

1 Hermannskogel, 542 m

3.45 hrs.



From Sievering, known for its wine taverns, to Vienna's highest peak

Already in the 19th century, an excursion by carriage to Sievering and then taking a walking tour, was a popular »country jaunt«. Later on, the tram provided the means of transport and today, buses box their way through the narrow streets of the »Heurigenort« (wine tavern village). The »Stadtwanderweg 2« brings you quickly to the Vienna Woods and, after a strenuous climb, to Vienna's highest summit, the Hermannskogel.

Starting point: Wien-Döbling (19. District), subdivision Sievering, Sieveringer Straße 217, 251 m, last stop for bus line 39 A; sufficient parking.

Height difference: 450 m.

Grade: Some ascents and descent, stren-

uous when wet or when covered in snow.

Refreshment: Wine taverns in Sievering, *Häuserl am Himmel*, wine tavern and a restaurant on the Cobenzl, *Jägerwiese Inn*, *Grüss Di a Gott Wirt*, *Häuserl am Roan*, *Häuserl am Staan*.

In **Sievering** (at the same height as the Sieveringer Bad), along the Sieveringer Straße, *yellow* markings fork off to the right ascending to the so-called **Himmel** (lovely viewpoint) and to Cobenzl. After crossing over the Bellevuestraße and the Himmelstraße, reach **Cobenzl** (382 m), opening an unobstructed 360° panoramic view, with a restaurant, a municipal wine tavern and the bus stop for the line 38 A (Grinzing Kahlenberg – Leopoldsberg). It is well worthwhile to savour the view of the city of Vienna spread out below!

Wooden signs marked with the words »Stadtwanderweg 2« point out the way from Cobenzl, at first leading towards Kahlenberg. Pass the monument to the former mayor of Vienna, Dr. Karl Lueger, then continue a light ascent northwards, circling the Latisberg. At the trail junction **Kreuzeiche**, pick up the *red/white/red* markings of the *Wienerwald-Verbindungsweg 444*, which we have already met near the Himmelstraße. The trail leads us further onwards to reach the **Dreimarkstein**.



The trail leads us over lovely clearings on the slopes of the Vienna Woods, which is usually blanketed in dense forest.

Through a lovely beech forest, finally reach the **Jägerwiese** with an inn, playground and a picnic area with a petting zoo.

Now the trail ascends to Vienna's highest summit, **Hermannskogel**. At the lower edge of a steep meadow, which serves as a ski run in winter and can be seen quite easily from the Bisamberg just opposite, the final stretch of the climb presents a challenge. At first, head sharp left, and in a few minutes, reach the Habsburgwarte on the Hermannskogel. Unfortunately, no view can be had at the foot of the watchtower, but you can pay a small entrance fee to climb to the top (open from April 1 until October 31 on Sundays and holidays, as well as when the weather is clear) to enjoy a magnificent view.

Now descend to the **Rohrerwiese** with the inn *Grüss Di a Gott Wirt*. In winter, this trail is a popular sledge run. Just before reaching the Rohrerwiese, the track road from the Jägerwiese merges, presenting a possible alternative route which isn't quite so strenuous. A forestry trail slightly ascends to reach the **Dreimarkstein** (454 m) and the scenic driving route where the inn *Häuserl am Roan* is situated.

Turn left on the driving route and in a few minutes, reach the inn *Häuserl am Staan* at the crest of the **Salmansdorfer Höhe**. Now descend to the Agnesgasse whilst enjoying a view of vineyards with Neustift am Walde. Turn left on the Agnesgasse. At the junction with Sieveringer Straße, the circular walk ends at the wine tavern village of **Sievering**.

