

# SCHWARZSEE

## FOR THE MOST RELAXING FAMILY HOLIDAYS

The Schwarzsee, a lake covering an area of 0.5 km<sup>2</sup>, nestles romantically in Fribourg's Pre-Alps and, like the small village of Schwarzsee, belongs to the German-speaking "Sense" district. The lake shimmers turquoise, deep blue or jet black, depending on the light. Meadows and trees line the predominantly flat lakeside, creating a magnificent contrast to the limestone mountains and rocky ridges. The Breccaschlund nature reserve, a natural monument of national importance, is one of the most beautiful and unspoilt Alpine valleys in Switzerland. The landscape was clearly carved out by glaciers. On the subject of ice: winter visitors come to Schwarzsee expecting a cold snap. Ice skating, ice hockey, cross-country skiing and walking are, after all, twice as much fun on the frozen mountain lake! Even after dark, Schwarzsee has offered an unrivalled attraction for 33 years: ice palaces and grottos invite visitors to discover a fairy-tale world of ice and light. Pure magic! The illuminated ice slide is one

of the highlights for children. The Schwarzsee skiing area is also extremely family friendly. As a result of the Upgrade your Skiday campaign, you can make your first downhill run on the day of arrival. Schwarzsee is ideal for an active summer holiday in the mountains. With panoramic hiking trails and the Håxewääg (Witch's Trail) for children, cool mountain bike routes, a bike trail and bike park as well as a mini-golf course, stand-up paddling, bathing, fishing, boating, a summer toboggan run, monster scooters and much more, there is something for everyone. Schwarzsee does its utmost to live up to its reputation as a destination for nature lovers. Once upon a time... yes, there are very many legends and fairy tales making the rounds on Schwarzsee. Why is the lake called the black lake? According to legend, the giant Gargantua washed his muddy feet in the lake, which gave the lake its dark colour. [www.schwarzsee.ch](http://www.schwarzsee.ch)



## EVENT



**Alpine descent of Plaffeien:** This is the day on which the magnificent final homage is paid to the Alpine summer. Hundreds of cows and goats, adorned with flowers, return to the valley after four months on fragrant mountain pastures. Herdsmen and women wear their traditional costumes and look forward to the appreciation of their hard work and the festivities welcoming them back. These festivities are popular with everyone, from families to visitors from all over the world. *Saturday, September 26th 2020*

## SENSE HEART ROUTE



**E-Bike Circular Tour:** This new Heart route Circular Trail No. 299 also has a very good chance of achieving cult status. The Sense river is worth taking the time to explore: it is, after all, "an Alpine wild river of excellence" according to the World Wide Fund of Nature, WWF. The rolling Alpine foothills form natural river valleys with valuable pastureland, forests and hills and invite visitors to explore the area by e-bike or bicycle: the circular trail in the Sense region is 70 kilometres long. [www.herzroute.ch](http://www.herzroute.ch)

## AN ACTIVITY



**Ice Palaces:** Whether you want an ice slide, corsair, penguin hill, grottos or igloos: an enchanting, illuminated fairytale world awaits warmly dressed visitors two kilometres from Schwarzsee. Visitors who walk there can warm up in the Alpine restaurant.

## TRADITION



**Alpine Wrestling and Herdsman Festival:** Spend a Sunday immersing yourself in the world of herdsmen and their customs. The traditional wrestling festival takes place against the unique mountain backdrop and on the shore of the Schwarzsee. In addition to authentic wrestling, an attractive duel between "baddies" in sawdust, the festival includes folklore with traditional costumes, Alpine horns and yodelling performances. There is a chance to test your strength with a spot of stone pushing: visitors are welcome. *Sunday, June 21st 2020*. [www.schwarzseeschwinget.ch](http://www.schwarzseeschwinget.ch)

## KEY DATES

- 19<sup>th</sup> c. Sulphurous water is used for therapeutic baths
- 1996 The Breccaschlund primaevial landscape is registered in the Federal Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments of National Importance
- 2020 Opening of the education and health center Schwarzsee

## NUMBERS

**Population** 3,624 inhabitants (municipality), 634 inhabitants (village)  
**Language** German  
**Altitude** 1,047 m above sea level