

Fees	Adults	Reduced
Entry ¹ GEOPARC Bletterbach®	6,00 €	
Entry buses per passenger, student/groups (<14 y.)	3,00 €	

Including access to the Bletterbach Canyon, the Visitor Centre Aldein/Aldino, the GEOMuseum Radein/Redagno, helmet rental free. The entrance fee paid will be credited if you participate to the guided tour at 10:30 a.m.

Guided tours through the Bletterbach canyon and the Visitor Centre Aldein or the GEOMuseum Radein (3,5–4,5 hours)	13,00 €	10,00 € ^{1,2}
Groups/classes: min 10 people	10,00 €	7,00 € ²

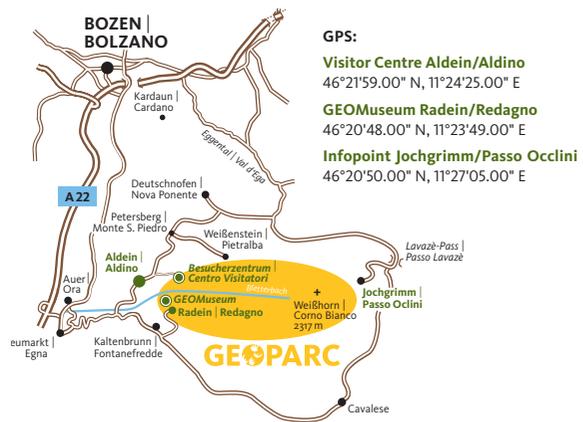
Guided hikes include: access to GEOPARC Bletterbach® and the 2 museums, helmet rental

¹ Family tickets on inquiry available

² senior, disabled, student under 27

How to get there:

A 22 Brenner Motorway • Exit Neumarkt/Egna. From **Neumarkt** via **Montan to Aldein**. • Turn right after the village and head toward **GEOPARC Bletterbach®** for 4 km to find the visitor centre. Access the gorge from here. The gorge can also be reached from Radein (start at the GEOMuseum) and the Infopoint Jochgrimm/Passo Oclini.



GEOPARC Bletterbach Aldein & Radein

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Opening times – Visitor Centre Aldein/Aldino and GEO Museum Radein/Redagno: April 29th to October 31st: 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. daily

Looking for holiday? – Tourismusverein Aldein&Radein&Jochgrimm
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Helmet rental available!



The **Geo Path ...** runs through the gorge. 16 notice boards along the route inform the visitor about the various rock strata and the many valuable finds – carbonised plants and trees, fossilised micro-organisms, shellfish and cephalopods, and the tracks of prehistoric reptiles. A geological guidebook is also available. The walk through the gorge can be undertaken without difficulty by experienced hikers with good footwear. **It is forbidden to access the gorge in conditions of rain, frost or thunder (danger of falling rocks).**

➔ **Circular walk to the Butterloch (waterfall)** Start the walk at the GEOPARC Bletterbach® Visitor Centre Aldein/Aldino or the GEOMuseum Radein/Redagno. Follow trail No. 3 (E5) to the Taubenleck in the Bletterbach gorge. From there, continue upstream along the riverbed to the waterfall near the Butterloch. Head back to the Visitor Centre on the Jägersteig (hunter's trail) to your right just before the waterfall and then proceed along the logging road. Trail No. 3A, then 3 (E5) leads back to Radein/Redagno via the Knappenlöcher (mining galleries).

Walking distance: approx. 4.6 km from Aldein/Aldino, 6.8 km from Radein/Redagno

Difference in altitude: 200–250 metres

Estimated walking time: 2.5 hours–3.5 hours

➔ **Circular walk to the Gorz (head of the valley)** Start the walk at the GEOPARC Bletterbach® Visitor Centre Aldein/Aldino and walk along the logging road to the well "Flascherbründl". Continue on path No. 4 until you reach the riverbed. Proceed upstream towards the head of the valley. Enjoy the breathtaking amphitheatre washed out by the river. Head back through the river bed and leave it as you reach the Gorzsteig trail (G). Keep right to get to the Visitor Centre, keep left to return to Radein/Redagno (G).

Walking distance: approx. 6.3 km–9.0 km from Radein/Redagno

Difference in altitude: 300 metres

Estimated walking time: 3 hours 20 minutes–4 hours 20 minutes

Weißhorn
2317 m

Schwarzhorn
2439 m

Jochgrimm

Infopoint

Gorz

Butterloch

Taubenleck

GEO Museum

Radein

Aldein

- Panorama trail Bletterbach
- Geopath "Butterloch"
- Geopath "Gorz"
- Forest Educational Path
- Access Radein/Redagno

➔ **The Forest Educational Path** provides information about life in the forest on 10 notice-boards with detailed descriptions of the life of forest bees, frogs and woodpeckers, fungi, mosses, insects and sheep, the forest itself and the larch meadows. At the viewing point you can see into the Bletterbach gorge and get an overview of the geological conditions in it. The Forest Educational Path is ideal for any age and fitness level, accessible also by wheelchair and children's pushchair.

Walking distance: 1.2 km

Difference in altitude: 40 m

Duration: 30 min

Additional hiking tours around Bletterbach gorge on request. **GEOtours and theme tours for groups and classes** available at any time on prior booking.

Public bus line from Aldein/Aldino to the Visitor Centre. Shuttle service to the GEOMuseum Radein/Redagno

In case of emergency:

➔ **remove injured person from danger zone**

➔ **check vital functions**

➔ **call rescue services: ☎ 112**

emergency number

What happened where? Describe your **location** with reference to the nearest signpost (gorge or hiking trail). **When** did it happen? **How many** people were injured? **Who** is calling? What are the **weather conditions** on-site?

➔ **provide first aid**



Dolomites UNESCO World Heritage

2018 **GEOPARC Bletterbach**
Aldein & Radein

On the trail of prehistoric reptiles



Dolomites UNESCO Fest
17th of June

The Geopath – Discover the geological history of Europe!

SÜDTIROL



Exciting and instructive: hiking through the **GEOPARC Bletterbach®** gorge.



Informative: the **Visitor Centre** in Aldein/Aldino.



Unique fossils remain at the **GEO Museum of Radein/Redagno**.



With each step discover a different era.

Since the end of the ice-age ... the gorge has been offering a view into the interior of the mountains, into the world of stones. The result of weathering and erosion, the gorge gives insight into events and life many millions of years ago. Over a section of about 8 km, the Bletterbach has been carving its way **since the end of the last ice-age**, about 15.000 years ago, up to 400 m into different eras in the history of the earth. Layer upon layer is exposed. Ten billion tonnes of stone were removed and carried down into the Etsch Valley. Now we can leaf through the history in the Bletterbach gorge as if it were a book.



Dolomites UNESCO World Heritage – On June 26th 2009 the **Dolomites** with the **Bletterbach Canyon** have been declared World Natural Heritage due to their unique landscape and beauty and their scientific significance for geology and geomorphology.
The Visitor Centre GEOPARC Bletterbach® ... vividly presents each process that led to the creation of the rock strata in the Bletterbach gorge.
The GEOMuseum in Radein/Redagno ... displays unique fossil finds from the gorge (tracks of prehistoric reptiles, fossilised fish, mussels and plants)

Discover a new era with each step you take.



The tracks of this prehistoric reptile are more than **260 million years** old.



Boards posted along the path provide **interesting information**.



Tracks of prehistoric reptiles ...

provide evidence of a time when the region was marked by **volcanic** action and widespread **deserts**. Evidence from the past: tracks of prehistoric reptiles, impressions of parts of plants, and many traces of animal activity – eating, burrowing – provide information about the flora and fauna on land. Fossils in maritime deposits, such as mussels, **snails and cephalopods** tell us about life in the warm tropical seas of the time.

Guided walks ...

present additional information in an enjoyable way. The walk through the gorge and around the Bletterbach geological park is a special experience which takes you on a journey through millions of years of geological history (from the Lower Permian, ca. 280 Mio. years ago, to the Middle Triassic, ca. 235 Mio. years ago). We offer interesting hiking routes focussing on the Bletterbach gorge as well as different projects for groups and classes.

Those special days: exciting and instructive – a family adventure!

Hiking safely in the Bletterbach gorge:

- Given the risk of falling rocks, we strongly recommend the use of protective helmets available at the Visitor Centre Aldein/Aldino and the GEOMuseum Radein/Redagno.
- refrain from hiking in periods with a risk of frost or snow melting as well as during or after rainfall and thunderstorms due to the increased danger of falling rocks and slipping.
- weather permitting, the trail through the gorge should be no problem for experienced hikers. Sturdy shoes with grip soles are essential.
- stay on the marked trails
- do not stop near steep walls
- leave the area if you hear or see falling rocks
- monitor the weather during your hike. Take the shortest route out of the gorge in case of unexpected or sudden weather changes.
- There is no mobile reception in the gorge apart from a few spots which are signposted (outside the gorge). Emergency calls: **112** emergency number

Respect nature – **remove your litter!**

Bletterbach for kids
Great programmes for kids and families!

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