



7th Brocken-Challenge, 06. February 2010, from Göttingen to the Brocken Summit



Adventure and charity run from Göttingen to the Brocken summit

**Please read the complete information pack carefully –
experience proves that 90% of remaining questions can be avoided like this!**

What is the Brocken-Challenge?

The Brocken-Challenge which takes place in wintertime is a charity ultramarathon of approximately 81km and +2200 metres in altitude from Göttingen to the Brocken summit (Harz).

The idea to reach the Brocken from Göttingen by running in one day came into mind in 2001, when Markus Ohlef and his companion on bike, Thomas Sivander, started their run in **February** and reached the summit of the highest mountain of Northern Germany (1142m) after 10.5 hours – exhausted, but happy.

The plan was to make an “event” out of this run and it was in February 2004 when the run took officially place for the first time. The participation of the run was not only to feel an athletic and personal fulfillment but also to give it a **good cause**. All money funds from start fees and donations were fully transferred to a project in Nepal.

In the following years, this adventure and charity run developed into a significant ultramarathon which – thanks to the commitment and involvement of many voluntary people and the members of the club ASFV (Ausdauersport für Menschlichkeit e.V. = meaning: endurance sports for humanity) enjoys a great popularity in the international running scene.

The run lives from the atmosphere and the idea to be able to help other people by doing sports but also from the excitement and happiness of the participants and all the organisers and helpers involved.

The donation 2010 will be forwarded to the Hospiz an der Lutter and perhaps further charity or socially-committed institutions (still to be selected) around Göttingen.

The mission statement of the Brocken-Challenge is taken from a proverb from Goethe:

„The man who masters himself is delivered from the force that binds all creatures.“

(J. W. v. Goethe)

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Information about the run

Dates

Briefing and collection of clothes bags: Friday 05/02/2010 18h00 – 19h30, Institut für Sportwissenschaften Uni Göttingen, Sprangerweg

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Start Brocken-Challenge: Saturday, 06/02/2010, 06:00h, Hainholzhof (Kehr), Göttingen

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Registration

Registration can only be made online by filling out the form at <http://brocken-challenge.de/anmeldung/anmelde-formular.html>

Start of registration: 01/11/2009

Closing date for registration: 31/01/2010 (Receipt of starting fee)

For registrations which have been entered later (if applicable in regards of the maximum number of participants) and late payment transfers a subsequent fee will apply (see also Starting fee).

Registrations will only be processed after payment receipt. Only then you will be mentioned on the participants list and you will receive a registration confirmation.

In case that the starting fee will not be transferred to the bank account within two weeks after registration, the registration will be cancelled from our side.

Due to organisational reasons the number of participants is limited to 145. The sequence of registrations (= payment receipt!) will decide on the participation.

Participants are runners as well as bikers (bikers are permitted only in a team with one runner, see also Rating).

Once the number of participants will have reached the limit, there will be an internal waitlist for possible successors which will be considered according to the sequence of the registration.

If an already confirmed and registered participant is not able to take part and run, we kindly ask you to let us know by email as soon as possible so that we can consider other interested athletes on the waitlist!



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Starting fee

The starting fee is 35€ per person or respectively 20€ for members of the ASFM e.V. (plus additional 15€ for late registration if applicable) and will be transferred in full with the other contributions to the total donation.

The starting fee must be transferred within 2 weeks after registration (receipt of payment!) or latest by 31/01/2010 on the bank account of

ASFM Ausdauersport für Menschlichkeit e.V. (Markus Ohlef)

Bank account no.: 135921

Bank ID: 26050001, Sparkasse Göttingen

From abroad:

IBAN: DE57 2605 0001 0000 1359 21

BIC: NOLADE21GOE

Please indicate as reference on the transfer "BC10", your name and if applicable further details such as shirt size, overnight stay, bus transport etc.

In case of no participation of the run, the starting fee cannot be refunded.

The starting fee includes the following services:

- Information event the evening before including handing out of the bib numbers, detailed map of the course and collection of clothes bags
- Clothes transport Göttingen – Brocken
- Fullboard service (mainly organic food) on at least 7 stations
- Van-Transfer from the summit of the Brocken to Schierke
- Certificate

Additional services on extra payment:

- Travel bus return journey Schierke - Göttingen: 15 €
- Overnight stay Jägerhaus/Tanzsaal, breakfast included 5€
- Dinner Jägerhaus vegetarian pasta or meat sauce 8€
- Brocken-Challenge Shirt (cotton): 18€

The shirts will be handed out to you during the pre-meeting the evening before.

All surplus incomes from the optional services will be transferred to the total donation! Further donations are welcome and much appreciated! If someone is interested to do so, he/she could do this by "kilometre allowance": The runner / biker will look for a group of donators (friends, relatives etc) who will donate 1€ per covered km in order to produce a respective donation sum per team.



Rating

Individual starters / teams

In principle the Brocken-Challenge is organised as an ultramarathon. Hiking / Nordic Walking is not foreseen. Runners can start as individual starters or as a team. Bikers as a company for runners are welcome, but please note that this is **NO** mountain bike competition. That means that in each team there must be as many runners as bikers. Runners and bikers can divide the course as they like (run & bike), but they must both cover the full distance (no relay race).

Time limit

The time limit for reaching the Brocken summit is 14 hours (arrival until 20h00). The organisers and the helpers at the stations have the right to disqualify participants who will or may not be able to keep this time limit (according to the experience from the previous races by considering the current course and weather conditions). The participants have to obey the orders in this case and must stop the race if necessary.

Time keeping

The Brocken-Challenge is not a classical race but an event with the target of experiencing a common adventure including commitment for a good cause. This means that there won't be a classical time keeping (with a chip or similar). However, the finish times will be registered exactly on the minute and published in a result list.

Bib number (starting number)

Each participant receives a bib number which must be worn in front so that it can be easily seen.

Certificate

Each participant receives a certificate.

Presentation ceremony

will not take place (see also time keeping), but we will have a get-together meeting after the day at the Hotel König in Schierke.

Equipment

Not only the distance of the course and the cold and dark season requires the changing of clothing and shoes and having a light. Especially the finish destination – the summit of the Brocken – will determine the necessary or recommended equipment for the BC.

Whoever does not know the Brocken yet (or who only experienced it during the BC 2008/2009): It can get very uncomfortable up there (and even more than that)!!!

Do not orientate by the weather conditions at the start location in Göttingen! The summit of the Brocken is located at the sub-alpine climatic zone above the treeline. So it is highly recommended to follow the weather development and forecast. Please take this seriously! We already had to cancel the race due to weather conditions!



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Furthermore, there are sections during the course where first aid (less than 15 minutes) is not possible and it must be considered that participants may not always be on the intended course.

After bad experiences in 2009 (participants in cotton shirts without long tights/jackets) we feel obliged to make everyone aware about the importance of equipment. As a consequence, the following **COMPULSORY equipment list** is mandatory:

- **Mobile phone**
Each participant must have a mobile phone during the race (switched on). This should not only serve as emergency telephone but also to make sure that the organiser can reach the participants in case of spontaneous course changes or cut-offs in case of unreasonable weather or snow conditions.
Don't forget to charge your battery!
- **Storm and water-resistant clothing** (long jacket, long tights) including cap and gloves (additional face mask and clothing for wearing several layers is recommended), functional clothes only
- **Head lights** (necessary for the first 1.5 hours and for a finish time after 17h), use modern batteries (coldness)
- **Something to drink out of**, recommended total volume not less than 0.7 litres
- **Basic food** (energy bars or similar)
- **Rescue foil, signal whistle, minimum First-Aid-Kit** (plaster, elastic bandage)

Furthermore we recommend:

- 2nd pair of shoes and clothing; if necessary to be deposited at a certain location of the course
- Spikes or „snow chains“, depending on the snow and ice situation
- Please note as well the [comments about the „Entsafter“](#) ("juice extractor": most challenging section of the run)
- Hint: Read some of the [experience reports](#) (unfortunately all in German, so far), you will find a lot of hints and recommendations of what you should not forget (except for the training of course), such as freezing batteries and drinking systems.

Disclaimer of liability

With the registration and participation, each participant accepts the following disclaimer of liability: "I am aware that the organiser will not assume any liability during the complete event. This is especially applicable for participants and supporting persons, damages on equipment, for my own preparation of the physical fitness and self-assessment, for the course and its routing, for the condition / state of the paths from the start at the Hainholzhof until the Brocken summit as well as for the travel to and fro.

It is known to me that the course partly leads through to unblocked paths and public roads/streets. I will be responsible that my sport equipment will meet the corresponding requirements and that I will be visible as a participant of the public road traffic (warning clothing).

Furthermore I am aware that the course leads through forest with the danger of uneven paths and falling branches etc. This is known to me and it is entirely up to my personal decision if I will run the course or if I will break off the course.

I am aware that bad weather conditions will involve dangers. It is my own responsibility to start or break off the run at weather conditions like snow and ice, fog and rain or storm. This applies to me and to my complete supporting team."



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The run

Arrival & briefing

For all participants, the first destination will be on Friday, 05/02/2010 from 18h00 – 19h30 the „Institut für Sportwissenschaften“ (IfS) of the university of Göttingen, Sprangerweg 2 http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=Sprangerweg,+G%C3%B6ttingen&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=20.341971,30.19043&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Sprangerweg,+37075+G%C3%B6ttingen,+Niedersachsen&t=h&z=16

There will be a **binding** briefing where remaining open questions regarding the event can be clarified. Points of discussion are:

- Issuing of the starting documents
- A detailed description of the course
- Collection of the clothes bags for the Brocken summit, directly after the meeting
ATTENTION: Please sort your things beforehand so that this can be handled quickly! (Plastic bags will be issued and the best would be if you put your prepacked bags into this plastic bag).
- This meeting is also recommended if you need to clarify personal issues/problems or to form teams with harmonized interests (see also transport back)

Train travellers can reach the IfS either by the public bus (line 8 departing main station (Hauptbahnhof) every 30 minutes, direction Papenberg/Sprangerweg until final destination) or preferably with a PuK Minicar (Phone 0049-551-484848) as this taxi company supports our event by donating parts of the taxi fees which apply within the frame of the Brocken-Challenge – please indicate the taxi driver that you are a participant of the BC!

Overnight stay

For an additional fee there are modest possibilities for an overnight stay (common dormitory) for approximately 65 participants directly near the start of the Brocken-Challenge (Reiterhof am Kehr, [Jägerhaus am Kehr](#)). The allocation will be made in accordance with the receipt of payment by the principle *first come - first serve*. Dinner and breakfast will be offered.

You must bring a sleeping bag and sleeping pad with you!

Further overnight accommodations:

Youth Hostel Göttingen: Habichtsweg 2, Tel. (05 51) 5 76 22,

Youth hostels Braunlage, Schierke

[Hotels in Göttingen](#)

There is also a [camper van place in Göttingen](#).

Accommodation from Saturday to Sunday (after the event) must be organised on your own.



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Start

Saturday, 06/02/2010, 06h00, Hainholzhof (Kehr) Göttingen, 341m from sea level

It can be reached by car via the Bismarckstraße. Drive 3km deeply in the forest until it is not possible anymore (barrier). Here you will find a lot of parking lots at no cost (and a streetlamp). During the transport back from the Harz, the travel bus will also stop here.

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Course

Start: Göttingen, Hainholzhof (Kehr) 341m from sea level

Finish: Summit Brocken 1142m from sea level

Course:

First, the course leads through the Göttinger forest to **Mackenrode**, further on to **Landolfshausen** and via the „Seulinger Warte“ to the **Seeburger See**. Having crossed the **Hellberg** with the “Tilly” oak we will leave the Eichsfeld at the **Rhumequelle** (source of the Rhume). The course continues through the varied area of the pre-Harz via Königshagen to **Barbis**. Now the long ascent to the Harz begins via the Steinaer Valley to the **Jagdkopf**, followed by a more even part above the Oderstausee until the parking lot **Lausebuche** at the B27. The continuous ascending leads via the **Königskrug** to **Oderbrück** where the final ascent to the **Brocken summit** must be challenged.

Course distance: 80 km – 81.5 km (depending on alternative route at the Oberharz)

Markings: The course is marked throughout from Mackenrode (km 6) up until at least Lausebuche (km 63). From there, there are very good signposts via “Königskrug” – “Oderbrück” – “Brocken” up until the finish. There are NO km-signs!!
Each participant receives also a set of maps.

Difference in altitude:

It is not very easy to determine the difference in altitude:

If you draw the track in Google Earth you get +1.775m. A barometric altitude measuring during the BC 2009 resulted in +2.5xx m. The unprocessed GPS track from 2009 delivers – depending on the software with which you are opening the identical (!) data – data between +2.826 / - 2.010 (SportTracks), +4.096 / -3.295 (Garmin TrainingCenter) or even +5.425 / -4.627 (GPS-Track-Analyse-net), whereas the two last mentioned indications cannot be right at all. If you replace the altitude data of the GPS by SRTM radar data of the NASA which is possible with the help of the freeware GPS-Track-Analyse.net, you will first receive results of +2.368 / -1.572m. If you even out the values with an average factor, you will receive +2.192 / -1.396 for the above-mentioned profile.

We assume **approx. 2.200m uphill** and **approx. 1.400 m downhill**.

Lowest point: Rhumspringe, 155m from sea level, km 30

Highest point: Brocken 1142m from sea level, km 80

Maps and GPS Data:

[Google Earth kml-File](#) 2009

[GPS-Trackdata](#) 2009 with food/drink stations and other road marks

[Picture GPS-Altitude profile](#) 2009

[Map with altitude profile](#) course 2008

Download: <http://brocken-challenge.de/der-lauf/bcgps.zip>



Description of the course from refreshment station to refreshment station

Section 1: Start (341m, 0km) – Landolfshausen (196m, 11.0km)



The run starts at 06.00 o'clock in the morning. Still in the dark you will cross the Göttinger forest in Eastern direction. Torches will show the way on the first kilometres. Until Mackenrode, you should run in groups with persons who are familiar with the environment and place. In **Mackenrode**, turn right at the main road and turn left right after that. A path leads slightly downhill from Mackenrode to **Landolfshausen**. Dawn is now coming and you can have a tea (and a 2nd breakfast) from the team of the Hospiz who have their refreshment station right behind the church at the road. Note: Right after the station there will be a 400m uphill section ...

Section 2: Landolfshausen (196m, 11.0km) – Seeburg (161m, 16.1km)



Continue the course via the **Seulinger Warte** (in case of good weather conditions you can see the Brocken!) down to Seeburg. In the morning there is often fog above the lake so that you may only suspect it is there. Shortly before **Seeburg** you will run through an underpass (express way) heading for a **parking lot** where you will find the next refreshment station. Attention: The next station is 15km away! You can eat a bit more as the next section will be even at first!

Section 3: Seeburg (161m, 16.1km) – Rhumequelle (172m, 30.7km)



The course leads along the **Southern lakeshore of the Seeburger See** to **Bernshausen**. In the village run right – left – right (see markings!) and then via country ways, passing a sewage plant to **Rollshausen**. Pass through Rollshausen, then left, and after Rollshausen you have to cross cautiously the B247 and run up to the **Hellberg** (bikers may have to push their bikes soon...!). At the hilltop of the Hellberg you will find the **Tilly oak (Tilly-Eiche)** where you will turn half right / straight ahead and run downhill in cross-country style. Having arrived downhill, turn right and follow the forest path to Rüdershausen. In **Rüdershausen** turn right soon (**attention**), uphill through a narrow alley, then after 100m turn **right again** steeply uphill until you pass a **chapel**. Turn left to the Landstraße to Rhumspringe which you have to follow for approx. 2 km. At the entrance of the village **Rhumspringe** turn right-left-left und cross the village, pass the sports field and follow the hiking signs to the **Rhumequelle** (source of the Rhume). Here you will find another refreshment station including warm and cold drinks, prepared by the Soroptimisten. Now the challenge can really start...



Section 4: Rhumequelle (172m, 30.7km) – Dreymannmühle (279m, 42.5km)



Follow the continuously ascending forest road in Eastern direction. Approximately 3km above the source of the Rhume there are 5 forest roads and we take the second from the left. After another 3 km you can see the Harz (if the weather allows it). Turn right and after 150m turn left again. You continue through the forest, then you cross an open field, down to an emigrant farm and then up again a serpentine. After another farm turn right after the Beberteich (Beber pond). At the next crossing turn left down to **Barbis**. The main road leads you to the refreshment station **Dreymannmühle** at the end of the village where you can enjoy the nice food and warm tea from Naturkost Elkershausen. Now you have done the marathon distance! And now it will get steep!

Section 5a: The "Juice Extractor", Part 1: Dreymannmühle (279m, 42.5km) – Jagdkopf (635m, 53.8km)



During the next kilometres you will go steeply into the Harz. Now the adventure really starts as the so-called "juice extractor" awaits you. There are a lot of possibilities for runners who do not know this region to make a detour which may really sap your energies depending on the weather conditions and the snow. **In case of doubt check your maps!** The markups of the hiking paths are quite good in the Harz and furthermore you will also find the BC signs. **Attention at the water divide – turn right into the Steinaer Tal!** After 11 km you are on 635m above sea level and the highest point so far at the **Jagdkopf**. If possible you will meet the horseriders with tea and a few refreshments.

Section 5b: The "Juice Extractor", Part 2: Jagdkopf (635m, 53.8km) - Lausebuche (590m, 63.1km)



You will continue a little less steep on the **Südharzloipe** (of course the cross-country ski tracks are designated for the skiers). **We must not destroy the tracks** – normally they are not permitted for pedestrians! We follow the signs to **Braunlage-Pastorenweg, Kaiswerweg-Kapellenfleck-Lausebuche**. Many supporters and companions and the Soroptimisten await you and have another refreshment station so that you can refill your energies. Now you have reached the mental key position: who decides: legs or head?



Section 6: Lausebuche (590m, 63.1km) – Königskrug (759m, 68.5 / 70.0km)



Westwards from the major road the course leads to **Königskrug**. Depending on the snow situation there may be several alternative routes. During the briefing the evening before we will inform you about the details of the current situation. All paths have one thing in common: It will go up continuously also if you do not see it.

Section 7: Königskrug (759m, 68.5 / 70.0km) – Oderbrück (790m, 72.4 / 73.9km)



Continue the course on the **Kaiserweg to Oderbrück**. On this section the official markups and signs are sufficient and you will meet a lot of strollers and walkers. Enjoy the last downhill section shortly before Oderbrück although you will pass marshy grounds – not only bikers should pay attention! In Oderbrück you have reached the last refreshment station before the finish. With your energies refilled with the help of the Bergwelt team you will now also manage the last kilometres!

Section 8: Oderbrück (790m, 72.4 / 73.9km) – Brocken (1142m, 80.0/81.5km)



The last 8 km pass the **Dreieckigen Pfahl** (former inner-German border) and lead on the **Goethe-Weg** on the shortest way to the Brocken. There won't be any more BC signs at this section. Take the so-called ramp (30%) very steeply to the Brockenbahn, go left along the rails and follow them until you reach the Brockenstraße. The Brockenstraße will come from the right and leads left to the Brocken (only 1 more km). At the finish you will enjoy a warm welcome by the BC Team in the Goethe-Saal of the Brocken museum, a (warm?) shower and of course **the incomparable feeling that you have made it!!**

The graphs were made using the freeware "GPS-Track-Analyse.net" (www.gps-freeware.de), in which the original altitudes were replaced by smoothed SRTM-data. The basic GPS-track was recorded during the BC 2009 with a Garmin Forerunner 305.



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Ground: everything from asphalt up to single trail, but also large parts forest trails (mostly covered in snow). Bikers/teams: Please note the comments below!

Climatic conditions: We already had everything: moderate up to extreme, no snow up to deep snow. Normally, you have to assume frost and snow at least for the last 20km (Hochharz higher than 650m) but often also for the last 40km (as from the beginning of the Harz region). As BC 2009 has shown, 80% ice on the first part of the course is possible.

ATTENTION Bikers:

Please be aware that you CANNOT ride the complete (running) course! At normal = winter conditions you may have to take alternative routes (as from Barbis km43) if you do not want to push or carry the bike for longer parts. Furthermore, at the part Hellberg/Tilly Oak (km25) you cannot normally ride through. This means that the runner-biker-teams may be separated for some longer sections. Please take this into consideration when calculating the allocation of food and drink! Furthermore it has been shown that the bikers may not really be faster (especially on the second half of the course) than the runners! Attention: the alternative routes which may have to be taken by the bikers are not marked or secured by us! Pay attention to the traffic regulations: the Western bypass from Braunlage (B4) is a motor road and thus bikers are not allowed (you may have to ride through Braunlage). During the last 8km biking may further be difficult or impossible due to a strong frequency of hikers/pedestrians. At the area of the Brockenbahn (Brocken train) (km 77 – 80) only bikes which are transported are allowed (not the riding) so that the pedestrians have priority to pass.

ATTENTION Drivers / companions by car:

There are some speed cameras in the area of the BC, for example B27 at Auekrug between Gieboldehausen and Herzberg, B243 town exit Barbis (close to station Dreymannsmühle!).

Refreshments

There are 7 refreshments stations (apart from the Brocken summit). This year we will also have a “real” station at the Königskrug (km 70) which is a new station in comparison to 2008 and 2009. We have implemented this additional station as this section is not easy to assess and as leaving strengths must be renewed. Moreover we will try to offer a drinking station (like in the last years) at the Jagdkopf (km 53.8) with the help of a team of riders/horsewomen. Apart from the voluntary commitment of the horsewomen, this will be dependent on the snow conditions so that we can plan this only a few days before the event. You will get further information on this during the briefing the evening before.

At the 7 (or 8) refreshment stations you will find a varied offer with drinks, fruit, cake, cereal bars, chocolate, hot/warm broth, meatballs and much more. Most of the products are organic and are provided by our donators "[Das Backhaus](#)" and "[Naturkost Elkershausen](#)"!



Please find below an overview of the stations with the **approximate passing times**:

km	location	passing time	coordinates*
0.0	Hainholzhof am Kehr, Göttingen	06:00 h	N51 31.483 E09 58.834
11.0	Landolfshausen	06:45 h - 07:30 h	N51 32.332 E10 06.475
16.1	Seeburger See, parking lot Seeburg	07:20 h - 08:15 h	N51 33.620 E10 09.162
30.7	Rhumequelle	08:30 h - 10:30 h	N51 35.348 E10 18.692
42.5	Barbis, Dreymanns Mühle (B243)	09:15 h - 12:45 h	N51 36.605 E10 26.574
<i>if possible</i> 53.8	Jagdkopf (only drinks!)	11:00 h - 14:00 h	N51 39.116 E10 32.686
63.1	parking lot Lausebuche B27	12:00 h - 16:00 h	N51 42.232 E10 35.287
68.5 / 70.0	Königskrug B4	12:30 h - 17:45 h	N51 44.817 E10 34.448
72.4 / 73.9	Oderbrück B4	13:00 h - 18:00 h	N51 46.564 E10 33.140
80.0 / 81.5	Finish Brocken	from 13:30 h	N51 48.010 E10 36.933

* just copy and paste the coordinates into Google and you will get the position marked in a map.

The time indications are only designated for the supporters and spectators and do not give any orientation for the runners and bikers. The corresponding cut-off times at the stations will only be fixed by the organiser on the day of the event by taking the course and weather conditions into consideration (see also [rating, time limit!](#)).

Attention: In case that station 5 (Jagdkopf) may not be available, there will be a section of a length of **more than 20km without refreshments** and supporting possibilities! In this section which has become known and notorious as “juice extractor” = most challenging section of the run (which you will commence directly after the marathon distance...) you have to challenge more than 400m in altitude! Please make sure you have enough drink and food with you!

Transport back to Göttingen

Travel to the Brocken

Friends and relatives who would like to welcome the arriving finishers at the Brocken summit can reach the area (except via the last part of the running course Oderbrück – Gotheweg – Brocken, 7,8km) either from Schierke by taking the Brockenbahn or by having a 2-hours walk (the Brockenstraße is not allowed for private traffic!). The signposts are well marked and you do not need maps.

Transfer back to Göttingen

Depending on the need (number of arriving participants), there will be a transport of the participants free of cost with vans to **Schierke**. There, the participants will wait in the **Hotel König** and there is also the possibility for a common dinner (not included in the starting fee).



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Attention: As a lack of capacity, only officially registered participants can use the transport service (Brocken summit – Schierke). All friends and relatives which have welcomed their heroes at the summit must go back down at their own responsibility (helpful are sleighs, skis and other funny things to ride!)! Please note well that the last train leaves already at 17:23 o'clock at the summit; one earlier train leaves already at 14:51 o'clock! Don't forget lamps if applicable, as it will be dark as of 17:00 o'clock !

Around expectedly 21h30 there will be the common return journey to Göttingen in a travel bus (for those who have booked this optional service during their registration). Up to 6 bikes from accompanying bikers can be transported (please inform us about this in the field "comments" when registering). Expected arrival time in Göttingen will be approximately 23h00. Please take this into consideration when planning your further journey back home!

Participants who expect a fast run may want to organise themselves in smaller groups and arrange an earlier transport back with the taxi company Minicar (see also [arrival](#)) as from Schierke in order to avoid long waiting times. The price should be similar compared to the transfer back in the small bus.

An individual way back home from Schierke is also possible of course. Schierke is the nearest location to park private cars (strict control of the Brockenstraße by the administration of the National Park – in your own interest please respect the blocking - otherwise we will risk that there won't be a BC 2011!!!).

Close-up meeting

There will be a close-up meeting on Friday, 12. Feb. 2010 at 7 p.m. in the bio-organic Café Inti, downtown Göttingen, Burgstraße 17 (Wilhelmsplatz).

All participants, helpers, friends and relatives are welcome!