tal
- Return:** 5:13 p.m. (or 7:13 p.m.) to Wien Heiligenstadt
- Cost:** About EUR 6,-with 'Einfach raus' ticket
- Leader:** [Peter Jirak](#)
- Registration:** By Friday, 2 October to leader by e-mail or phone
- Note:** Bring rainwear and refreshments, lunch will be taken at a Heurigen.

### 2. Sunday, 11 October 2009: Flatzer Wand

- Class:** B-5
- Description:** The Flatzer Wand (wall) belongs to 'Naturpark Sierningtal' near the Schneeberg
- Route:** Ternitz – Flatz (440m) – Flatzer Wand – Neunkirchner Hütte (720m), lunch – Gösing - Ternitz
- Map:** Freytag & Berndt, Wiener Hausberge No. 28
- Meet:** 8:45 a.m. at Wien-Meidling (U6 Philadelphiabrücke). Train leaves at 9:06 a.m. Buy return ticket Wien/Liesing-Ternitz
- Return:** Ca. 5:30 p.m. Wien-Meidling
- Cost:** Ca. €13.- with VorteilsCard
- Leader:** [Peter Vacek](#)
- Registration:** By Friday, 9 October to leader by phone
- Note:** Hiking boots, bring drinks and snacks

### 3. Saturday, 17 October 2009: Cycling on the tracks of Joseph Haydn: Petronell – Rohrau - Eisenstadt

- Class:** Ca. 50 km, a little hilly

- Description:** We will visit the house where the composer J. Haydn was born (Rohrau), from there we cross the Leithagebirge to the Neusiedler See region. In Eisenstadt we will see the castle of the Eszterhazy family and the house where Haydn lived for 12 years.
- Route:** Petronell – Rohrau – Bruck an der Leitha – Winden – Purbach – Donnerskirchen - Eisenstadt
- Map:** Bikeline: Radatlas Rund um Wien and Burgenland
- Meet:** 8:00 a.m. Bahnhof Wien Mitte (directly on the platform). S-Bahn to Wolfsthal leaves at 8:17 a.m. Buy single ticket to Petronell. You may also leave from Praterstern or join at Rennweg, Geiselbergstraße etc.
- Return:** By train from Eisenstadt at 6:49 or 7:49 p.m., arriving at Vienna Suedbahnhof 75 minutes later (change in Neusiedl)
- Cost:** Train tickets ca. € 10.-, transport of bicycle € 2,90 (Fahrradtagskarte); some entrance fees, lunch.
- Leader:** [Christine Colella](#)
- Registration:** By Thursday 15 October to leader by phone or email
- Note:** Bring rainwear, drinks!

#### [4. Sunday, 18 October 2009, Öhler & Schober \(1213 m\) - Autumn Colours](#)

- Class:** C-5 ½ medium, ascent/descent 750 m, short stretches steep and stony
- Description:** A pleasant circular walk through woodland and over two summits to view the autumn colours. We start in Puchberg am Schneeberg, walk along a stream and climb a trail to Öhler Schutzhaus. Then up the ridge and over the tops of Öhler and Schober. There we take a break with fine views. Then we go down a stony path and over mountain pastures to Berggasthof Mamauwiese with regional specialities from grandma's cook book ([www.mamauwiese.at](http://www.mamauwiese.at)) . Via Römerweg trail back to Puchberg.
- Route:** Puchberg (585 m) - Sierningbachtal - Haltberghof (638 m) - Öhler Schutzhaus (1028 m) - ridge hike over Öhler (1183 m) & Schober (1213 m) - Schober Kapelle - Gh. Mamauwiese (957 m) late lunch - Römerweg - Unternberg - Puchberg am Schneeberg
- Map:** Freytag & Berndt WK 012, Gutensteiner Alpen; ÖK 25V 75, Puchberg/Schn
- Meet:** 7:40 a.m. Wien Meidling/U6 Philadelphiabrücke, ticket counter. We can use the **Minimax VC ticket:** for 2-5 persons, two of them need a VorteilsCard. Please be in good time, group by 5 and buy it together: Wien Liesing - Puchberg am Schneeberg return. EC-train leaves at 8:03 arriving Wiener Neustadt at 8:28; R-train for Puchberg am Schneeberg departure at 8:37 arrives at 9:23 a.m.
- Return:** Wien Meidling at 7 p.m.
- Cost:** About EUR 9,- Minimax VC ticket
- Leader:** [Peter Jirak](#)
- Registration:** By Thursday, 15 Oct. to leader by e-mail or phone
- Note:** Waterproof and warm clothing, hiking boots; take with you anorak, cap, gloves and hiking poles; some drinks and snacks.

#### [5. Long weekend 23-26 October 2009: Murau area](#)

- Class:** B and C, brisk pace.
- Description:** The Murau area is a typical hill-farming area which has become a forerunner in sustainable development in Austria. Beautiful mixture of farm and forest, great views of the Seetaler Alpen and the Tauern (if the weather plays along).
- Route:** Friday 23 October: Teufenbach – St Blasen – Mühlsteinboden B3 + C2.  
Saturday 24 October: St Blasen – Grebenzen – St Blasen C6.  
Sunday 25 October: St Blasen – Karchau – St Blasen B 4-5.  
Monday 26 October: St Blasen – Mariahof B3.

- Map:** Österreichische Karte 1:50.000 4225, 4226 (sheet numbers of new map series).
- Meet:** Wien Meidling station hall, 23 October, 08.15. Train to Lienz leaves at 08.30 (we change at Unzmarkt). Buy a single ticket to Teufenbach.
- Return:** Wien Meidling, 26 October, 16.58.
- Cost:** Train tickets with VorteilsCard: EU 42; 3 overnights (self-catering apartments): about EU 60-75, depending on number of people per flat (max 4). Meals. Weekend fee.
- Leader:** [Paul Hesp](#)
- Registration:** Paul Hesp, by e-mail or phone **before 3 October**.
- Note:**
- **Bring torch**
  - Maximum number of participants: 10.
  - This is a backpacking weekend – do not bring suitcases.
  - We may have brilliant autumn weather, but be prepared for wintry conditions – St Blasen is at 1100 m, you never know.
  - Breakfast can be ordered at the flats.

## [6. Sunday, 25 October 2009: Waxeneck](#)

- Class:** B-5
- Description:** The Waxeneck is a wooded ridge between the Piestingtal and Triestingtal. We could have a good view to Schneeberg and Dürre Wand
- Route:** Pottenstein (324m) – Waxeneck-Haus (785m), lunch – Feichtenbach – Pernitz (430m)
- Map:** Freytag & Berndt, Wiener Hausberge, No. 12, 13
- Meet:** 8:15 a.m. Wien-Meidling (U6 Philadelphia Brücke) at ÖBB ticket counter. Train leaves at 8:36 a.m. Change in Leobersdorf 9:07 a.m. Please be on time so that we can take the Einfachrausticket (up to 5 persons for €28) for the whole day, group by 5 and buy the ticket together
- Return:** 6:00 p.m. at Wien-Meidling
- Cost:** At least €6,50 (Einfachrausticket) for return train ticket
- Leader:** [Peter Vacek](#)
- Registration:** By Friday, 23 October to leader by phone
- Note:** Hiking boots, bring drinks and snacks

## [7. Saturday, 31 October 2009: Cultural walk St. Marxer Friedhof](#)

- Class:** A-2
- Description:** This is the only cemetery preserved from the Biedermeier era. The picturesque grounds dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century are a peculiar and impressive combination of cemetery and park. The main attraction is the burial place of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- Meet:** 2:30 p.m. at cemetery entrance, Leberstrasse, 1110 Vienna. Can be reached by 71 tram from Schwarzenbergplatz, stop Litfass Strasse.
- Return:** 4:30 p.m. to tram stop 71
- Cost:** Public transportation tickets
- Leader:** [Christine Colella](#)
- Registration:** By Thursday, 29 October to leader by e-mail or by phone
- Note:** If the weather is very bad, please call hike leader between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. for information re cancellation/postponement

## 8. Sunday, 1 November 2009, Stadtwanderweg 8, Sofienalpe

- Class:** B 3-4
- Description:** Stadtwanderweg 8 Sofienalpe  
(<http://www.wien.gv.at/umwelt/wald/freizeit/wandern/wanderweg8.html>)
- Route:** Gasthof Grüner Jäger – Mostalm – Sofienalpe – Kolpeterberg – Gasthof Grüner Jäger
- Map:** Wienerwald Atlas or F&B Wienerwald map
- Meet:** 10:15 a.m. Hütteldorf (U4, Schnellbahn) exit Keisslergasse, bus 249 leaves at 10:30 a.m.
- Return:** Ca. 2:30 p.m. at Gasthof Grüner Jäger, where we have a late lunch, bus to Hütteldorf (U4 and Schnellbahn) leaves from Gasthof Grüner Jäger every half hour.
- Cost:** bus fare euro 1.80 one way (however might be included in U-Bahn ticket)
- Leader:** [Yvonne Schmidt](#)
- Registration:** Friday, 30 October 2009
- Note:** Pls bring snacks and drinks, late lunch. If you wish to go by car you can drive to Gasthof Grüner Jäger and meet the group there. Group arrives at 10:46 a.m.

## 9. Sunday, 8 November 2009, Hocheck (1037 m)

- Class:** C-5, easy, ascent 650 m
- Description:** Nice and easy mountain hike leading to a 'modest' summit, the nearest 'Tausender' in Vienna's surroundings. The trails are mainly in the forest but offer some nice viewing spots
- Route:** Altenmarkt an der Triesting (405 m) - Wieshofersteig - Hocheck (1037 m), Schutzhaus hut (lunch), lookout tower - Mittagkogel - Prinzwiese (700 m) - Guglhof (580 m) - Niemthal - Weißenbach an der Triesting (353 m)
- Map:** Freytag & Berndt WK 012, Triestingtal-Hohe Wand; ÖK 25V sheet 57, 75
- Meet:** 8:15 a.m. Wien Meidling/ U6 Philadelphiabrücke, ticket counter. We can use the **Einfach-Raus-Ticket**: 2-5 persons for EUR 28,- a day. Please be in good time, group by 5 and buy it together. R-train for Wiener Neustadt leaves at 8:36 a.m. arriving Leobersdorf at 9:03. R-train for Weißenbach-Neuhaus Departure at 9:07 and arriving there at 9:37. By taxi bus from Weißenbach to Altenmarkt an der Triesting
- Return:** 5:30 p.m. to Wien Meidling
- Cost:** About EUR 10,- Train fare with Einfach-Raus-Ticket and taxi bus.
- Leader:** [Peter Jirak](#)
- Registration:** **By Thursday, 5 Nov.** to leader by e-mail or phone. I have to order a taxi bus for you
- Note:** Clothing according to weather conditions, wear good hiking boots, take with you anorak, cap, gloves, hiking poles, torch or headlamp, Thermos flask.

## 10. Wednesday 11 November: Crispy duck evening walk

- Class:** A1
- Description:** It's Martinigansl day, but goose may not be everyone's Martini. If that is the case: join me for crispy duck at a very nice Chinese restaurant!
- Route:** Salmansdorf-Michaelerwald-Schafberg-Gersthof.
- Map:** Österreichische Karte 1:50.000, sheet Wien-Umgebung.
- Meet:** 18.00, terminal 35A bus, Salmansdorf.
- Return:** Around 21.00 hrs by no 40 tram.
- Cost:** Public transport tickets. Dinner will cost EU 20-30, depending on your appetite.
- Leader:** [Hesp. Paul](#)



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**Registration:** By 4 November to the hike leader, indicate whether you will eat duck so I can order in advance. Maximum number of participants: 10.

**Note:** Bring torch, we will walk through pitch-dark woods. Apart from duck, there is a full range of Chinese food, including vegetarian. Those who register as duck eaters must not change their mind when they see the menu. Decent wine list.

### 11. Saturday, 14 November 2009: Cultural Walk "On the tracks of Joseph Haydn"

**Class:** A-2/3 (cultural walk)

**Description:** Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was one of the most prominent composers of the classical period. He is considered as the "Father of the Symphony" and "Father of the String Quartet". In 2009 Austria celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death with concerts and exhibitions. On this cultural walk we shall look for the tracks of Joseph Haydn in Vienna.

**Route:** To be decided later

**Map:** n.a.

**Meet:** 2:00 p.m. at Michaelerplatz (Entrance Michaelerkirche, 1010 Wien).

**Return:** End of tour at around 5:00 p.m. at the Haydn Haus, 1060 Wien, Haydngasse; we may have a get-together in a nearby Gasthaus or coffee house.

**Cost:** Public transport tickets

**Leader:** [Christine Colella](#)

**Registration:** By Thursday, 12 November 2009

### 12. Sunday, 15 November 2009: Martini hike to Valtice, Czech Republic

**Class:** A-3 ½

**Description:** Walk through the Liechtenstein woods from Breclav (CR) to Valtice, where the Liechtenstein family owned a beautiful baroque castle and park. According to an Austrian custom (which was, and still is, practiced in Bohemia and Hungary) we will eat goose, the speciality for St. Martin's day. After a late lunch, return by a small train to Breclav.

**Route:** Breclav – Liechtenstein woods - Valtice

**Meet:** 8:10 a.m. Bahnhof Floridsdorf near ticket counters (U6/S-Bahn); train departs at 8:26. We can use the '**Einfach raus**' ticket: 2-5 persons for EUR 28, - a day. Please be in good time, group by 5 and buy it together.

**Return:** From Valtice by local train to Breclav, train from Breclav to Vienna at 6:25 p.m., arriving at Floridsdorf at 7:37.

**Cost:** Ca. € 10.- for train ticket (group ticket), plus lunch (can be paid in Euros).

**Leader:** [Christine Colella](#)

**Registration:** By Thursday, 12 November, to leader by email or by phone

**Note:** Bring passport; Czech money an advantage

### 13. Sunday, 22 November 2009: Kaltenleutgeben - Heiligenkreuz - Baden

**Class:** A-4 or B-5 ½, easy

**Description:** A stroll through history and nature. Starting from the Liesing valley, we climb up a wooded ridge to an outstanding viewpoint. We enjoy vistas over the rolling hills of the Vienna Woods with Schneeberg on the horizon. Then we explore an idyllic landscape of undulating pastures interspersed with open woodland. Finally we follow a meandering stream to reach Heiligenkreuz and its 12<sup>th</sup>-century Cistercian Abbey. Here you have two options:  
1. Visit the monastery and take the bus from Heiligenkreuz to Mödling railway station. 2. If you are keen to do a longer hike -1 ½ hours more - continue the hike via Siegenfeld to Baden/Rauhenstein; from there we join the city bus to railway station Baden.

**Route:** Kaltenleutgeben Ellinggraben (400 m) - Sulzer Höhe - Schöffel-Hütte, 590m-Rohrberg - Gasthof Dornbacherhof (lunch) - Heiligenkreuz (312 m) - Siegenfeld (357 m) - Schwarzberg - Helenental -

Rauhenstein (255 m)

- Map:** Freytag & Berndt WK 011 Wienerwald; ÖK25V sheet 5325-West/-Ost
- Meet:** 8:25 a.m. Bahnhof Wien Meidling/U-6 Philadelphiabrücke, ticket counter.  
R-train to Wiener Neustadt leaves at 8:36 and arrives Liesing at 8:42.  
Bus 255 for Kaltenleutgeben leaves at 9:07 a.m.
- Return:** About 6 p.m. Wien Meidling
- Cost:** About EUR 6,- train and bus fare
- Leader:** [Peter Jirak](#)
- Registration:** By Thursday, 19 Nov. to leader by e-mail or phone.
- Note:** Clothing according to weather conditions: cap, gloves; if you join the B-5 ½ hike you will need a torch or head lamp; please wear good hiking boots. Bring thermos and snacks.

#### 14. Sunday, 29 November 2009: Mauerbach - Salmansdorf

- Class:** B 4 - unhurried
- Description:** This is a nice and easy hike in the northern part of the Vienna woods – though with one arduous ascent
- Route:** Mauerbach – Allerheiligenberg – Steinbach – Toiflhütte (lunch) – Weidlingbach – Hameau – Salmansdorf (possibly Heuriger)
- Map:** Wanderatlas Wienerwald sheet 7
- Meet:** 9:15 outside Bahnhof Hütteldorf, at bus station, bus leaves at 9:30
- Return:** 16:00 Salmansdorf terminus bus 35A
- Cost:** 1,80 for bus
- Leader:** [Maria Hofmann](#)
- Registration:** By 27 November to hike leader by e-mail or phone
- Note:** Wear good hiking boots, eventually sticks, clothing, raingear according to weather forecast, drinks and snacks. Path could be icy or muddy

#### 15. Tuesday, 1 December: On the Trails of Enlightenment: Report and Slide show on an expedition to Nepal and Tibet

- Description:** Christine Colella will report on her adventurous trip to Nepal and Tibet. After a short stay in Kathmandu we fly to Simikot, the province of Humla, situated in the Northwestern corner of Nepal. After a 6-day trekking tour through the Humla Karnali valley (between 2500 and 4600m), we cross the border to Tibet. Highlight of the trip is the 3-day Parikma (Kora), the walk around Kailash, the holiest mountain for Hindus and Buddhists. This pilgrimage is complemented by a bath in Manasarovar Lake, a must for those who make the effort to travel to this remote area. This is followed by a two days trip to the Kingdom of Guge, a centre for Buddhism between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Venue:** Österreichischer Gebirgsverein, 1080 Wien, Lerchenfelderstrasse 28, 4<sup>th</sup> floor (no lift). Nearest subway station: U-2/U-3 Volkstheater
- Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- Cost:** No cost, but a voluntary contribution for room rental would be welcome
- Leader:** [Colella, Christine](#)
- Registration:** Possibly until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November with Christine by phone or e-mail! This is necessary to confirm the room rental. If you want to go to a nearby restaurant after the show please let Christine know so that pre-arrangements can be made.  
Please register by email or by phone.

## 16. Sunday, 6 December, 2009, Wilhelmsburg - Plambachecker Höhe - "Grünauer Advent"

- Class:** A-3, easy; could be windy!
- Description:** Hill walking between the Traisen- and Pielach valley. Farmers have cultivated this natural woodland for 1000 years and created a varied and beautiful landscape. On our gentle stroll at a height of 500 m we will enjoy the interplay between meadows and scattered woodland. The Grünauer Advent Market offers you numerous booths with a lot of regional delicacies and a cultural programme.
- Route:** Wilhelmsburg Hst. Kreisbach (340 m) - Sonnenberg - Graßberg - Dreihöf - Wieshof - Plambachecker Höhe 623 m) - Hofstettner Berg - Hofstetten 317m (lunch) – „Grünauer Advent“ on the church square
- Map:** ÖK25V sheet 55, Obergrafendorf + 56, St. Pölten
- Meet:** 7:30 a.m. **Wien Westbahnhof**, near ticket counter. We can use the **Minimax VC ticket**: for 2-5 persons, two of them need a VorteilsCard. Please be in good time, group by 5 and buy it together: Purkersdorf-Sanatorium to Kreisbach, and back from Hofstetten-Grünau to Purkersdorf-Sanatorium.  
IC-train leaves at 7:44, (Wien Hütteldorf at 7:52) arriving St. Pölten at 8:26. Change to ÖBB-bus departure at 8:35 - arrival in Kreisbach at 9:00.
- Return:** Wien Hütteldorf at 7:30 p.m.
- Cost:** About EUR 9,- train fare with Minimax VC ticket.
- Leader:** [Peter Jirak](#)
- Registration:** By Friday, 4 December to leader by email or phone.
- Note:** Clothing according to weather conditions: Anorak, cap, gloves; please wear hiking boots. Bring thermos and snacks.

## 17. Saturday, 12 December 2009: X-mas in Bratislava

- Class:** A2-3
- Description:** We will do a 2-3 hour slow city hike, go up the castle hill, and explore the nicely renovated 1<sup>st</sup> district with two very nice X-mas markets, with Slovak specialities.
- Route:** -
- Meet:** Südbahnhof at the temporary ticket counter, 13.15 pm Train leaves 13.28  
  
!!! watch the hiking club website. Time and place might change due to reconstruction of Südbahnhof.
- Return:** 19.58 (or 20.58)
- Cost:** Take a euro-region ticket for 14 euro.
- Leader:** [Wittgrefe, Frits](#)
- Registration:** To [frits.wittgrefe@chello.at](mailto:frits.wittgrefe@chello.at) before 5 Dec
- Note:** Don't forget your passport. If you need a visa for Slovakia, please arrange in time.

## 18. Sunday, 13 December 2009: Südlicher Wienerwald Höllenstein

- Class:** B-4 ½
- Route:** Rodaun – Parapluiberg – Seewiese – Höllenstein (645m), lunch – Kaltenleutgeben – Bus to Liesing
- Map:** Freytag & Berndt, Wienerwald-Atlas, No. 19
- Meet:** 9:30 a.m. at Rodaun (end of Tram 60)

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**Return:** Ca. 5:00 p.m. to Liesing  
**Cost:** Public transport ticket, Ca. EUR. 3.- for bus  
**Leader:** [Peter Vacek](#)  
**Registration:** By Friday, 11 December to leader by phone  
**Note:** Hiking boots, clothing according to the weather forecast

### [19. Sunday, 20 December 2009: Pfaffstättner Kogel and Anninger](#)

**Class:** B-4  
**Description:** A pre-Christmas hike to the southern Vienna Woods  
**Route:** Pfaffstätten – Pfaffstättner Kogel (541m) – Rudolf Proksch Hütte (lunch) – Anninger – Wilhelmswarte (675m) – Kalenderweg - Gumpoldskirchen  
**Map:** Wienerwald Atlas, sheet 17 and sheet 19  
**Meet:** At 8:50 a.m. at Bahnhof Meidling (U6), ticket counters; train departs at 9:08 a.m.; buy return ticket to Pfaffstätten (2 zones from Wien Liesing)  
**Return:** Depending on Heuriger at Gumpoldskirchen, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** Ca. €5.- for train ticket (with Vorteils card); Lunch in hut; Heuriger  
**Leader:** [Christine Colella](#)  
**Registration:** By Thursday, 17 December, to hike leader by email or by phone  
**Note:** Clothing according to weather forecast; snow possible (desirable)

### [20. Saturday, 2 January 2010: Wienerwald](#)

**Class:** A/B-4  
**Description:** Winter walk in the Wienerwald  
**Route:** U3 Ottakring – Jubiläumswarte – Schottenhof – Rieglerhütte – Sophienalpe – Mostalm – Vorderhainbach – Gasthaus Grüner Jäger – bus to Hütteldorf  
**Map:** Wienerwald Atlas F & B  
**Meet:** 9:30 a.m. at U3 Ottakring (end station) on the platform as you exit the train.  
**Return:** Approx. 3:30 p.m. to Wien Hütteldorf U4 station  
**Cost:** Public transport  
**Leader:** [Günter Wonisch](#)  
**Registration:** By 31 December to hike leader by phone or e-mail to [newonisch@aon.at](mailto:newonisch@aon.at)  
**Note:** Please wear warm clothing according to the weather forecast and bring drinks and snacks. Late lunch will be at the end of the hike in a Gasthaus.

### [21. Sunday, 10 January 2010: Bisamberg](#)

**Class:** A 4 - unhurried  
**Description:** If it is cold, I'll bring some Schnaps!  
**Route:** Stammersdorf – In den Gabrissen – Senderstraße – Magdalenenhof – Hagenbrunn ‚My Way‘, lunch at a Heuriger - Stammersdorf  
**Map:** Wanderatlas Wienerwald sheet 3  
**Meet:** 9:30 a.m. Bahnhof Floridsdorf (terminus of U-6) ticket counters  
**Return:** Ca. 5:00 p.m. to Bahnhof Floridsdorf U-6

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**Cost:** Tram ticket  
**Leader:** [Maria Hofmann](#)  
**Registration:** By 8 January to hike leader by e-mail or phone  
**Note:** Wear good hiking boots, poles (path could be icy) and warm clothes. Wear good shoes as there might be snow, and warm clothing. Take snacks, drinks

## [22. Sunday, 17 January 2010, Klosterneuburg - Windischhütte](#)

**Class:** B-4 ½, easy  
**Description:** A scenic loop along the gentle hills of the northern Vienna Woods. We'll walk up from the vineyards and orchards of Klosterneuburg and then enter the endless forests of Nature Park Eichenhain.  
**Route:** Klosterneuburg (192 m) - Buchberg - Naturpark Eichenhain - Windischhütte, 497 m (lunch) - Managettasteig - Klosterneuburg-Weidling  
**Map:** Freytag & Berndt WK 011, Wienerwald; ÖK 25V sheet 5319-Ost, Klosterneuburg  
**Meet:** 9:10 a.m. U4 terminus Heiligenstadt, near exit to the buses. Bus 239 leaves at 9:30 for Maria Gugging Lourdesgrotte arriving Klosterneuburg, Marienheim at 9:52 a.m.  
**Return:** About 5 p.m. Wien Heiligenstadt  
**Cost:** EUR 3,60  
**Leader:** [Peter Jirak](#)  
**Registration:** By Friday, 15 January to leader by e-mail or phone  
**Note:** Clothing according to weather conditions, wear hiking boots, take with you anorak, cap, gloves, hiking poles, Thermos flask.

## [23. Friday 22- Monday 25 January 2010: Snowshoeing Maria Waldrast](#)

**Class:** B-3, 3 times B/C 5-6  
**Description:** **An enjoyable long weekend in the snow!** Our base camp is the monastery of Maria Waldrast at a saddlepoint at 1600 meters in Tirol. It is a beautiful plateau and every day we will go in a different direction. If you want to take one day off or want to go cross country skiing or so, that is also possible. Also ok for snow shoe beginners. Good condition is required.  
**Route:** We will go in different direction every day.  
**Meet:** 6.40 am WestBhf ticket machines downstairs. Train to Innsbruck leaves 6.57  
**Return:** Monday 21.48 pm  
**Cost:** Train ticket to Matri an Brenner and back. Share the taxibus. 5 euro club fee (10 euro for non members). 3 overnights in the monastery, less than 40 euro per person per night Halbpension.  
**Leader:** [Wittgrefe, Frits](#)  
**Registration:** To [frits.wittgrefe@chello.at](mailto:frits.wittgrefe@chello.at) before 1 January  
**Note:** Bring snow shoes, poles, winter clothing. Maximum 12 persons. For more info on snow shoe hiking (where to hire etc) pls read the special section on this website. Train times might change due to new schedule 2010.

## 24. Sunday, 31 January 2010: Anninger

- Class:** B- 4 ½
- Description:**
- Route:** Mödling train station – Goldene Stiege – Anninger Schutzhaus (669m), lunch – Kegelstattweg - Gumpoldskirchen
- Map:** Freytag & Berndt, Wienerwaldatlas, No. 19
- Meet:** 9:15 a.m. at Wien-Meidling (U6 Philadelphiabrücke). Train leaves at 9:36 a.m. Buy single ticket from Wien-Leising to Mödling and for the return trip from Gumpoldskirchen to Wien
- Return:** Ca. 5:00 p.m. at Wien-Meidling
- Cost:** Ca. € 4.- with VorteilsCard
- Leader:** [Peter Vacek](#)
- Registration:** By Friday, 29 January to leader by phone
- Note:** Hiking boots, clothing according to the weather forecast

## 25. Friday 26 February – Monday 1 March 2010: Snowshoeing at the Tauplitzalm

- Class:** B3, 3 times BC5-6
- Description:** **An enjoyable long weekend in the snow!** Our base camp is the Linzerhaus at the Tauplitzalm (<http://www.tauplitzalm.at/linzerhaus/>). It is a beautiful plateau and every day we will go in a different direction. If you want to take one day off or want to go cross country skiing, that is also possible. Also OK for snow shoe beginners. Good condition is required.
- Route:** We will go in a different direction everyeach day and explore the Tauplitzalm plateau together.
- Map:** Map 97
- Meet:** Südbahnhof at the temporary ticket counter, Friday 26 Feb 8.05 a.m. Train leaves at 8.23 (Leoben).
- Return:** Monday 21.35 pm
- Cost:** Train ticket to Bad Mitterndorf and back. Share the bus or taxibus. 5 euro club fee (10 euro for non members). 3 overnights in the hut, 32 euro per person per night Halbpension with Alpenverein.
- Leader:** [Wittgrefe, Frits](#)
- Registration:** To [frits.wittgrefe@chello.at](mailto:frits.wittgrefe@chello.at) before 1 Feb.
- Note:** Bring snow shoes, poles, winter clothing. Maximum 12 persons. Bring your Alpenvereinskarte if you have one. For more info on snow shoe hiking (where to hire etc) please read the special section on this website. Map 97. Train might change a bit due to new schedule in 2010.

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

Ad-hoc snow show hikes

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Canadian Rockies: Jasper & Lake Louise National Parks  
for information call Susanne Fisher Pinggera: +43 1 320 54 02

## **Other Information**

### **OBTAIN THE CIRCULAR**

On the Internet:

The programme is available on the Internet at the following address:

<http://www.geocities.com/vichiking>

### **By e-mail:**

All members and friends who do not have access to the VIC hiking club web page can have the circular dispatched by e-mail as an MS Word or pdf file. Please send your e-mail address to Christine Slater [C.Slater@iaea.org](mailto:C.Slater@iaea.org) room A2285

### **By mail:**

Members and friends who wish to have the circular mailed to their home address should also inform Christine Slater (phone: O. 2600-26059). Costs for envelope and postage for all programmes for one year: EUR. 4,-. To be paid at the Annual General Meeting or to the Club's bank account: BANKAUSTRIA 08373500100. Please state under purpose of payment: 'postage' AND YOUR NAME.

### **FOR TRAVELLERS ON AUSTRIAN TRAINS:**

If you travel more than 1,500 km a year we recommend that you buy a VORTEILSCARDS card; it costs EUR. 99.90/year (EUR. 26.90 for retirees as of the age of 60 for women and 65 for men) and entitles you to a 45-50 percent reduction on all train rides in Austria. 50% reduction if you order the ticket over the Internet or you buy it at a ticket machine (available at the train stations), 45% if you buy the ticket at the ticket counter. If you are a member of any of the alpine associations (see below) you can order the VorteilsCard through them with a 20% reduction. Please inquire directly with the associations.

**Train tickets:** If you hold a ticket or weekly/monthly/yearly card for the Vienna public transportation system (Wiener Linien) you buy the train ticket from and to Stadtgrenze instead of from and to Vienna. The Stadtgrenze (border of town) is the zone up to which your tram ticket is valid. Most hike leaders indicate which train tickets you should buy, the name of the Stadtgrenze is indicated in parenthesis, so that you can find it more easily on the ticket machines. If you buy the ticket at the counter you can just ask "from and to Stadtgrenze". For trains leaving from Südbahnhof the Stadtgrenze is "Wien-Liesing", for trains leaving from Westbahnhof the Stadtgrenze is "Wien-Purkersdorf Sanatorium".

### **Tickets for groups:**

**'Einfach raus' ticket:** 2-5 persons for EUR 28, - a day. Please be in time, group by 5 and buy it together and stay together for the whole day. This can only be used on regional trains 'R...'.  
**'Minimax ticket':** 2 – 6 persons, price varying according to destination and number of persons. You also have to stay together for the trip.

### **BICYCLE INSURANCE:**

Interested persons may wish to consult the web pages of OEAMTC or ARGUS Fahrradbüro. (web addresses see below)

### **BICYCLE TRIPS:**

Please make sure that your bicycle is in good condition! Take a reserve inner tube! Do not bring bicycles with small wheels. Bikes can be taken on trains marked with the bicycle symbol for EUR. 2.90 per day (Fahrradmitnahmekarte), in any direction. For transportation with reservation of bicycle on Intercity trains marked with the bicycle symbol the cost is EUR. 6.80. Advance reservation is recommended. Those who have a VorteilsCard will obtain a block of 3 tickets (free) for the transport of bicycles together with their new VorteilsCard. A detailed brochure on transportation of bicycles is available at major train stations. Information, advice, bike routes, maps etc. can be obtained from: ARGUS Fahrradbüro, A1040 Vienna, Frankenberggasse 11, Telephone: 505 09 07. Website: [www.argus.or.at](http://www.argus.or.at)

### **FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN HIGH ALPINE TRIPS:**

We recommend becoming a member of the "Österreichischer Alpenverein" or a similar Alpine association (Naturfreunde, Österreichischer Touristenklub); you get a 50 percent reduction on accommodation in mountain huts and other privileges - and you support an institution that maintains a mountain trail and shelter system with due consideration of ecological issues. The yearly membership fee (EUR. 48 with reductions for family members, senior citizens and students) also includes a world-wide accident insurance. Your membership fee also includes a "Hüttenmarke" that entitles you to membership privileges in mountain huts that are owned by other Alpine associations. Further information can be obtained from hike leaders.

### **USEFUL INTERNET LINKS:**

#### **Alpine Associations**



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Alpenverein: <http://www.alpenverein.at/>

Naturfreunde: <http://www.Naturfreunde.at/>

Österreichischer Touristenklub: <http://www.touristenklub.at/>

## Miscellaneous

Niederösterreich-Card: <http://www.niederoesterreich-card.at/> provides considerable reduction on tickets or free entry to museums, cable cars and other touristic facilities in Lower Austria

Itinerary with public transport: <http://www.vor.at/>

OEBB: <http://www.oebb.at/>

OEAMTC: <http://www.oeamtc.at/>

ARGUS Fahrradbüro: <http://www.argus.or.at/> Information about huts, weather, books, etc:

<http://www.publish.at/trekking/default.htm>

## Below are the telephone numbers and websites of all the Austrian autobus companies, by province:

. Verkehrsverbund Ost: 0810-222324, <http://www.vor.at>

. Oberösterreich: 0810-240810, <http://www.ooevv.at/>

. Steiermark: 0316-812138-0, <http://www.verbundlinie.at/>

. Kärnten: 0463-500830, <http://www.kaerntner-linien.at/start.htm>

. Salzburg: 0662-632900, [http://efa.svv-info.at/svv/index\\_de.htm](http://efa.svv-info.at/svv/index_de.htm)

. Tirol: 0512-561616, <http://www.vvt.at/>

. Vorarl: 05522-83577-0, <http://www.vmobil.at/>

. NÖ-Burgenland: 0800-240280, no website

## IMPORTANT !

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that neither the Club itself nor any of its officers or hike leaders, individually or collectively, can be held responsible for any injury to, and/or disablement or death of a participant during the course of any activity organized by, or on behalf of the Club. Accordingly, participation is at your own risk. Please also note that it is inadvisable to bring along small children.

## EQUIPMENT

Good hiking boots, comfortable clothing appropriate to the weather forecast (e.g. waterproof jacket, overtrousers, fleece, gloves, hat, sunglasses); some provisions such as biscuits, nuts and/or chocolate for emergencies, drink, identity card, head lamp or torch, map and compass, survival bag for alpine walks. Lunch will usually be taken in a Gasthaus or Hütte, but you are encouraged to bring along some snacks just in case.

## REGISTRATION

### For one-day hikes:

minimum 2 days before the hike to the hike leader/contact person, unless otherwise specified in the programme.

### For trips over several days:

deadline of registration is specified in the programme. Please also provide telephone number of where you will be, in case of last minute cancellation by leader.

### In case of limited participation:

priority will be given to club members.

**MINIMUM PARTICIPATION:** 3 people, excluding the hike leader, are required in order to make it an official hike. If there are fewer participants, it is up to the hike leader to either cancel or declare it as a private hike.

## CANCELLATIONS IN CASE OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

For one-day hikes with hired bus:

Minimum 3 days before the hike: at no charge, provided the overall costs are met.

Shorter notice: bus costs have to be charged unless a replacement is found.

For trips over several days involving reservation of accommodation, buses, etc.:

Terms of cancellation are stated separately in the programme.

## EXCLUSION OF PARTICIPANTS:

The hike leader is entitled to exclude persons from participation at any time before or during the hike (from places where public transport is available or can be reached on easy walking trails) on the grounds of inappropriate equipment or insufficient physical condition.

Hikers must be in good health. Hikers with special health conditions or who require special medicine should mention this to the hike leader before the hike begins. We encourage all hikers to have the tick vaccination and keep it valid.