

# FRASDORF CAVE MUSEUM

## The Karst Region "Laubenstein" and its Caves

### THE KARST REGION LAUBENSTEIN

The karst region "Laubenstein" is situated between the Inn and Prien Valleys, in the area of the western Chiemgau Alps, nestled right in the middle of the Hochries, Riesenberg, Spitzstein, Heuraffelkopf, Zellerhorn and Laubenstein massivs. It has many karst forms above and below the ground like funnels, fields of ridges, and holes, as well as a large rift valley (Grubalm-Polje) and, last but not least, countless caves.

Some of these caves are so large that they can be entered - understandably, only by experienced cave researchers.

Many treasures - geological, paleontological as well as of the aesthetic sort - are hidden deep within.

The Frasdorf Cave Museum wishes to present a part of all of this to you.

### THE HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM

The museum goes back to an exhibition from 1978 - 1980, called "Out of Bavaria's Caves" of the Anthropological State Collection in Munich,

which was later exhibited in 1983 in Frasdorf as the "The Karst and Speleological Show."

Many exhibits and most of the explanatory tables come from members of the "Verein für Höhlenkunde in München e. V." (Association for Speleology in Munich) (e.g. the rock collection from Klaus Cramer).

Speleologists from Frasdorf and Aschau, as well as members of the "Chiemgauer Höhlenbären e. V." (Chiemgau Cave Dwellers) have also contributed their finds.

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- Alpine dairying in the Karst Area

In our recreated cave, aside from all the stalactites and other cave finds from the Schlüsselloch Cave, you can wonder at the original skull of a bear found in 1933. The skull is that of a brown bear, which lived approximately 11,000 years ago. The Paleontological Institute in Munich studied the skull and determined its age. A replica of this skull is exhibited in the Natural History Museum in Siegsdorf.

Videos will show you valuable and exciting things about the origins, flora and fauna of caves, as well as the "Cave of the Cave Dwellers," unknown until 1996.

### INFORMATION

The Frasdorf Cave Museum, Schulstraße 7 (in the former Schoolhouse), offers a view into world of caves and other karst images in the Laubenstein region near Frasdorf and Aschau im Chiemgau.

**Information** at Frasdorf Tourist Information  
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#### **Hours of Operation:**

July and August Sundays 4 - 6pm  
For the remainder of the year  
on the last Sunday of each Month 4 - 6pm

#### **Guided Tours:**

Entrance for groups (e.g. school classes) and guided tours are available outside the above mentioned hours of operation by reservation.

#### **How to reach us:**

**By car:** from the Autobahn (A8, München-Salzburg), Frasdorf exit.

**By train:** Take the München - Salzburg train, get off at Prien am Chiemsee or Rosenheim; from there, take a bus to Frasdorf.

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