

Regulations for the use of the natural monument and National Geotope Partnachklamm

1. General information:

The town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen makes the Partnachklamm natural monument available to the public for a fee. The designated area has been defined and published by the Lower Nature Conservation Authority. There is no guarantee of admission to the gorge.

2. Admission prices / admission tickets:

Current admission prices are posted on a separate notice board or published on the website partnachklamm.de. Visitors will receive an admission ticket upon payment of the current admission fee. A single-entry ticket is valid for one-way passage through the Partnach Gorge on the day of purchase only (one passage in each direction). The admission ticket must be presented to staff upon request. Purchased tickets are non-refundable. If tickets are purchased on behalf of other visitors, the purchaser confirms with the purchase the applicable power of attorney and agrees to the validity of these Terms of Use, including on behalf of the visitors they represent. There is no right to cancel or exchange tickets purchased in advance (including online tickets). The market reserves the right not to offer all services available at the ticket counter at the vending machines. This does not give rise to a right to a refund.

3. Opening hours:

The Partnach Gorge is open daily, from October through May from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from June through September from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last admission to the gorge is 30 minutes before closing time at the respective turnstiles. Tickets are generally sold up to 15 minutes before the last admission due to the time required to reach the turnstiles. Outside of opening hours, entry and passage are strictly prohibited for safety and nature conservation reasons. The times during which the gorge is closed due to annual maintenance, damage, or construction work will be announced via a separate notice, in the usual media, and on the website www.partnachklamm.de. Short-notice closures of the gorge are possible at any time for safety reasons. In the event of special circumstances, official directives (e.g., a pandemic situation), or similar events, the opening hours or the direction of passage through the gorge may be changed at short notice. Where possible, this will be announced in a timely manner in the media, via notices, and on the website partnachklamm.de.

4. Rules of passage and use:

When passing through the gorge and using the surrounding hiking trails, everyone must behave in such a way that no one else is endangered, harmed, or hindered or inconvenienced more than is unavoidable under the circumstances. Nature conservation regulations must be observed without exception. Violations of these rules may result in a special fee of 100 EUR per person. Sturdy footwear with appropriate tread must be worn. Additionally, visitors must watch out for rocky ledges and low heights.

In particular, the following is prohibited:

- Organizing torchlight or summer lantern walks without permission.
- Ice climbing, canyoning, or making fires within a 400-meter radius before and after the gorge, as well as inside the gorge.
- Littering or polluting the area.
- Throwing objects off the bridges.
- Bringing canoes, bicycles, strollers, wheeled suitcases, wheelchairs, and similarly bulky items through the gorge or on the immediate access paths; this also applies to foldable models. In individual cases, the use of umbrellas, so-called selfie sticks, tripods, or similar items may be prohibited by our staff for safety reasons.
- Leaving the designated paths or navigating the Partnach River using aids (e.g., boats, inflatable tubes, SUPs, or similar).
- Crossing the gorge while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances.
- Making unnecessary noise (nature conservation) or using drones or other flying devices.

Please also note the following:

- Dogs must be kept on a leash. Any waste left behind must be cleaned up immediately by the person responsible for the animal. The market reserves the right, in individual cases and without providing reasons, to deny access through the gorge to persons with dogs.
- When using backpacks, please be mindful of the height restrictions.
- Due to the narrow conditions, wheelchair users cannot pass through the gorge, and people with disabilities cannot use it—e.g., with walkers.
- Young children or people with specific disabilities should be led by the hand by their accompanying person when passing through.
- If the gorge becomes overcrowded, it may be temporarily closed.
- The market provides a free bicycle parking area at the northern entrance (new ticket office). Bicycles parked illegally (e.g., on the forecourt of the ticket office, on the access paths, etc.) will be removed by gorge staff and treated as lost property.
- Commercial film, photo, and audio recordings require a special, fee-based permit, which must be obtained from the market in advance and in a timely manner. There is no guarantee that a permit will be granted.

5. Domiciliary rights

Markt Garmisch-Partenkirchen exercises domiciliary rights on the premises of the gorge and the access routes to Partnachklamm. Instructions from the ticket office staff or other employees of Markt Garmisch-Partenkirchen must be followed immediately. In the event of gross or repeated violations, an expulsion order may be issued and future entry to the Partnach Gorge may be prohibited (house ban). The market also reserves the right to file a complaint with the police if necessary.

6 Liability:

Despite all safety measures, certain dangers such as falling rocks, ice, slipping, falling, etc. and the associated increased risk of accidents and injuries with possible dangers to life and limb cannot be completely prevented due to the natural conditions. All visitors and guests must be aware of these dangers and risks and cross the Partnach Gorge at their own risk.

The market is only liable for damage to property if this is based on a breach of a material contractual obligation or on intentional or grossly negligent conduct by the market, one of its legal representatives or vicarious agents. If an essential contractual obligation is breached due to slight negligence, the liability of the market shall be limited to the foreseeable damage typical for the contract. An essential contractual obligation exists if its fulfillment makes the proper execution of the contract possible in the first place or on whose compliance the contractual partner has relied and was entitled to rely.

7. Other:

For further information, requests, suggestions and complaints, please contact the gorge administration at the market - Dept. 70.50 - at partnachklamm@gapa.de.

8. Entry into force

These user regulations come into force on 02.04.2026 and are valid until further notice.

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