

Press release

Only 4 days until the start of the anniversary Attack 2024

- Numerous athletes from 17 nations at the start
- Top-class line-up for the "premier class of ski mountaineering"
- Exciting races for the podium places are expected

Saalbach-Hinterglemm, 15.1.2024 What began in 1999 with around 300 starters has long since established itself as the biggest and toughest ski touring race, far beyond Austria. The Hervis Mountain Attack is taking place for the 26th time this Friday (January 19, 2024). The external conditions are perfect, with numerous top international stars at the start.

As every year, Saalbach-Hinterglemm is once again the venue for international ski touring and attracts athletes from around 20 nations to the start of the 26th Hervis Mountain Attack. The starting signal for the longest, steepest and toughest individual race in the world, which will demand everything from the athletes - whether amateur, amateur or professional - will be given at 16:00 on the village square. Right at the start of the race, the ascent up the Schattberg awaits the participants with gradients of up to 70% before the first checkpoint is reached after a good 1,000 meters in altitude. This climb requires not only stamina, but also the necessary strength and good pacing technique and race tactics. Past experience has shown that the Schattberg can be a decisive point in the race. As dusk falls, around an hour after the start, the athletes continue summit by summit, while the finish at the Schattberg X-Press valley station gets closer and closer.

The 2024 favorites

MARATHON: An open and extremely exciting race is expected. In the women's Marathon, victory will most likely go to Bianca Somavilla from Tyrol, who came second last year. Martina Senn, third last year, and Teresa Feix are also among the favorites. An exciting race is guaranteed in the men's Marathon. Jakob Herrmann from Salzburg, who has held the course record since 2020 (02:15:10), is the big favorite. Last year's runner-up, the Italian William Boffelli, will also try to compete for victory this year. Veteran Christian Hoffmann, four-time winner of the Mountain, will also try to be among the front runners. Opposite them are the Swiss Martin Anthamatten and the two Norwegians Vegard Øie and Bjorn Haugo Herfindal, further contenders for a podium place.

TOUR: In the men's Tour, the Austrians Tobias Wagenhofer, Daniel Zugg and Lukas Rauch are among the main contenders for victory. In the women's Tour, the experienced Carinthian Marita Kröhn has a good chance of winning. She will be up against Katharina Fischer and Linda Wilhelmstätter (all AUT).

Attack fan program

There is an extensive program for spectators, companions and fans. After the spectacular start, you can take the Schattberg X-press gondola up to the middle station or the summit, cheer on the participants and be there up close. Our tip: This ride is definitely worth it. At the Attack-Arena (Schattberg-valley-Istation) in Saalbach, the large LED wall will be showing all the details of the race, presented by Marina Herzmayer and Oliver Andorfer, as well as DJ music. The Attack clubbing starts at 22:30 in the Saalbach "Castello".

THE RACES of the Mountain Attack: 5 DIFFERENT COMPETITIONS

The Schattberg Race: this is a pure vertical race (ascent race). The goal is to conquer 1017 vertical meters with the finish at the summit of the Schattberg.

The Tour: this is an individual race (several ascents and descents). Participants have to conquer 5 summits, covering a total of 2,036 meters of altitude in the ascent and descent. The route leads over: Schattberg - west summit - descent to Hinterglemm - through the village - ascent Hasenauer Köpfl - Reiterkogel - descent Wetterkreuz - Bernkogel - descent to Saalbach

The Marathon: also an individual race. Here you have to conquer 3,010 meters of altitude. The route to Hinterglemm is identical to the tour. However, the participants also have to tackle the Zwölferkogel ascent, the northern descent to the Hochalm and the ascent from the Hochalm towards Hasenauer Köpfl. The athletes will therefore climb a total of 6 peaks!

The Marathon Relay (NEW from 2024!!!): This year the marathon relay celebrates its premiere. The marathon distance must be completed as a team of 3. The starting runner masters the ascent to the Schattberg - west summit - descent Hinterglemm. There he hands over to the 2nd runner: Zwölferkogel ascent - descent to the Hochalm. Handover to the 3rd runner: ascent Hasenauer Köpfl - descent to the finish in Saalbach. Target group: Mountain friends, sports enthusiasts, company teams

The Junior Sprint: This is a sprint race held at the foot of the Schattberg in the area of the base area. Children between the ages of 8 and 14 start in several heats (3-4 kids). The course has an elevation gain of approx. 50 meters (duration per heat approx. 3-5 minutes). The fastest kids from each heat go through to the next round, while the others have another chance to qualify in a hope round. The race continues through the quarter-finals and semi-finals to the final.

RACE PROGRAMME

13:00 Junior Sprint

16:00 Start Marathon, Tour, +45 category, Schattberg Race, Marathon Relay

approx. 16:40 First planned arrivals at the Schattberg (all categories)

approx. 16:55 First planned arrivals in Hinterglemm

approx. 17:35 First planned arrivals in Saalbach (Tour)

approx. 18:15 First planned arrivals in Saalbach (Marathon)

22:00 Award ceremony Schattberg Arena, Saalbach

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