

X OVER RIDE: Freeride at it's best on Kitzsteinhorn Mountain

The X OVER RIDE event, a permanent fixture in the freeride and freestyle scene on Kitzsteinhorn Mountain for eight years, is going "back to the roots". This year, it will all be about freeriding again when skiers and snowboarders get together from March 22nd to 25th to prove their skills in the Bigmountain Contest. For the first time in the event's history, it will be recognized as a three-star qualifier for the Freeride World Tour. This attracts many national and international top riders to the skiing region of Zell am See/Kaprun. After all, important points in the overall ranking of the world's most important freeride tour are at stake, as well as taking home the prize money. A special bonus for all those who have not yet made it into the Freeride World Tour ranking: On March 17th, there will be an open X OVER RIDE qualifier event. Registration and information: www.x-over.at

January 27th, 2012, Kitzsteinhorn Mountain, Kaprun; The combination of a snowy winter with perfect powder and the versatile freeride routes on Kitzsteinhorn Mountain is promising ideal conditions for a spectacular freeride event. It will be held as a **Freeride World Qualifier (FWQ)** for the first time, including two runs at the slopes of Geißstein and Lakarschneid-Langwied on two days. Participation is limited. The current ranking of the Freeride World Tour will decide which applicants can enter the event. For everyone who is not placed in the Freeride World Tour ranking yet, an **open qualifier to the FWQ***** main event will be held on March 17th, 2012 at the Kristallbahn slope.

ICE CAMP, Avalanche Search Field, Snow Park

Before, during and after the race, riders and guests can relax inside the impressive show igloos of the **Kitzsteinhorn ICE CAMP**, featuring a cool ice bar and massive ice sculptures. Those who want to practice their handling skills with avalanche transceivers, probes and shovels for emergencies can do so anytime in the well-equipped **PIEPS avalanche search field** right beside the ICE CAMP. And all those who still don't have enough adrenaline running through their blood after all the freeride action will find the **Snow Park** to be the perfect playground for new tricks.

Freeride XXL on Kitzsteinhorn Mountain

Due to reliable snow conditions and a great variety of off-piste runs, Kitzsteinhorn is just the right spot for an event like the X OVER RIDE. The glacier in the region of Zell am See and Kaprun, Salzburg County, Austria, is one of the most popular freeriding hot spots of the Alps. Wide powder fields, nice cliff jumps, cornices and natural pipes: located right next to the lifts, the five Kitzsteinhorn freeride routes offer everything off-piste lovers could wish for. Since Kitzsteinhorn has opened the **new freeride routes** under the slogan "Freeride XXL" and provided them with an informative system of signs, the powder slopes on Austria's first glacier ski resort have become even more popular. This information system concentrates on a comprehensive education on alpine dangers and calls on individual responsibility. At the **Freeride Info Points**, riders will find more information, like a topographic map showing the steepness of the slope, dangerous spots, and the most beautiful line. In addition, they can get advice on security and emergency measures.

X-OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn 2012: The Schedule

17.03.2012	Open Qualifier for Locals
22.03.2012	Face Inspection
23.03.2012	1st Competition Day at "Geißstein", left-handside of "Gletscher Jet 1"
24.03.2012	2nd Competition Day at "Lakarschneid-Langwied"
25.03.2012	Bad Weather Day



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