

54. Int. Wolfgangseelauf – 17.-18. Oktober 2026



St. Gilgen, October 2026

Dear Guests!

On Saturday and Sunday, 17th/18th October, the **54th International Race Around Lake Wolfgangsee** will be getting underway. This classic Austrian race, first held in 1972, starts at 10.30 a.m. – in St. Wolfgang (27k) and Strobl (5.2k) and at 10.34 a.m. in Gschwendt (10k). The route leads around Lake Wolfgangsee via St. Gilgen, Gschwendt and Strobl. As well as this, at 9.15 a.m., the starting pistol will signal the start of the 15th Marathon in Bad Ischl. The organizers expect 7.500 participants from 60 nations.

You prefer to walk? Then the „5th Walk the Lake” (8.5 | 14 | 18.5 | 27k) on 18th October, starting (9 a.m.) in St. Gilgen, is perfect.

Because we are also expecting thousands of people to accompany the participants, we ask your understanding for the traffic disruption that will inevitably occur in all locations on the 17th/18th October (especially in Strobl, St. Wolfgang, St. Gilgen and Bad Ischl); and for any possible diversions or hold-ups. We also ask that you follow the directions of the police, the fire brigades and track marshals.

For St. Gilgen, the following traffic measures will be in force:

- The areas around Brunnwind in St. Gilgen will be closed in some places on Saturday, 17th October between 8.45 a.m. and 9.15 a.m.
- Some roads will be closed on 18th October from 10.30 a.m.–12.55 p.m. (inward or outward travel only possible outside these times).
- **Please note:** The entrance to Fürberg is closed on Sunday, 18th October from 10.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. (parking is possible on the parking spot of the monastery). Entrance will be open again at 12.15 o'clock.
- In St. Wolfgang 10k runners are going to run on the one lane closed L 546, because of safety reasons. The L 546 is going to be closed from 10.30–12.45 from 7.2k–9.5k (5.2 entrance near by the soccer field in Schwarzenbach up to the tourism office St. Wolfgang). Traffic towards St. Wolfgang isn't going to be restricted. Traffic towards Bad Ischl will be redirected from the tourism office St. Wolfgang via Aschau towards junction Schwarzenbach within this period. Police will be directing buses on St. Wolfganger Landesstraße.
- If at all possible, on 17th/18th October, please avoid using your motor vehicle altogether!
- Better to encourage the racers from all over the world along the roadside, thus contributing to the success of this unique international sporting event. **Tip:** You can cheer on the runners repeatedly in different places along the route by using the Lake Wolfgangsee boats. Boarding the boats is possible at all Lake Wolfgangsee landing stages. The special “Race-day boat timetable” for the 18th October, 2026 will help.
- To ensure the safety of the 5.2-km runners, the Bürglstein circular hiking trail will be closed from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- If possible, please keep off all foot and cycle paths on the route around the lake on 17th/18th October between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.. Thousands of runners/walkers say, “THANK YOU” in advance!
- **The centres of St. Gilgen (10.30 a.m.–12.55 p.m.), Bad Ischl (9 a.m.–9.45 a.m.), St. Wolfgang (7 a.m.–5 p.m.) and Strobl (10 a.m.–3 p.m.) are closed to traffic during the aforementioned times.**
Race comperes will be giving information and entertaining throughout.
- By the way: It's easy to take part in “Austria's most beautiful race” yourself!
There is the perfect distance for everyone on 18th October – 5.2k | 10k | 27k or 42.195k.
- For the youngsters, the running weekend kicks off on Saturday, October 17th from 2 p.m. on the Strobl lake promenade with the 17th Junior Marathon for those born 2013–2023.
- Registration and further details (also for boat times) on our website: www.wolfgangseelauf.at

We thank you for your understanding and your support
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