

## Saga of the spirit of the gorge

The legend tells us of a spirit that dwells deep down in the gorge at the end of the Leutasch Valley. For centuries people have believed it was a spirit that had come down out of the mountains and found a place to hide in the inaccessible corners of the gorge. Others thought it was a demon, a supernatural creature whose task was to guard the northern entrance to Leutasch Valley together with the goblins of the gorge. These goblins would dance in the night to wondrous music, and in spring especially, when the Leutascher Ache was in flood with all the meltwater, the volume of sound would swell to a veritable fortissimo. Local people have occasionally caught sight of the Spirit of the Gorge in Mittenwald as he

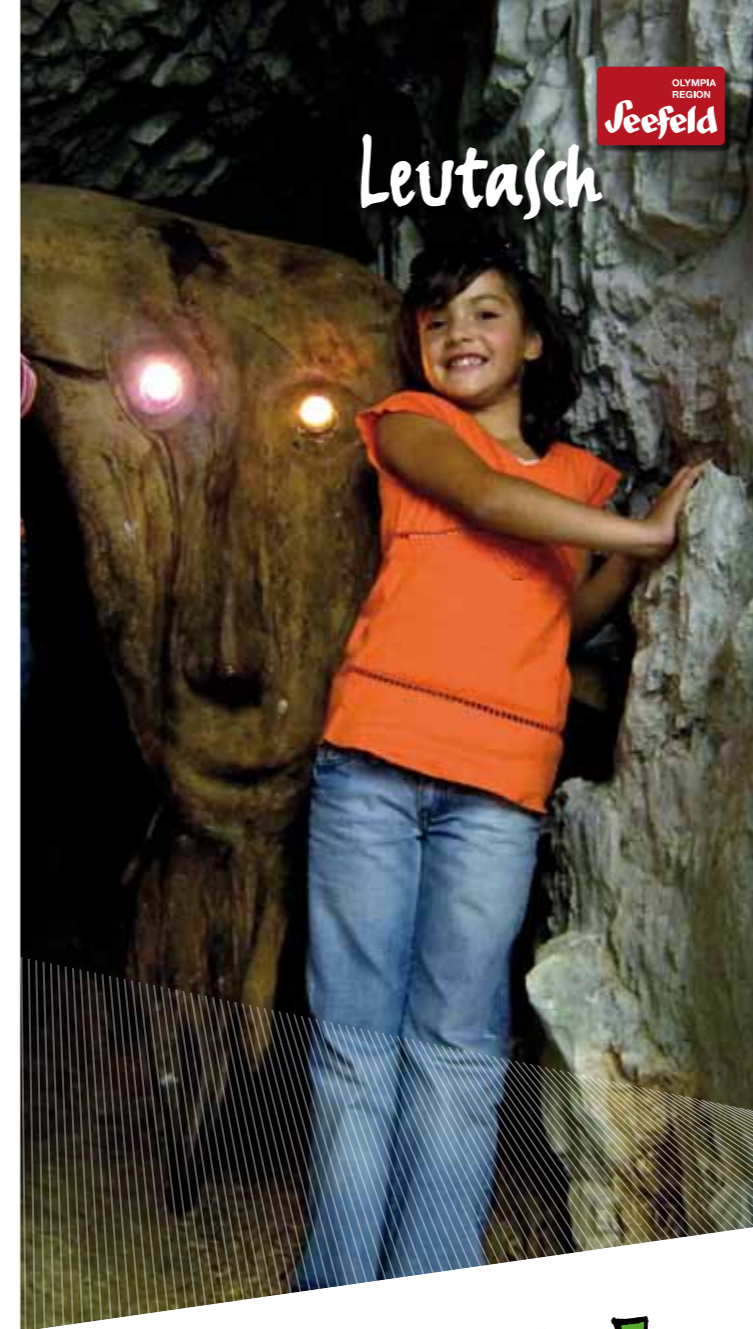
flew over the fields one summer morning scattering a rain of golden sparks on the dewy grass. No footprints have ever been found, however, only singed grass glittering like gold. And when people tried to touch it, it crumbled and turned to ash. Unfortunately these stories do little to explain the true origins of the Spirit of the Gorge, whose realm has been this mysterious gorge for tens of thousands of years.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

The narrow Klammssteig is unfortunately not suitable for children's strollers or baby carriages or dogs. Bikes are prohibited on all parts of the Gorge trails between the Leutasch parking lot and Mittenwald Gorge Kiosk. To walk through the gorge you should have a good head for heights. We ask you, in the interests of all visitors, to adhere to these rules. Thank you. Parking fee in Leutasch: car € 5.00, bus € 15.00



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Everyone has heard of goblins, gremlins and all those other spirits. According to the legends, their homes are to be found where nature is still unspoilt, although very few humans have managed to actually see any of these creatures.



But in the Leutasch Gorge, that is exactly what could happen. It is a place of mysterious reality and real mystery. It is the realm of the Spirit of the Gorge, who gets up to all kinds of tricks deep down in his roaring castle of bottomless whirlpools and foaming maelstroms, of thundering waterfalls and bizarre rock formations.

An exciting path leads down to the home of the Spirit of the Gorge and his gorge goblins. So leave the ordinary world behind and immerse yourself in the mysteries of the Mountain Spirit Gorge!



### Three paths through the realm of the spirit of the gorge

The 3000-meter-long Mountain Spirit Gorge Trail runs for part of the way on an exciting 800-meter-long man-made section. At the various stops the Spirit of the Gorge has all kinds of mysteries and secrets to tell us about his realm. The 1900-meter-long Goblin Trail leads from the Mittenwald Gorge kiosk, past glacier-polished rock into the Leutasch Gorge. At the individual stations, the goblins tell us about the geology and the various rocks in Leutasch Gorge and about the impacts of the glaciers during the Ice Age. At the end of the gorge near Mittenwald, the Waterfall Trail leads deep down into Leutasch Gorge and finishes at a 23-meter-high waterfall (charge for admission).

### Mountain Spirit Gorge Trail

- 0m ..... Gateway to the Gorge + Leutasch Gorge Kiosk
- 510m ..... Ghostly Castle
- 620m ..... Drumming Water – Reading Drum
- 630m ..... Rainbow Snake
- 650m-730m ... Sound Path: Fire Shower and Wind Dance
- 830m ..... Devil's Pool
- 870m ..... Grotto of the Spirits
- 920m ..... Cabinet of Mirrors
- 1025m ..... Magic Spiral
- 1100m ..... Devil's Water
- 1235m ..... Witches' Kitchen
- 1360m ..... Rumbling Thunder
- 1465m ..... Shivers of Hell
- 1680m ..... Open Border
- 1880m ..... Rock Harvest
- 2040m ..... Men's Hair and Wild Man
- 2180m ..... Fairytale Forest
- 2360m ..... Spirit Quiz
- 2490m ..... End

### Goblin Trail

- 0m ..... Welcome
- 80m ..... Goblin Gate
- 650m ..... Ghostly Wrath and Glacial Strength
- 800m ..... Call of the Goblins
- 900m ..... Door to the Underworld
- 1010m ..... Goblin Stones
- 1190m ..... Treasure of the Spirits
- 1300m ..... Goblin Power
- 1500m ..... Fairy Grove
- 1620m ..... Goblins' Hump
- 1740-1890m ... Goblin Games
- 1900m ..... End

### Waterfall Trail

- 0m ..... Mittenwald Gorge Kiosk
- 50m ..... Entrance
- 120m ..... Crossing the Gorge
- 200m ..... Waterfall Viewing Platform

