

SCHWARZSEE

FOR THE MOST RELAXING FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Schwarzsee, covering an area of 0.5 km², nestles romantically in the Fribourg Pre-Alps and, like the village of the same name, is part of 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 32 years: ice palaces and grottos invite

visitors to discover a fairy-tale world of ice and light. Pure magic! A highlight for children is the ride on an illuminated giant swing. The Schwarzsee ski area is also extremely family friendly.

Schwarzsee is ideal for an active summer holiday in the mountains. With hiking trails for adults and children, signposted mountain-bike routes, a mountain-bike course and mountain-bike park as well as mini-golf, stand-up paddle boarding, bathing, fishing, boating, 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 feet in the lake.

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EVENT



Alpine descent: 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, with all their music, folklore and a market, are popular with everyone, from families to visitors from all over the world. Plaffeien, *Saturday, 21 September 2019*

DID YOU KNOW?



Raemy's goat farm: Children are particularly fond of the goats and their offspring kept by the Raemy family near Schwarzsee. Following an afternoon spent stroking the animals, the word "goatish" will always be synonymous with intelligent and playful. It is a long time since the mountain goats won the hearts of the Raemy family, who breed them. "They are always happy to play," they say and serve home-made mountain goat's cheese. Orders can be placed to purchase goat's cheese fondue. www.schwarzsee.ch

AN ACTIVITY



Walk around the lake: The circular walk around the idyllic lake takes about an hour and is also suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Children are fascinated by the Witch's Trail: the Tourist Office has a witch's set so that children are well equipped for any surprises they may encounter.

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 naturally welcome. *Sunday, 23 June 2019* www.schwarzseeschwinget.ch

KEY DATES

- 19th c. Sulphurous water is used for therapeutic baths
- 1937 The Schwarzsee Tourist Office is founded
- 1996 The Breccaschlund primaevial landscape is registered in the Federal Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments of National Importance

NUMBERS

- Population** 3,570 inhabitants (municipality), 635 inhabitants (village)
- Language** German
- Altitude** 1,047 m above sea level