

# salzkammergut trophy

**Austria's biggest Mountain Bike Marathon**

**Salzkammergut Mountainbike Trophy, from July 12 until 14, 2019**

## **A ride to Hell and back!**

**Austria's biggest and toughest Mountain Bike Event**

Bad Goisern; what started out as small race targeting only a few extreme MB freaks, has become 22 years later the biggest sports event of the mountain bike community in whole Austria. More than 5000 bikers from more than 40 nations will meet up again in July 2019 in Bad Goisern. – celebrating together with visitors and sport fans the annual ride to hell and (maybe?) back. Well if hell is that beautiful as the Salzkammergut with its breathtaking mountains and lakes, offering an unbelievable natural outdoor playground between pastures and waters, peaks and valley – hell is good.

### **The highway to hell is 210 kilometers long!**

1998 is the year 1 in the Salzkammergut Trophy era. Already in the birth year of the event, the picturesque landscape of the Salzkammergut bared its claws to the bikers. Then 220 participants in total at the start; and at its debut the extreme distance threw 10 of 20 bikers off its track. Quickly the trophy gained a reputation being one of the toughest marathons in Europe.

And no stopping since – new courses, new races, new ratings – year after year the Trophy team tries it's best providing perfect challenges for rookies as well as for diehard pros. Seven different distances are up for selection: 22, 37, 53, 74 and 119 km, furthermore the technically challenging "All-Mountain" course with more than 55 km. .

And of course the epic extreme distance for the 900 toughest bikers "under the sun" although no sunrise yet – at 05:00 am for those mad men and mad women waiting for the kick-off in Bad Goisern. While the birds start chirping, they silently focus on what they will be facing at: 210 km in the Salzkammergut Mountains with a total of incredible 7.119 meters elevation gain. The sun will have set in Bad Goisern for some time when the last finishers cross the line; and those who were able to beat the A course will be honored with the ultimate and exclusive black finisher jersey – gaining meanwhile cult status among the MB scene  
Still, as the saying goes and still holds: already in 1998 half of the participants had to accept the rare feat of surviving as finisher on the first attempt. Often it takes several attempts to

conquer the extreme distance before the track succumbs. And besides physical fitness and endurance it takes great mental power while testing the mettle.

### **A one of a kind bike festival!**

The Salzkammergut Trophy start was on a very small scale but established itself over the years not only for the athletes a “must-attend” event. The Trophy weekend has become a huge festival one highlight chasing the other, staging not only the classical mountain bikers. Meanwhile the unicyclists are a permanent program fixture such as the e-bikers tackling the ground-breaking Bosch eMTB-Challenge. The most recent contest of all is the CycloCross-Marathon powered by Dachstein-Salzkammergut.

Part of the Trophy are the great side events during the whole weekend. For those who would like to be up-to-date regarding the state-of-the-art mountain bike developments, Bad Goisern is the place to be. During the entire weekend the Bosch eBikeFestival offers more than 100 various e-mountain bikes put up for the acid test. Those bikes may be either tested on special sign-posted tracks or with a guided eMTB tour by a local guide. We especially recommend the breathtaking sun-set tours mirroring the perfect back drop of the Salzkammergut mountain range. Most popular are also the eMTB riding technique tours with former **MTB World Champion** biker Greta Weithaler.

The bike expo with its 90 exhibitors is defiantly one of the highlights during the Trophy weekend. State-of-the-art products and developments in the mountain bike sector – shop till you drop onsite from technical equipment to sports fashion. Many expo stands have special offers and sweepstakes. Test bikes – conventional (or even better marathon machines??) ones as well as eBikes are waiting to be put to the acid. Many hobby bikers also appreciate the opportunity exchanging information with professional team mechanics for the perfect set up for their own bike. But besides sports matters, bikers know how to party – which they already prove on Friday. The pre-race party with great live acts is the traditional kick off for the weekend. On Saturday as of 11:00 pm, the hopefully finished marathon will be celebrated at the legendary After-Race-Party in the roofed courtyard for the Neuwildenstein Castle – another marathon until dawn break.

# Unicycle, e-Mountain Bike and Juniors

## Numerous contest and special ratings

The first big spectacle as a weekend opener: 100 Unicycle downhiller dash down 500 meters of elevation from the famed Predigstuhl into the valley of Bad Goisern.

The race has become meanwhile a popular fixture among the unicycle scene – awarding the Austrian Unicycle Downhill Champion in Bad Goisern.

## Bosch eMTB-Challenge supported by Trek

Since a few years the e-mountain bike course is part of the Trophy – again in 2019 with the Bosch eMTB-Challenge supported by Trek. Starters may select one of the three classifications. With the ratings *Amateur and Advanced* six up-hills as well as down-hills passages are timed without any prior training. In those course sections various difficult tracks – marked either red or blue which may be selected according to the individual performance level. On the transfer tracks in-between, ten check points must be passed. Participants of the category *Explorer* bypass those time ratings and bike the track just as a regular 30 km tours. This way it is possible to enjoy the special race atmosphere together with family, friends or groups despite different performance levels. By the way, those who do not have a race bike are able to rent one at the Bike Expo. Furthermore the Bosch eMTB-Challenge supported by Trek“ in Bad Goisern will be part again as a special race series including e-Bike-competitions in Riva at Lake Garda (ITA), Solothurn (SUI) and Willingen (GER)

## „Cyclocross-Marathon powered by Dachstein-Salzkammergut“

Das Trophy-Team has always a sympathetic ear for the bike scene picking up new trends and deployments thereby offering new courses and contests. Therefore it is already possible since a couple of years to tackle all distances with fatbikes and tandems. The most recent competition welcomes the new gravel bike trend: the Cyclocross-Marathon powered by Dachstein-Salzkammergut held on July 13, 2019. The course is 63 km long with a total of 2.076 elevation gain and is almost identically with the classical C-course. Two thirds run on gravel and forest roads – ideal for cross bikes. Upon multiple requests by participants the Hallstätter Salzberg routing has been dropped by the Trophy organization last year. The crosser will start with a their own starting block from Obertraun

## **SCOTT Junior Trophy**

To get the rookies on their bikes – this is the main target of the SCOTT Junior Trophy – therefore the Trophy Sunday is traditionally reserved for the kids and youngsters experiencing the same start atmosphere at the market place in Bad Goisern. .

There are two different contests to choose from. At the Parcours“ competition its less about speed, more important are the technical skills. The classification in the different categories is not according to age but to the wheel seize and biking skills of the participant. The young bikers master various obstacles without any time pressure demonstrating their technical skills in a playful way.

All kids receive a race number, however there is no rating or rank list – in line with the Olympic ideal! Whereas, the XC-Race is the perfect competition for sporty and ambitious rookie bikers. The lineups are according to the age-groups (U7 – U15) No matter if parcour or at the XC-Race: all participants receive as a souvenir a Gingerbread medal and a Trophy T-shirt in the finish area. Also after the winner’s ceremony, many great prizes are going to be raffled. Main prizes are SCOTT mountain bike as well as a pair Fischer Ski.

## **Pump the Trophy!**

On Sunday also between 09:00 am and 12:30 pm, once again hit the Pump Track doing the laps as fast as possible. Thereby speed will be increased by pumping through the bumps without needing to pedal. Start will be in single modus as so called “flying start”. However there will also be the opportunity to do a warm-up lap before. Already on Friday will be a technical training for free with Elke Rabeder and Christoph Grill at 02:00 pm as well as at 04:00 pm. Each participant of the „Pump the Trophy” receives a certificate. The first three of each category will be awarded with medals.

## **Slow-Motion-Rating – thus the last will be the first!**

Something really special is the SlowMo rating: not the fastest, not the biggest but the slowest team may win the big prize at the Trophy on July 13<sup>th</sup>. After the race the times of all team members will be added – the team which has been biking the longest time wins! Therefore those teams have an advantage with the most members biking the longest possible distances finishing just prior the time limit. For all winners there are non-cash prizes worth more than € 20.000,-!

## **1.100 volunteers in action!**

Besides breath-taking scenery, participants as well as visitors anticipate a perfect organized sports event. In order to provide this perfect setting for all participants, more than 1.100 volunteers operate at the Salzkammergut Trophy ensuring a safe and smooth sports event – especially safety is a top priority. Eleven catering stops and numerous fans along the race tracks, including special fan zones push the bikers to incredible top-performances

## **Upper Austria: an entire state off-road!**

More than 3.000 km mountain bike tracks in the Salzkammergut, Mühlviertel and in the National Park Kalkalpen prove that the best way going from point A to point B is a detour. Friendly hosts, sports retailer and bike rentals provide for the perfect day on the bike.

The renowned Dachstein loop with its three variations (marked blue, red, black) rewards all bikers with breathtaking views of the majestic mountain peaks of the Inner Salzkammergut. World Cup level at the Bike Arena Obertraun – with its challenging cross country courses. And the trans national park route through the green wilderness of the National Park Kalkalpen and Gesäuse, rustic cottages invite you to take a break.

## **Register NOW !**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Salzkammergut Trophy takes place from July 12 until 14, 2019

For more information and registration please see: [www.trophy.at](http://www.trophy.at)

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