

Press Release

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Austrian resorts open early as snowfalls guarantee great conditions and great deals

The Austrian ski season has got off to an early start this year, offering skiers the opportunity to snap up some pre-Christmas bargains whilst the slopes are quiet. With snowfall last weekend (23rd- 25th October) of around 1 metre throughout Austria, many resorts have opened a month early to take advantage of the good conditions.

In the Ziller Valley, where the British Disabled Development Team is currently training, there is plenty of snow, not just on the Hintertux Glacier where skiing takes place all year round, but also lower down in resorts such as Hochfugen where 21 kilometres of pistes are open as well as the eight person gondola and the four man chair lift. British ski specialists Redpoint who are based in Hochfugen and are helping to organise the Disabled Development Team's trip, report that the resort has opened approximately four weeks earlier than the scheduled date of 20th November.

"The ski conditions are really excellent at the moment with fantastic cover on the pistes," comments Nina Hasinski of Redpoint. "The lifts will be open on the weekends in Hochfugen from now on so anyone who is keen to get in a short ski break can be confident of great conditions, but at reduced prices before the season really kicks off over Christmas. The Hintertux Glacier is now open full time and is busy, as the snow is so good. In fact, the timing is perfect for the British team who are having some great training sessions in perfect snow with good grip."

For more weather and to see the web cams from the top of the mountains, see <http://www.redpoint.co.uk/>

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