

Red Bull Ring

Home of the Austrian Grand Prix

A mainstay in F1 from the late 1960s, the Austrian GP disappeared off the calendar from 2004 before returning in 2014 after being bought by Red Bull and named the Red Bull Ring.

The Austrian GP is in the beautiful Styrian mountains and has a truly European vibe, similar to the Belgian GP in both location and atmosphere. Many travelling fans choose to camp at the track and the party atmosphere continues throughout the weekend in a sea of orange.

The shortest lap-time of the calendar and having mostly straights, the races since its return at Austria has always provided plenty of highlights.

None of the Grandstands apart from Grandstand Start-Ziel are covered, all have comfortable seating and giant screens to keep track of the race action.

- Circuit Length – 4.31km
- Number of Laps - 71
- Race Distance – 306.45km
- Max Speed – 327.4km/h
- Average Temperature in July – 23c
- Currency – EUR
- Closest Airport - Flughafen Graz
- Language – German

HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION

The circuit was founded as Österreichring and hosted the Austrian Grand Prix for 18 consecutive years, from 1970 to 1987, established to replace the outdated Zeltweg Airfield circuit. In the mid-1990s, the track underwent a major transformation led by designer Hermann Tilke.

It was shortened and modernized to meet contemporary safety regulations, and reopened in 1997 as the A1-Ring, named after the Austrian telecommunications company.

When Formula One outgrew the circuit, a plan was drawn up to extend the layout. Parts of the circuit, including the pits and main grandstand, were demolished, but construction work was stopped and the circuit remained unusable for several years before it was purchased by Red Bull's

Dietrich Mateschitz and rebuilt. In 2008 a €70 million reconstruction began on the renamed Red Bull Ring, which opened in 2010. Formula One returned to the circuit in the 2014 season.

THE RACING EXPERIENCE FOR F1 DRIVERS

The Red Bull Ring is characterized by a combination of fast straights and demanding corners. Embedded in the natural scenery, the course has significant differences in altitude, which leads to spectacular inclines (max. gradient 12%) and declines (max. gradient 9.3%).

The Red Bull Ring is quicker than it looks and the most committed drivers can carry remarkable speed into corners that look innocuous until you see a grand prix car navigate them at full pace.

The Red Bull Ring ranks among the tracks with character. The three left-hand and seven right-hand corners will demand total concentration from drivers. Especially in the high-speed sections, small mistakes are mercilessly punished. The circuit guarantees overtaking, with the long run up to the Turn 3 hairpin producing plenty of action.

LEGENDARY DRIVERS AT THE CIRCUIT

Triple World Champion and long-time hero of the home crowd Niki Lauda is the only Austrian driver to win his home Grand Prix. He won the 1984 Austrian Grand Prix at the Österreichring driving a McLaren-TAG Porsche. Drivers like Mika Häkkinen, David Coulthard, and Michael Schumacher all left their mark on the circuit during its various eras.

MOST SUCCESSFUL DRIVER AT RED BULL RING

Max Verstappen – 4 wins (2018, 2019, 2021, 2023).

ICONIC MOMENTS AND MEMORABLE RACES

The 2002 race received negative publicity after Ferrari instructed Rubens Barrichello to cede his victory to Michael Schumacher. In 2019, Max Verstappen controversially passed Charles Leclerc to take victory with two-and-a-half laps left, while just three years earlier Mercedes duo Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg had their race-deciding clash here on the final lap. In 2021, Max Verstappen achieved a career milestone by completing his first Grand Chelem—pole position, fastest lap, and leading every lap.

WHY DRIVERS LOVE THIS TRACK

The circuit guarantees overtaking opportunities, making it exciting for competitive racing. Small mistakes on the high-speed sections are mercilessly punished, making it a fair test of driver skill, and the circuit's ability to produce thrilling races has made it a favorite among drivers. The challenging elevation changes and flowing corners create a technically demanding yet rewarding driving experience.

FAN EXPERIENCE AND SURROUNDING ACTIVITIES

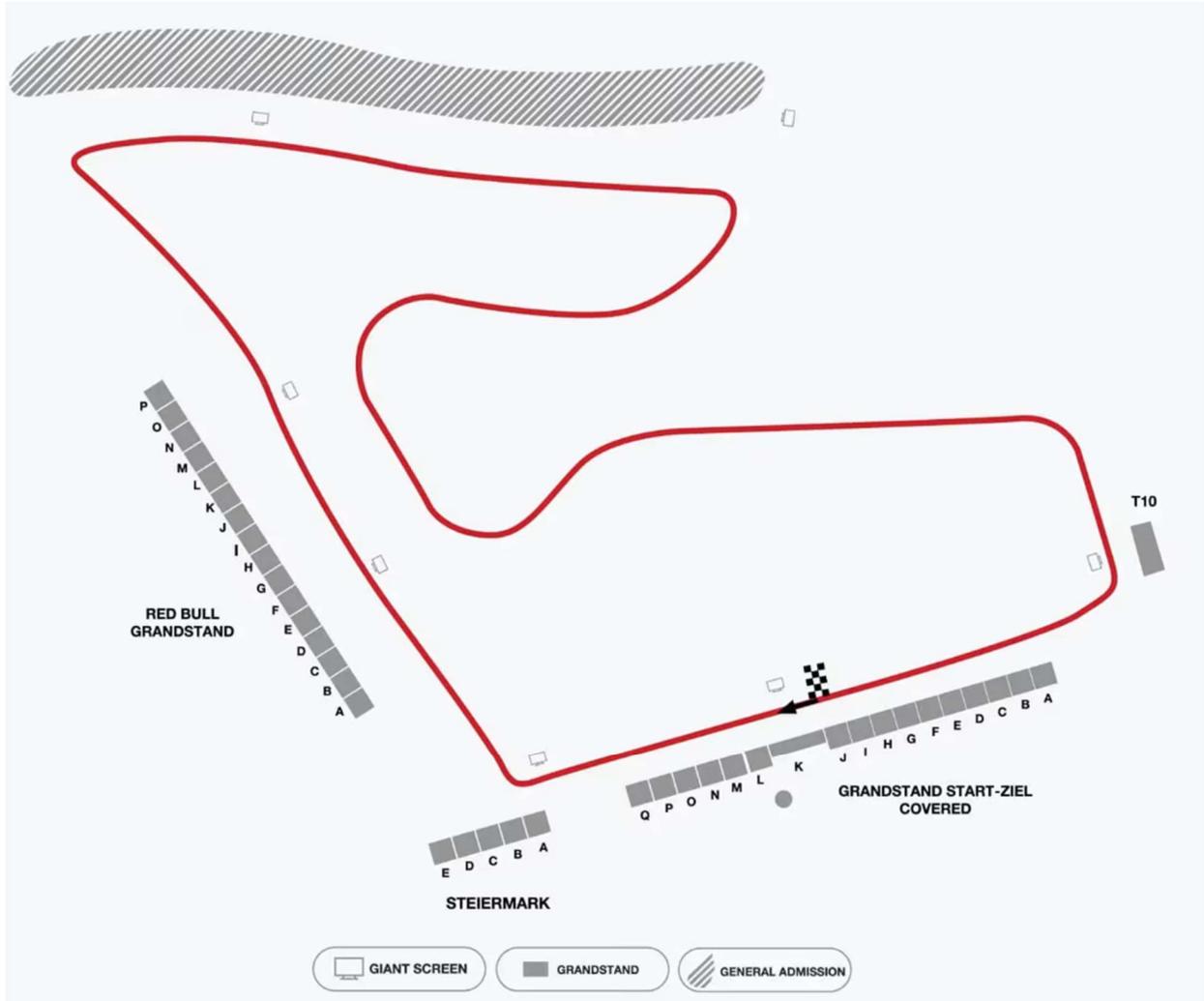
In 2024, "The Holiday Grand Prix" at Spielberg delivered an unforgettable experience for 302,000 motorsport enthusiasts. There are two fan zones in the Red Bull Ring where fans can spend time with various activities and entertainment, enjoying concerts, local specialities, and team merchandise.

Multiple camping options are available, ranging from luxury GPtents with hotel-style services to budget-friendly Easy Camping and Ring Rast Camping options, all offering clean facilities and proximity to the circuit. Camping Pink Premium offers a campsite just a 10-minute walk from the Red Bull Ring with live entertainment, catering, and good sanitary facilities.

The typography offers spectators an optimal view of large parts of the track – and thus of the racing action from many viewing positions. Free small trains run on Friday and Saturday to help with the walk to the Turn 3-4 viewing area, expanded to free coaches on Sunday, with big screen locations showing areas not visible from all viewing positions.

For those seeking accommodation beyond camping, nearby towns like Leoben (about 35km northwest) offer decent hotels and restaurants, while Vienna is also worth considering as a base, though it requires a 2+ hours drive each way. The region offers scenic Styrian mountain views, local Austrian cuisine, and cultural attractions to complement the racing experience.

GRANDSTANDS SEATING



RED BULL

The Red Bull Grandstand is the largest Grandstand on the track, comprised of 15 sections which span from the exit of Turn 1 right through to the uphill climb into turn three. Here you will have a downhill view of the cars coming out of the first corner – a corner that has a large amount of run off which allows the drivers to be braver on corner entry and exit.

The views at the Red Bull Grandstand are fantastic no matter which position you are, watching the cars fly up the hill and activate their DRS at full throttle. Thanks to the undulating nature of

the circuit, seats in this grandstand also allow you to see the cars go through Turns 6 and 7. You are also close to the F1 Fanzone, where there is plenty of fun to be had throughout the weekend.

SCHONBERG

Further along from T3 on the short-downhill straight is the Schonberg Grandstand. Here you will see plenty of side-by-side action as the cars exit Turn 4 and activate their DRS. Overtakes into Turn 4 not fully complete often continue all the way down this straight, and you will also have a view of the infield section of the track prior to the last few corners.

Seeing an F1 car at full speed is guaranteed from the Schonberg Grandstand.

T3

One of the newer grandstands at the red Bull Ring is the T3 Grandstand, which due to the large run off that sits at this corner is set further back than other options here. Don't let this deter you though, as the raised setup of T3 gives you an amazing panoramic view of the circuit and is one of the prime overtaking points.

You will have a view of the cars climbing up the hill into the tight right hander, where over the years has been plenty of action – sometimes even teammates – think McLaren teammates Coulthard and Hakkinen colliding in 1999, and Mercedes drivers Rosberg and Hamilton coming together in 2016 while battling for the lead.

T8

New for 2022 to deal with the rising demand for ticket sales, T8 Grandstand sits on the infield section of the track. While not a traditional overtaking spot, the T8 Grandstand on Saturday for qualifying in particular will give you great views of Formula One drivers at their committed best, as this is one of the fastest sections of track before the final corner.

9-10

The T9-10 Grandstands are perched at the start of the final corner of the Red Bull Ring and will provide you with two unique viewing opportunities. The T9 Grandstand is situated at corner entry, while T10 is further along and will give you a better viewing option of the start/finish straight.

Whether it is seeing a car at full commitment through the last corner onto the main straight or views of pit entry, on-track action is guaranteed. From the T9-10 Grandstands you will also have excellent views of the main straight, watching from the rear of the cars as they exit the final corner and blast up the hill into turn 1.

START-ZIEL

If you are seeking pit lane action or the start/finish straight atmosphere, this grandstand is the one for you. The only covered grandstand on the circuit, you will have protection from the hot sun as well as the inclement weather that can hit this part of the world.

Photo opportunities here are endless, and the media centre at the top of the stand is shaped like the rear wing of an F1 car. Here you can soak in all the pre-race atmosphere, and local Austrian food options are always close by in this section of track.

Encapsulating the majority of the start/finish straight allows you to look to your right and see the final corner, look straight in front and see the pits and look to your left to see the uphill climb into Turn 1.

STEIERMARK

Like the T3 Grandstand, Steiermark feels set quite a distance from the track on first look due to the large run-off at Turn 1. Don't let this deter you however, as Steiermark's views more than make up for this. Here you will have a front-on view of the climb into Turn 1, where overtakes and lap one incidents are never far away.

The Steiermark Grandstand also gives you the best viewing option of pit-exit, as cars come out of the pitlane right on the exit of the first corner. Steiermark is just a short walk from one of the main entrances of the track, and around 10 minutes to the F1 Fanzone.

Here you will also have a dedicated catering area, with many local delicacies to try out.