

Absolutely legendary – The Absolut Park Flachauwinkl



For years, the Absolut Park has been one of the largest and best-known snow parks in Europe. Every year the park lines are revised and updated with innovative new obstacles. The shape crew plans, draws and welds during the summer in a garage directly on the mountain.

But even during the season, the guys don't have time to rest: Every day they shape the park and make sure that all park lines are in top condition. The shape crew provides variety by repositioning obstacles and creating new lines throughout the whole season. Although the job demands a lot, the guys do it with passion, as head shaper Dominik "China" Pichler confirms: "I like working here. The atmosphere is very pleasant and the colleagues are great. I see myself here in the future as a contributor with a view of the big picture".

Thanks to well-planned earthworks and optimal snowmaking, the Absolut Park is set up earlier in the season than any other park without a glacier and at the tree line. The park opening for the winter season 2019/20 is planned for November 30.

The seven areas of the Absolut Park

Whether you're craving massive airtime on the 5 kicker line, hitting the numerous rails and boxes or cruising through the Cross Run and Halfpipe – in Absolut Park it's all possible. The park is divided into seven areas:

1) Kicker Line

Five kickers in a row offer you maximum airtime at an international top level. This is where the Spring Battle, Austria's most famous on-mountain snowboard and freeski contest, takes place.

2) Rail Yard

Here you will find all kinds of rails and jib obstacles, always new and creatively arranged: S-Rail, Elbow-Rail, Kinked-Rail, Double Kinked-Rail, Straight Rails, Down Rails...

3) Beginner/Medium Line

The ideal place to work on your skills, practice new tricks and prepare for the bigger obstacles: The Beginner/Medium Line starts at the top station of the Absolut Shuttle and ends at the bottom station of the Powder Shuttle.

4) Rail/Halfpipe Line

The Rail/Halfpipe Line is equipped with many different rails and ends in a funny, 100-meter-long halfpipe with four meter high walls. It is ideal if you want to learn how to ride a pipe and try your first tricks.

5) Jib Park

Directly in front of Chill House, you will find the ultimate playground for all jibbers: The Jib Park offers you many rails and boxes, which are easy and fun to ride. All shredders, regardless of their level, will have fun here.

6) Cross Run

Both beginners and advanced can ride the Cross Run, a top-maintained ski and boardercross course, without any problems – two separate starts for different levels ensure this. It's best to enjoy it with your buddies!

7) The Stash

The Stash Park does not offer you perfectly groomed slopes, but instead, you can get creative. There are obstacles made of wood and snow integrated into the natural terrain, and you can usually ride them in several ways. The area offers a lot of additional possibilities for natural jibs and powder runs. Kids and beginners will find the Lil' Stash with its wide, simple wooden boxes and rails an ideal terrain to start with their first freestyle tricks.

Further facilities in the Absolut Park

Bouldering, skateboarding and relaxing: The Chill House

The Chill House below the Jib Park is the freestyle scene's meeting point. The light-flooded, two-storey building is equipped with a boulder wall and several chill-out areas where you can watch freeski and snowboard videos. Since last winter season, the Chill House is also pleasing to the eye: Inspiring paintings and drawings from artists in the boardsport and freeski scene are shown regularly. The highlight, however, is the skate mini ramp – the first of its kind on a mountain worldwide.

When the weather is sunny, numerous sofas and picnic tables invite you to have a snack outside, to relax or to watch friends and pros in the park.

Absolut School: Learn freestyle

Do you want to learn your first freestyle tricks? The Absolut School offers special freeski and freestyle snowboard lessons in which experienced coaches teach you freestyle from scratch. With the right technique, you will quickly and safely master new tricks and dare to ride larger obstacles in no time.

Events and contests in the Absolut Park

National and international snowboard and freeski contests confirm the high quality of the Absolut Park. In 2018/19 the following events will be held:

December 14 to 15, 2019: Jib King

The Jib King is a freeski and snowboard contest for amateurs, riders with sponsor contracts and masters over 30. All categories are open to men and women, the sponsored riders can win prize money, while the others will be awarded Blue Tomato coupons and high-quality prizes.

March 14 to 20, 2020: Spring Battle

Freeski and snowboard pros from all over the world meet at the end of March for the Spring Battle, a World Snowboarding Elite Level and AFP Gold Event. The Follow Cam format is very popular with the riders: every competitor who submits a video of their best run will be judged on the last day of the contest. Riders can film each other for a few days and have plenty of time to get the best out of the setup.

April 4, 2020: ZSAEP Experience

The ZSAEP Experience is a freeski contest for young riders under 18 years of age and takes place on the Medium Line in the Absolut Park.

Find out more about the contests at absolutpark.com/en/contests

The Absolut Park Team

The Absolut Park Team is one of the largest freestyle teams worldwide and consists of international top performers, Austrian stars and local rookies from the freeski and snowboard scene. The shape crew works closely together with the team riders and thus benefits from their authentic and valuable feedback on the park setup, but also on the latest trends in freestyle.

The 15-year-old freeskiier Matej Svancer is the latest addition to the Absolut Park Team. Originally he comes from the Czech Republic, but his parents recognised his talent early and moved to Austria to be even closer to the mountains. In 2019, he had remarkable successes, including 4th place at the FIS Junior World Championships in Kläppen, 1st place in Slopestyle at the FIS European Cup in Livigno and 1st place in Big Air at the FIS European Cup in St. Anton. He also won the Ski amadé Rookie of the Year Award 2018/19.



The Absolut Park Team 2019/20:

Snowboard

- Adrian Krainer (AUT)
- Aimee Fuller (GBR)
- Annika Morgan (GER)
- Clemens Millauer (AUT)
- Dominik Wagner (AUT)
- Flo Corzelius (AUT)
- Herby Thaler (AUT)
- Kathrin Holzmann (AUT)
- Marc Schumy (GER)
- Marc Swoboda (AUT)
- Marko Grilc (SLO)
- Mathias Weissenbacher (AUT)
- Max Zebe (ITA)
- Maxi Preissinger (GER)
- Panka Gyarmati (HUN)
- Seppe Smits (BEL)
- Seppi Ramsbacher (AUT)
- Simon Gschaider (AUT)
- Ståle Sandbech (NOR)
- Torgeir Bergrem (NOR)
- Yuka Fujimori (JPN)

Freeski

- Achim Winter (AUT)
- Dani Maurer (AUT)
- Daniel Walchhofer (AUT)
- Dennis Ranalter (AUT)
- Dominik Wilfling (AUT)
- Josh Absenger (AUT)
- Lisa Zimmermann (GER)
- Luca Tribondeau (AUT)
- Luggi Brucic (AUT)
- Lukas Eisl (AUT)
- Martin Hauck (AUT)
- Matej Svancer (CZE)
- Regina Rathgeb (AUT)
- Sam Baumgartner (AUT)
- Stefanie Mössler (AUT)
- Tobi Tritscher (AUT)
- Tobias Gratz (AUT)
- Viktor Moosmann (AUT)

Facts & information 2019/20

Opening hours

Winter opening planned for November 30, 2019

Cash desks: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Ski lift operation hours:

December to January: 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily

February to end of the season: 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. daily

Web:

absolutpark.com

shuttleberg.com

Ski pass prices:

shuttleberg.com/en/tickets

Press information

Current press releases, press photos and videos of the Absolut Park and the entire area, the Shuttleberg Flachauwinkl - Kleinarl, can be downloaded throughout the season via these links:

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