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20 years Absolut Park –

Join the birthday celebrations in Austria's largest snow park!



The Absolut Park will be 20 years old in 2019. The first freestyle facilities were built on the Shuttleberg in 1999, the Absolut Shuttle and the Chill House opened in 2006. Since then the Absolut Park has not only become Austria's biggest snow park – it is also one of the most famous terrain parks in the world. On a huge area with seven different sections, the park is equipped with about 100 creative, challenging obstacles, which are groomed daily by an experienced shape crew.

Whether you're looking for massive airtime on the 5 kicker line, chasing the numerous rails and boxes or racing through the Cross Run and Halfpipe – in Absolut Park it's all possible. The shape crew reworks the park every year, builds new obstacles or repositions existing ones. They mostly get inspiration from the Absolut Park team, as head shaper Markus "Dude" Deutinger explains: "We have so many team riders from all over the world and are looking to talk to them, ask them what they like or whether we could do something better. The most important thing, I think, is that you live the sport and are interested in new developments."

Thanks to well thought-out earthworks and optimal snowmaking, the Absolut Park is set up more early in the season than any other park without glacier and at the tree line. For the winter season 2018/19, the park opening is planned for December 1 – should the temperatures permit it even earlier.

### Six-week anniversary program

To celebrate its birthday, the Absolut Park will host a six-week anniversary program in the entire park area between the Spring Battle (from 16.03.2019) and the season end (22.04.2019) with photo and video shootings, events such as the 10th anniversary of The Stash, several Cash For Trick sessions and a Banked Slalom, special and even more obstacles and extended runs in The Stash and in the Absolut Park. Stay tuned for more information!

## **News for winter season 2018/19**

### New obstacles in the Absolut Park

During the summer, the Absolut Park Shape crew welded and hammered everything they could – to surprise you with a brand new Stair Set this winter. It consists of a Stepdown Rail, a Down Rail, a Double Kinked Rail and a Ledge with a Creeper Rail and will be located at the end of the Jib Park as usual.

Besides, the guys built six new rails for you: A nine-metre long Doublekinked Rail, two Straight Rails, an eight-meter-long Elbow Rail, a six-meter-long Rainbow Rail and a seven-meter Wave Rail.

### Happy birthday, The Stash!

The natural park is already ten years old, but still as cool as on the first day. This season the Lil' Stash, the easy to ride part below the Powder Shuttle top station, was extended.

### Cross Run extension

We have added a second start to the Cross Run, the boarder and ski cross track in the Absolut Park. Now beginners and advanced riders can start into the flowy track according to their level.

### New to the Absolut Park team

Ståle Sandbech and Torgeir Bergrem have a lot in common: Both are Norwegians, travel a lot together and are often in front of the camera in twos on YouTube. Starting this winter season, they will also be team buddies in the Absolut Park team and will undoubtedly be pulling their laps around the park more often than before.

Slopestyle Olympic participant Yuka Fujimori from Japan will join the ladies from now on. She is the first Asian in the Absolut Park Team and since her victory at the Spring Battle in 2017 you can see her in the park time and again.

## **The seven sections of the Absolut Park**

The Absolut Park is divided into seven sections, which we present to you here.

### 1 Kicker Line

Five kickers in a row offer you maximum airtime at an international top level. This is where the Spring Battle, Austria's most famous on-mountain snowboard and freeski contest, takes place.

### 2 Rail Yard

Here you will find all kinds of rails and jib obstacles, always new and creatively arranged: S-Rail, Barrel-Rail, Elbow-Rail, Kinked-Rail, Double Kinked-Rail, Straight Rails,...

### 3 Beginner/Medium Line

The ideal place to work on your skills, practice new tricks and prepare for the bigger obstacles: The Beginner/Medium Line starts at the top station of the Absolut Shuttle and ends at the bottom station of the Powder Shuttle.

#### 4 Rail/Halfpipe Line

The Rail/Halfpipe Line is equipped with many different rails and ends in a funny, 100-meter-long halfpipe with four meter high walls. It is ideal if you want to learn how to ride a pipe and try your first tricks.

#### 5 Jib Park

Directly in front of Chill House, you will find the ultimate playground for all jibbers: The Jib Park offers you many rails and boxes, which are easy and fun to ride. All shredders, regardless of their level, will have fun here.

#### 6 Cross Run

Both beginners and advanced can ride the Cross Run, a top-maintained ski and boardercross course, without any problems – two separate starts for different levels ensure this. It's best to enjoy it with your buddies!

#### 7 The Stash

The Stash Park does not offer you perfectly groomed slopes, but instead, you can get creative. There are obstacles made of wood and snow integrated into the natural terrain, and you can usually ride them in several ways. The area offers a lot of additional possibilities for natural jibs and powder runs. Kids and beginners will find the Lil' Stash with its wide, simple wooden boxes and rails an ideal terrain to start with their first freestyle tricks.

### **Further facilities**

#### Bouldering, skateboarding and relaxing: The Chill House

The Chill House below the Jib Park is the freestyle scene's meeting point. The light-flooded, two-storey building is equipped with a boulder wall and several chill-out areas where you can watch freeski and snowboard videos. Since last winter season, the Chill House is also pleasing to the eye: Inspiring paintings and drawings from artists in the boardsport and freeski scene are shown on a regular basis. The highlight, however, is the skate mini ramp – the first of its kind on a mountain worldwide.

When the weather is sunny, numerous sofas and picnic tables invite you to have a snack outside, to relax or to watch friends and pros in the park.

#### Absolut School: Learn freestyle

Do you want to learn your first freestyle tricks? The Absolut School offers special freeski and freestyle snowboard lessons in which experienced coaches teach you freestyle from scratch. With the right technique, you will quickly and safely master new tricks and dare to take on ever larger obstacles in no time.

Besides regular freestyle lessons the Absolut School also organises freestyle camps and events especially for freeski and snowboard rookies.

## The Absolut Park team



The Absolut Park team is one of the largest freestyle teams worldwide and includes top international athletes, Austrian champions and local rookies within the freeski and snowboard scene.

Snowboard	Freeski
Marko Grilc (SLO)	Luggi Brucic (AUT)
Seppe Smits (BEL)	Tobi Tritscher (AUT)
Anthony Smits (BEL)	Josh Absenger (AUT)
Marc Swoboda (AUT)	Dani Walchhofer (AUT)
Antoine Truchon (CAN)	Tobias Gratz (AUT)
Max Preissinger (GER)	Martin Hauck (AUT)
Herby Thaler (AUT)	Dani Maurer (AUT)
Mathias Weissenbacher (AUT)	Achim Winter (AUT)
Dominik Wagner (AUT)	Dennis Ranalter (AUT)
Kathrin Holzmann (AUT)	Regina Rathgeb (AUT)
Clemens Millauer (AUT)	Lisa Zimmermann (GER)
Panka Gyarmati (HUN)	Stefanie Mössler (AUT)
Adrian Krainer (AUT)	Luka Tribondeau (AUT)
Seppl Ramsbacher (AUT)	Lukas Eisl (AUT)
Max Zebe (ITA)	Dominik Wilfling (AUT)
Aimee Fuller (GBR)	
Simon Gschaidner (AUT)	

Flo Corzelius (AUT)

Marc Schumy (GER)

Torgeir Bergrem (NOR)

Ståle Sandbech (NOR)

Yuka Fujimori (JPN)

## Events and contests in the Absolut Park

National and international snowboard and freeski contests confirm the high quality of the Absolut Park. 2018/19 the following events will take place in Absolut Park:

### December 15 to 16, 2018: Jib King

The Jib King has been rescheduled this season and will take place in December 2018. Besides, we have added two new categories to the amateur contest: *Sponsored Riders* for freeskiers and snowboarders with sponsorship contracts and *Masters* for the slightly older semesters (over 30). Both categories are open to men and women, with prize money waiting for the sponsored riders, while the others can win high-quality prizes. You can register for free on the day of the contest in the Chill House.

### January 20, 2019: Cash for Trick Tour

The Cash for Trick Tour is a pop-up event tour that takes place twice a month from January to March in selected snow parks in the Ski amadé area. Two judges reward your best tricks with cash, you can collect five euros per trick. On January 20, the tour stops in the Absolut Park, it is not necessary to register for the event.

### March 16 to 22, 2019: Spring Battle

At the end of March, freeski and snowboard pros from all over the world meet in the Absolut Park for the Spring Battle, where they celebrate their season-end with an innovative contest and send it on the demanding setup.

The Spring Battle is a World Snowboarding Elite Level and an AFP Gold Event, but still, fun and creativity are a priority at the relaxed jam session. The follow cam format is very popular with the athletes; any registered rider handing in an uncut video in time, showing his or her best run, will be judged. Riders can film each other for a couple of days and have enough time to step up their trick level.

### April 6, 2019: ZSAEP Experience

The ZSAEP Experience is a one-day freeski event for rookies aged 18 and younger, who get a chance to show their skills at the Medium Line in the Absolut Park. You can register for free in the Chill House next to the Jib Park on the day of the event.

Find more information about all events at [absolutpark.com/en/contests](http://absolutpark.com/en/contests)

## Facts & information 2018/19

### Opening hours

Winter season from December 1, 2018, to April 22, 2019.

Cash desks: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Ski lift operation hours:

December to January: 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily

February to end of the season: 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. daily

Web:

[absolutpark.com](http://absolutpark.com)

[shuttleberg.com](http://shuttleberg.com)

Ski pass prices:

[shuttleberg.com/en/tickets](http://shuttleberg.com/en/tickets)

## **Press information**

Current press releases, press photos and videos of the Absolut Park and the entire area, the Shuttleberg Flachauwinkl - Kleinarl, can be downloaded throughout the season via these links:

[absolutpark.com/en/media](http://absolutpark.com/en/media)

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