

An adventure for the senses: Senn´s WunderWanderWeg in St. Anton am Arlberg

### In the „drunken“ forest

Ants nests and voracious trees in the „drunken“ forest.... Guests can find out what all this means on the award winning WunderWanderWeg Trail in St. Anton am Arlberg, where fascinating nature can be explored over seven stages. Even the smallest plants and creatures will literally be put under the microscope for the first time this summer: Swarovski binoculars provide razor sharp images during the „Nature Watch Tours“. According to the motto “Wonderfully Walkable”, the individual stations are suitable for all walkers of all ages. Admission is free.

The one and a half kilometre long Senn´s WunderWanderWeg can be found in easy terrain right next to the Sennhütte above St. Anton am Arlberg. It’s extraordinary location on the dividing line between ancient igneous rocks and limestone favours the growth of diverse flora and fauna that can be discovered with all your senses over the seven stages of the WunderWanderWeg.

It is incredible what can grow at 1,500 metres altitude! Over 15 colourful and fragrant gardens are dotted along the „Alpine Flower and Herb Trail“, one of which is a Mint Alley, with around 40 different mint varieties on display. It’s adventure galore in the „WunderWald“, centre piece of the WunderWanderWeg. Here “Monster Trees” with their numerous crooked branches rub shoulders with “Drunken Trees”, which lean from the thawing of permafrost beneath their roots. The ants’ nests are a real hive of activity. After all, they drag up to 100,000 prey into their nest on a single summer day, ensuring the continued healthy ecological balance of the Wunderwald.

Those with weary legs should try the „Barefoot Trail“, where an entirely different form of reflexology can be experienced, by feeling the varying natural underground surfaces with the soles of your feet. The Kneip foot baths along the „Water Trail“ also refresh tired spirits and stimulate circulation. How is butter made? And why are cows cool? The answers to these and many other questions can be found on the wooden display boards along the „Kuh´len Trail“.

At the end of the WunderWanderWeg the inviting sun terrace at the Sennhütte is a great place for adults to stop and relax while the little ones play in the „Nature Playground“, which was built along educational guidelines using only local, natural materials. The 13 metre high „Tree House“ provides sweeping views of the mountains of St. Anton am Arlberg and great fun can be had on the nine metre long tree slide.