

1. Hintersee – Unken

Length of Stage: ca. 36 km

Total Climbs: 880 m

We can begin in Ramsau and ride up to Lake Hintersee, or start out directly on the western shore of the Hintersee, riding to the southern end of the lake. When we reach the intersection where there is a bus shelter, we will branch off to the right to the Hintersee Info Center for the Berchtesgaden National Park (there is a gate with a sign indicating that cycling through the Klausbachtal Valley is only permitted on the paved state road). The road through the Klausbachtal begins with only a moderate climb; towards the valley head, as we make our way up to Gasthof Hirschbichl, some stretches of the road get steeper and more winding. After Gasthof Hirschbichl, we will take the road uphill to the right and follow the signs for a mountain bike route marked “Rund um die Reiteralp”, which runs in the opposite direction. Passing the turn-off for the Litzlalm and Eiblkapelle, we will now wind our way steadily downhill (be sure to keep right at the first sharp bend after the Eiblkapelle turn-off). We’ll then ride past the farmhouses in Wildental before finally coming to Oberndorf.

Here we will first make a right, and shortly afterwards a left to Strohwohln. A beautiful gravel path begins at the chapel, first taking us between small streams and then directly next to the River Saalach. Ca. 700 m beyond the new Grubhofsteg trail, we will again reach the paved road, which we will now turn right on. You could also continue riding on the gravel path by the Saalach, since this also meets up with the road to Scheffsnoth. Here we will keep straight – on a paved supply road – up to the Auer Wiesen. Once there, we would highly recommend taking a refreshment break at the “Jagasitz”, where you can enjoy magnificent views out across the Saalachtal. Shortly after the turn-off towards the Hagengut, the gravel path begins again, steadily but only gently climbing up to the valley head. From this point on, aside from occasional insignificant climbs, we make our way down to Gasthof Mayrberg. Now on a paved supply road once again, we will make a right turn after about 1 km, first riding a short distance uphill, before then taking the forestry road down to Reit.

After we have left the small village of Reit behind us, we will cross the bridge over the Saalach, where our tour now meets up with the paved Tauern Bike Path. We will turn right and ride alongside the Saalach in the direction of Unken. The route first takes us to the right of the B312 highway; later, we will cross it at a rest stop and keep on this same bike route, now to the left of the B312 and gently dropping in elevation. After a brief relaxing ride, we will turn left onto a village road and, once we have left this road behind us, we will find ourselves on the bank of the Unkenbach. Here we will first turn right, then make an immediate left and cross the bridge over the Unkenbach, which actually flows into the Salzach at this point. Right after this, we will keep left and finally come to the village of Oberrain near Unken.