Barrier Check in the Seiser Alm Ski area

Portrait

My name is Hans-Peter Schraffl, and I have been in a wheelchair since 2017, paralyzed from the thoracic vertebrae down. Monoskiing is my passion, and I assist ski resorts in designing their barrier-free offers. In 2020, I completed training as a BarrierScout to help eliminate architectural barriers in society.

1. Car park / arrival

The car park at the valley station is very accessible. During our test, two out of four car parks were occupied. The car parks are very close to the lift and are at round level. The signage is also very clearly visible. You couldn't wish for better.

2 Preparation for the ski day

Monoskiers always visit the toilet before the beginning of the ski day. The wheelchair-accessible toilets are located directly at the valley station and are easily accessible with the elevator. Also the wheelchair toilet at the mountain station is easily accessible.

3. Entry / start of the ski day

Boarding the gondola runs smoothly. The lift staff is very helpful. The area at the mountain station is also ideal for changing from a wheelchair to a monoski. The space for storing wheelchairs is also good. The wheelchair WC at the mountain station is very well signposted and leaves nothing to be desired.

4. Skiing

Chairlifts are generally very suitable for monoskiers. This eliminates the need for complicated transfers into a gondola. All chairlifts can be securely closed with the safety bar. The lift staff was always helpful and slowed down the chairlift during boarding and exit.

Also the magic carpet made no problems.

Conclusion:

The Seiser Alm ski area is ideal for monoskiers. From the car park to the lifts, everything is perfectly suitable for wheelchair users. Even without implementing the suggestions for improvement, the ski area can be described as very wheelchair-friendly. The ski area is certainly a leader in South Tyrol.

Many ski resorts market themselves as barrier-free ski resorts. The Seiser Alm can easily keep up here.