

AForGeN Meeting 2020

Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 June 2020

at Alpengasthof Sabathy, Obdach (Judenburg/Zeltweg), Styria,
Austria



You are cordially invited to the 9th meeting of the Alpine Forest Genomics Network (<https://aforgen.wsl.ch/en/meetings.html>) in early June. We will meet in a nice refuge/restaurant at the base of Zirbitzkogel mountain (2.396 m a.s.l.), the current easternmost occurrence of *Pinus cembra* ("Zirbe" in German) in the Eastern Alps. This is at the centre of the touristic region "Zirbenland" and very popular for hikes.

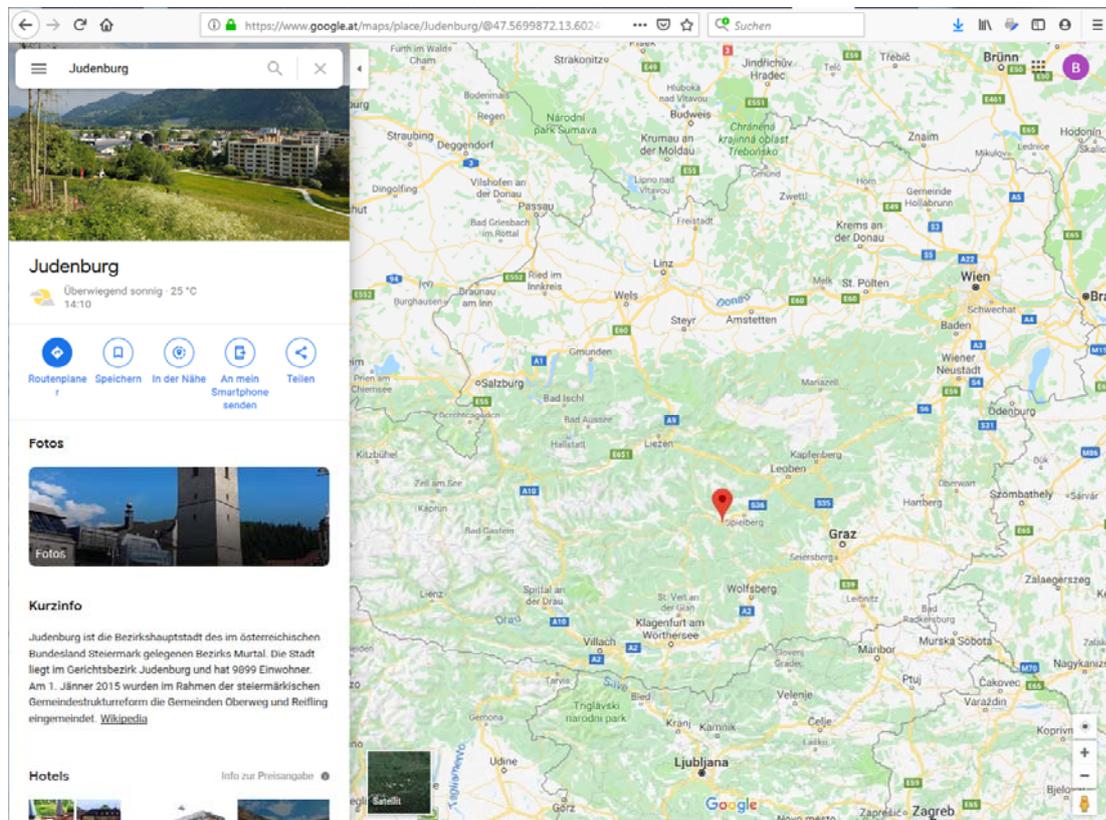
<http://www.zirbitzkogel.at/>

The mountain seems to be named for *Pinus cembra* („Zirbe“, „Zirm“) – or slovenian „zirbiza“ - red mountain pasture ("Rothaide" in German; *Rhododendron hirsutum*). There is cattle pasture & hiking; a refuge on its top – 4-5 hours hike (round trip; calculated without a stop at the refuge!)



How to get there:

The area can be reached via Vienna, Graz, Klagenfurt and Salzburg (airports). Nearest train station is Judenburg, or you can access via Zeltweg or Obach (local buses).



We can take one or two institute minibuses for picking you up at local train stations (and we can take a few people with us from Vienna).

By car from the West via Salzburg – A10 – Judenburg; from Northeast (Vienna) A1/S6 via Bruck a.d.Mur or A1/A9 Liezen – Zeltweg; from Southeast (Graz) via S36/A9; from South (Villach) via A10 (see the venue’s website under “Anfahrt”).

Program:

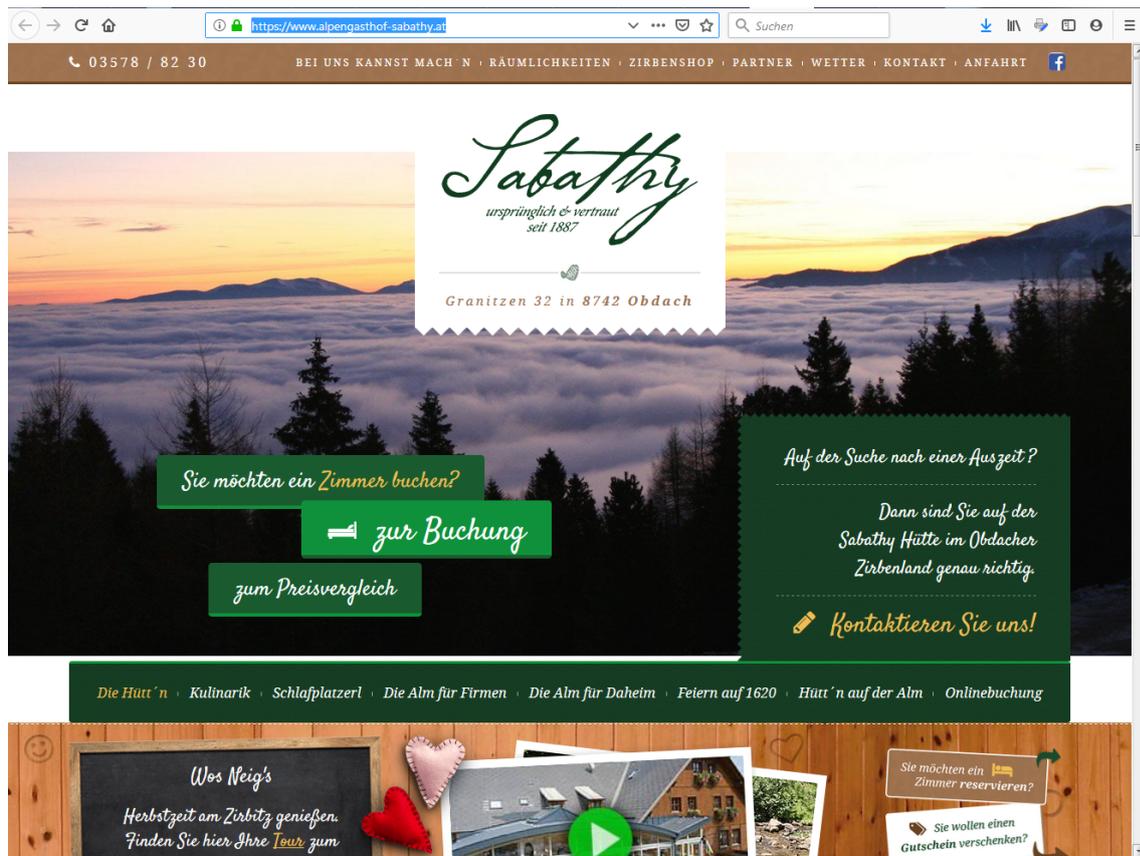
Monday – arrival in the morning, presentations afternoon

Tuesday - all day hike, but depending on weather we may shift

Wednesday – further presentations (morning) and discussions/planning (afternoon)

Thursday 11 is a public holiday and we won’t have peace and quiet because it will be very busy Thursday to Sunday there – that is why we organise the meeting Monday afternoon to Wednesday evening. You can arrive earlier, or stay longer (depends on availability, but they will try and help to find accommodation nearby if necessary). The weekend before (6-7 June) is less busy than the “long weekend” 11-14 June (because of the Thursday holiday).

Venue:



Alpengasthof Sabathy, Obdach; 1550 m a.s.l.

<https://www.alpengasthof-sabathy.at/>

info@alpengasthof-sabathy.at

They have up to 38 beds available:

5 double rooms “comfort” – 55 € half board per person (bed, breakfast, 3-course dinner)

2 double rooms “standard” (shower and WC on the corridor) – 46 € half board per person (bed, breakfast, 3-course dinner)

rest of the beds are in larger rooms – 43.50 € half board per person (bed, breakfast, 3-course dinner)

Bookings can be made directly with them (info@alpengasthof-sabathy.at; tel. +43 3578 8230; or through the web site) – mention “AForGeN”.

At the same time, please inform us of your planned attendance: berthold.heinze@bfw.gv.at and annika.nirschi@bfw.gv.at – mention arrival, departure dates, dietary needs, *et cetera*. Also if you would like to make a presentation – everybody is welcome to do so – let us know.

If we fill up the place, that would give us better rates.