

Things to know about Obertauern Snow conditions - Snow study

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The seal of "guaranteed snow" is heavily advertised; after all, the reliable availability of the coveted white is worth hard cash and secures the existence of countless winter sports destinations in the Alpine region. However snow reliability is linked to extensive artificial snow-making in many places. At 1,740 metres, Obertauern is the highest winter sports resort in Salzburger Land, and it has always boasted of its natural snow reliability. This safety has been given an official and scientifically proven approval. According to a study by the well-known ski tourism researcher Günther Aigner, Obertauern is the Austrian winter sports resort with the most significant snow depths in Austria.

The study is based on the snow volume measurements of the Austrian Hydrographic Provincial Services, most of which have existed for over a hundred years. The measurements from the past 30 years in the seven Austrian federal states where winter sports are possible were used for the study. The location with the most snow was included in the comparison. With an average maximum snow depth of 264 centimetres, Obertauern leads the ranking of comparison locations by a large margin. It is also interesting to note that, according to the study, the snow depths in Obertauern have statistically stayed the same in the last 108 years. Günther Aigner concludes there is no evidence that there isof a trend towards decreasing snow levels in Obertauern. In other words Obertauern's snow reliability is not just an advertising claim but a scientifically proven fact.

