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The unique holiday experience that can be enjoyed in the Austrian Alps is based on the hard work and traditions of our mountain farmers. Ten clear rules can improve safety and help to avoid conflicts. We want to ensure that farmers and their families can earn a living and that quests can enjoy their holidays. 🖊



Norbert Totschnig Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

**99** Summer in alpine pastures is

Susanne Kraus-Winkler State Secretary for Tourism

#### Agriculture and tourism—better together

The relationship between tourism and traditional patterns of mountain farming is a proven recipe for success: Guests enjoy a superb leisure experience that brings them close to nature, while tourism boosts the local economy

destinations for trips and recrea-

tion of quests from near and far.

Above all however they are eco-

nomic areas for farmers and pro-

vide habitats for grazing animals.

To preserve these enjoyable natu-

ral areas we would like to remind

people of the 10 simple rules for a

safe, enjoyable holiday on alpine

a success-driving factor for

tourism in alpine regions. Whole-

hearted hospitality, down-to-earth

culinary offers and unique natural

landscapes make for special holiday

and pastime experiences. However,

for a safe stay it is important that individual responsibility and aware-

ness in hikers are improved—to

ensure a respectful conduct and

mutual appreciation.

farming.

pastures and the respect of alpine

Many mountain pastures boast a log cabin offering tasty seasonal refreshments. Some mountain pastures also provide accommodation so that visitors can stay the night.

In winter, the most popular log cabins are those dotted along the ski slopes and cross-country trails. Increasing visitor numbers underline the importance of actively managed mountain pastures—both as a space for tourism and for recreation.

However, Austria's unique cultural landscape can only be preserved and kept accessible if cattle are driven up the mountains in summer and farmers continue to manage the alpine pastures. We therefore invite you to support us in maintaining a strong and sustainable partnership between Austria's tourism industry and farming communities.

## Mind the Cows

### TEN RULES FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY AROUND CATTLE



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**Tourism is a key pillar of the** Austrian economy. Traditional hospitality, excellent cuisine and breath-taking countryside are Austria's unique selling points as a holiday destination. The ten safety rules for mountain pastures make an important contribution to keeping things this way.

Martha Schultz Vice President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber



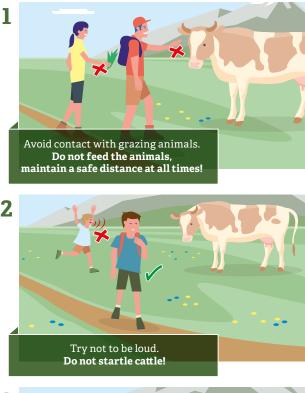
**Mountains and alpine pastures** are unique spaces where locals and tourists alike can enjoy outdoor activities and adventures. The aim of this campaign is to raise countryside awareness among hikers and provide information about how to behave around grazing cattle. Education and self-responsibility play a key role here.

Gerald Dunkel-Schwarzenberger President of Verband alpiner Vereine Österreichs

#### In harmony with Austria's pastures and meadows.

There are some 8,000 managed alpine pastures and meadows in Austria. They are an amazing combination of pristine countryside, much-loved holiday destinations and important economic spaces. This is all down to our farmers who care for this beautiful countryside and preserve centuries-old traditions of driving their cattle up summer pastures. Austria's mountain pastures and meadows shape the character of our cultural landscape, our regional foods and natural diversity. But they are also an important factor for tourism.

# **10 Rules** for a safe holiday around cattle





Please move respectfully on alpine pastures and meadows and show consideration for other recreational athletes. Cyclists should adapt their behaviour to the local conditions and should always expect grazing cattle and dirt on the road. Following these ten simple rules will ensure you have a memorable experience, while keeping everyone's best interests on mountain pastures and meadows in mind.

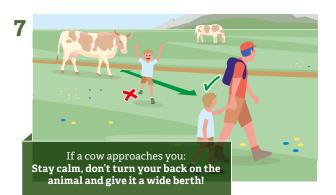


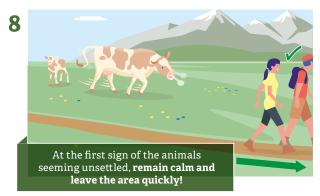
Always keep dogs under control and on a short leash. If it becomes clear that a cow is going to attack: **Let your dog off the lead immediately!** 





If grazing animals block your path, **go**or cycle–around them at the greatest possible distance. If necessary, push the bike!







Treat the people who work here, the countryside and the animals with respect!

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