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Ötztal. The Peak of Tirol.



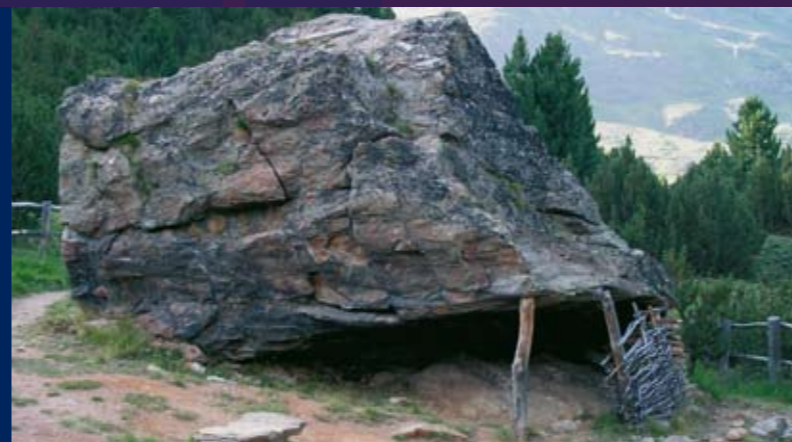
Worth Seeing

ÖTZI'S PLACE OF FINDING
 On 19 September 1991 two German tourists found by chance a mummified corpse in the ice of the Similaun glacier at the Hauslabjoch mountain ridge. "Ötzi" the iceman was found at an altitude of 3,200m and is the most ancient finding of a European hunter.

VENT JAKOBUSKIRCHE
 The Baroque-style church is consecrated to Saint Jacob the Elder.

HOHLER STEIN & STONE AGE HUNTING BASE
 The existence of Stone Age hunting bases in the Ötztal valley is proven, e.g. in the Hohler Stein area in Niedertal/Vent which is at an altitude of 2,050 m. A wide range of archeological findings within this area show the existence of early settlements in the Rofental valley, dating back to 7600 B.C. The outdoor excavation site is located on a small natural terrace at 1,950 m above sea level, where Niedertal valley and Rofental valley meet. In the past, these two valleys formed the natural border line of the huge hunting areas reaching up to the mighty peaks of the main Alpine ridge.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE & ROFEN GORGE
 The breathtaking suspension bridge (46m long, 31 m deep) was built by the Klotz brothers in 1967 and renewed in 2006.



Events

"To the lush summery pastures..." Sheep Drive (early June 2010)
 via Hochjoch and Niederjoch ridges from Schnalstal to Vent; 2000 to 3000 sheep are driven to the Alpine pasturelands where they spend the whole summer.

Vent Parish Festival and Procession (25 July 2010)
 Holy mass, procession, concert of a local brass band. Typical Ötztal specialties are served in all restaurants.

Vent Mountain Fest Live music (31 July 2010)
 No admission fee!

38th Gletscherfloh Walk (01 August 2010)
 High Alpine hiking tour from Obergurgl 1,900m via Ramoljoch ridge 3,200m to Vent 1,900m. Pre-lunch brass concert and entertainment starting at 9.00 am.

ARTeVENT nature.sculpture.literature (01 – 22 August 2010)
 International Sculptors Symposium guided by the local Ötztal artist Gerbert Ennemoser and artists from near and far.

ARTeVent nature.sculpture.literature (01 – 22 August 2010)
 3rd Alpine Book Exhibition, varied side program – hikes, lectures, guided walks, talks and discussions on Alpine-specific themes focusing on "Women in the Mountains – Ascending Women". Partners: Pro Vita Alpina, Ötztal Nature Park, Sölden Library

"When the sheep return..." (mid September 2010)
 Sheep drive via Hochjoch and Niederjoch ridges to their South Tyrolean home. A truly picturesque highlight deeply rooted in century-old tradition.

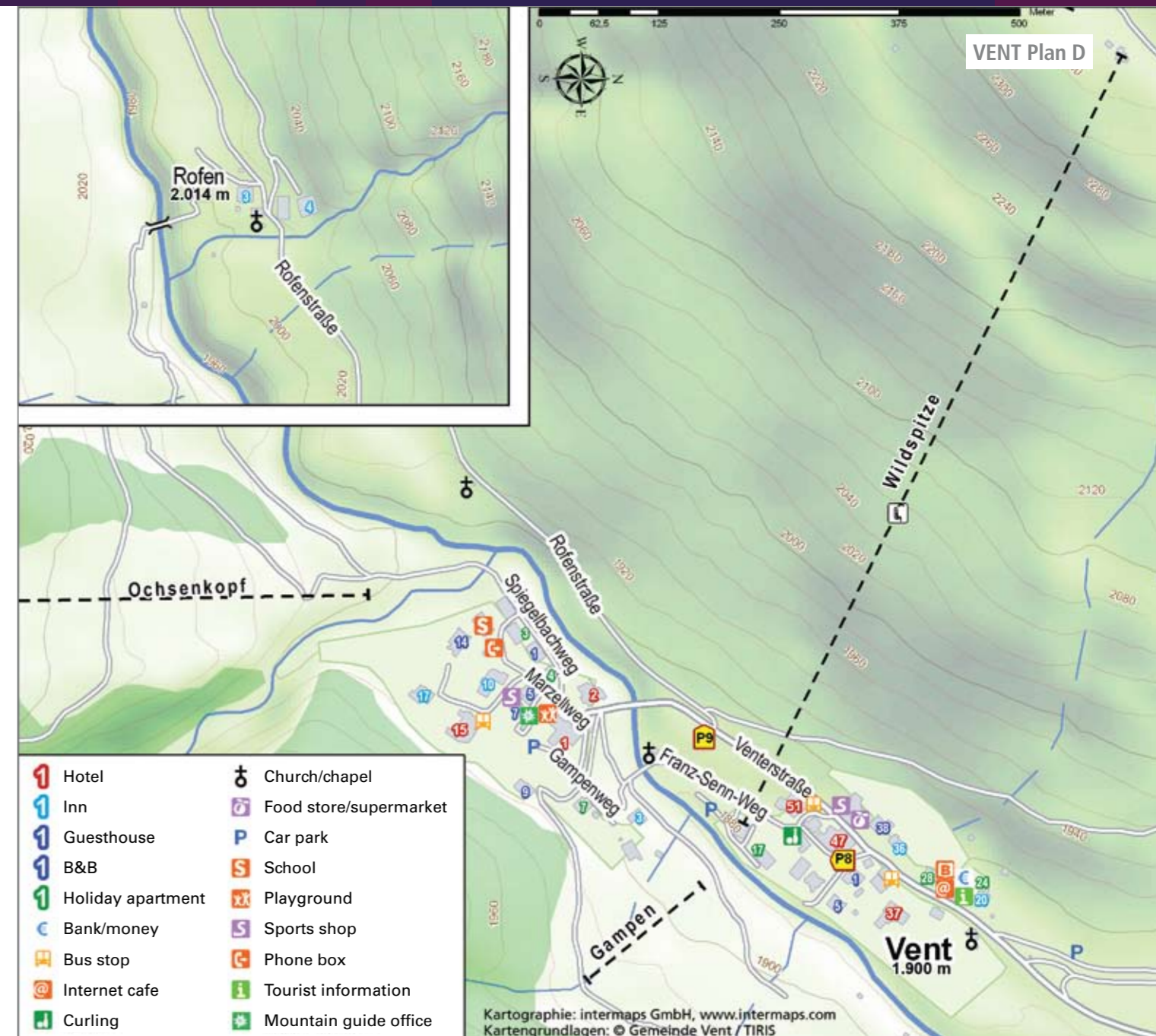
WEEKLY EVENTS

"Vent and its Mountain & Glacier World" (every Sunday from late June)
 Slide show at 9.00 pm, Hotel Vent

Nature Theme Hike to Mutsbühl/Ramolalm (every Monday)
 Start: 9.30 am; return: approx. 3.00 pm
 Booking and starting point: Vent Information Office
 Costs: € 5.00 / person

Nature Park Hike "Once upon a time..." (every Wednesdy)
 Start: 9.00 am; return: approx. 3.30 pm
 Booking and starting point: Vent Information Office
 Costs: € 5.00 / person

Market in Meran – Bus ride via Timmelsjoch Pass (every Friday)
 Departure: 8.00 am; cost: € 27.00 / person
 Booking required: Gasthaus Weißkugel T +43 (0) 5254 8194



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Vent

Resort Information Summer

BERGSTEIGER DÖRFER VENT

Wildspitze Double Chairlift 1,900 m – 2,365 m

Open from 19 June 2010 to 26 September 2010
 Daily 8.00 am – 12.00 noon and 1.00 pm – 5.30 pm.
 Discover the stunning scenery of the splendid Ötztal Alps and glaciers.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS
 Alpine Rescue 140, European Emergency Number 112

Ötztal Card



One valley, one card: the ultimate Ötztal Card gives access to unlimited mountain holidays with the whole family. Pay once and enjoy free use of over 40 attractions and recreational facilities across the 67 km long valley - between 670 and 3,000 meters above sea level. Endless adventures guaranteed!

Tabaluga



Tabaluga Adventure Program for children from 5 to 12 years
 Details and booklet at the Information Office

Ötztal Nature Park



Join the certified guides on an exciting hike across unspoilt nature landscapes.
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Alpine Huts & Mountain Inns



GASTHOF ROFENHOF 2,014 m
T +43 (0) 5254 8103 Time: 45 min

GASTHOF GEIERWALLIHOFF 2,044 m
T +43 (0) 5254 81450 Time: 45 min

Along the federal road, exit P9 to Rofen. Back to Vent across the suspension bridge and the lush Alpine meadows. Wonderful flora.



STABLEINALM 2,356 m
T +43 (0) 5254 8153, 8152 Time: 1.5 hrs

Starting point: Vent, exit P9. Broad and slightly rising trail with almost no difference in altitude. 5 serpentines up to Stableinalm.



SIMILAUHÜTTE 3,019 m
T +39 (0) 473 669711 Time: 2 hrs

Starting point: Martin Busch Hütte
Flat trail towards Niederjochl -> turn right after 30 min, following the lateral moraine of Niederjoch glacier -> another 30 min to the hut (no crevasses).



MARTIN BUSCH HÜTTE 2,501 m
T +43 (0) 5254 8130 Time: 2.5 hrs

Starting point: Vent
Turn left at the end of the village, in direction Niedertal -> broad trail past a chapel and a shepherds hut -> moderately ascending trail to the hut.



RAMOLHAUS 3,006 m
T +43 (0) 5256 6223 Time: 5 hrs

(Ramoljoch secured with ropes)
Starting point: Vent. Steep ascent via Ramolalm to Ramoljoch (3,200 m) -> descending route on rocks secured with ropes -> 30 min to the hut. This tour is only recommended in good weather. Mountaineering equipment is required.



SCHÖNE AUSSICHT 2,846 m
T +39 (0) 473 662140 Time: 3 hrs

Starting point: Hochjoch Hospiz
Steep descent down to the bridge -> across Hintereisbach brook -> uphill on the winding trail -> above Hochjoch glacier a moderately rising trail leads to Schöne Aussicht hut.



HOCHJOCH HOSPIZ 2,413 m
T +43 (0) 720 347821 Time: 2.5 hrs
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Starting point: Vent
From Vent to Rofen and the base station of the goods lift -> across the impressive Rofen gorge to the hut on a moderately ascending trail.



VERNAGTHÜTTE 2,755 m
T +43 (0) 720 347218 Time: 3.5 hrs
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Starting point: Vent
From Vent to Rofen -> across meadows to the base station of the goods lift -> via Platteiberg area and Vernagtbach valley to the hut on a moderately rising trail.



BRESLAUER HÜTTE 2,848 m
T+ 43 (0) 5254 8156 Time: 2.5 hrs
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Starting point: Vent
On foot or with the double chairlift to Stableinalm -> moderately rising trail at the beginning, with steep sections at the end.



BRANDENBURGER HAUS 3,272 m
T +39 (0) 720 347320 Time: 3.5 hrs
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(glacier crossing)
Starting point: Hochjoch Hospiz
Steep and winding trail starting at the hut -> turn left after approx. 15 min -> past the glacier snout of Kesselwandferner. Crossing of Kesselwand glacier: only in a group and secured with ropes!

Walking Trails

VENT CIRCUIT HIKE

- VENT -> RAMOLALM 2,215 m Time: 1 h
- VENT -> MUTSBÜHL 2,340 m Time: 1.5 hrs
- MUTSBÜHL -> RAMOLALM Time: 1.5 hrs
- VENT -> FELDKÖGELE 2,018 m Time: 1 h
- VENT -> HÖRNLE 2,406 m Time: 1.5 hrs
- HÖHENWEG SONNBERG -> STABLEINALM Time: 4.5 - 5 hrs

Mountain Trails

- BRESLAUER HÜTTE -> VERNAGTHÜTTE Time: 2.5 hrs
- VERNAGTHÜTTE -> HOCHJOCH HOSPIZ Time: 2 hrs
- HOCHJOCH HOSPIZ -> SCHÖNE AUSSICHT Time: 3 hrs
- HOCHJOCH -> SAYKOGEL -> MARTIN BUSCH HÜTTE Time: 6 hrs
- MARTIN BUSCH HÜTTE -> SIMILAUHÜTTE Time: 2 hrs
- MARTIN BUSCH HÜTTE -> DIEMWEG -> RAMOLHAUS (secured with ropes) Time: 4.5 hrs
- TIEFENBACH GLACIER -> VENT Time: 3 - 4 hrs
- TIEFENBACH GLACIER -> SONNBERG TRAIL -> BRESLAUER HÜTTE Time: 5 - 6 hrs
- SIMILAUHÜTTE -> ÖTZI'S PLACE OF FINDING (secured with ropes) Time: 1.5 hrs
- MARTIN BUSCH HÜTTE -> MARZELLKAMM Time: 2.5 hrs

Mountain Peaks

- WILDER MANN 3,019 m Time: 2.5 hrs
secured with ropes; using lift
- KREUZSPITZE 3,457 m Time: 5 hrs
- MITTLERE GUSLARSPIITZE 3,147 m Time: 5 hrs
- SAYKOGEL 3,355 m Time: 5.5 hrs
- URKUNDHOLM 3,113 m Time: 3 hrs
using lift

Multi-day Hut Hikes

- RECOMMENDATION 1**
- Day 1: Vent -> Martin Busch Hütte -> Similaunhütte -> Martin Busch Hütte -> overnight
 - Day 2: Martin Busch Hütte -> Saykogel -> Hochjoch Hospiz -> overnight
 - Day 3: Hochjoch Hospiz -> Mittlere Guslarspitze -> Vernagthütte -> overnight
 - Day 4: Vernagthütte -> Breslauer Hütte -> Wilder Mann -> Vent
- RECOMMENDATION 2**
- Day 1: Vent -> Sonnberg Trail -> Breslauer Hütte -> Urkundholm -> overnight
 - Day 2: Breslauer Hütte -> Vernagthütte -> Hochjoch Hospiz -> overnight
 - Day 3: Hochjoch Hospiz -> Saykogel -> Martin Busch Hütte -> overnight
 - Day 4: Martin Busch Hütte -> Similaunhütte -> Ötzi's Place of finding -> Martin Busch Hütte -> overnight
 - Day 5: Martin Busch Hütte -> Kreuzspitze -> Vent

- RECOMMENDATION 3**
- Day 1: Vent -> Wilder Mann -> Breslauer Hütte -> Vernagthütte -> overnight
 - Day 2: Vernagthütte -> Hochjoch Hospiz -> Schöne Aussicht -> overnight
 - Day 3: Schöne Aussicht -> Kurzras/Schnalstal -> by Bus to Vernagt am See -> Similaunhütte -> overnight
 - Day 4: Similaunhütte -> Martin Busch Hütte -> Diemweg -> Ramolhaus -> overnight
 - Day 5: Ramolhaus -> Vent

WALKING TRAILS
No previous hiking experiences needed, easy hike.

MOUNTAIN TRAIL/RED
Alpine experience, surefootedness and mountaineering equipment required.

MOUNTAIN TRAIL/BLACK
Alpine experience, surefootedness, a good head for heights absolutely required. In some cases previous glacier experience/equipment and mountain guide strongly recommended.

Less experienced hikers are well advised to enlist the services of a certified mountain guide! Glacier crossings are only possible with rope and in a group. Before setting out on a tour you should always inform someone about your destination and when you plan to be back.

