



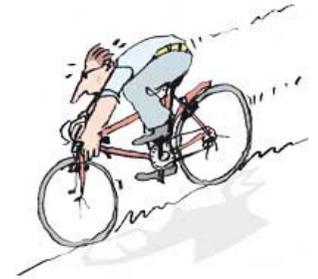
Learn all about how KISC helps the environment on this self guided trail around our site

Point 1

The environmental trail starts outside the New Chalet

Can you see the Bicycles? Staff members use bicycles to get around. This means we only use the car or van when we really need to. There are bicycle trailers for taking equipment and supplies to the Campsite from the Chalet.

If you look through the window near where the bikes are parked, you will see our workshop. Here at KISC we try to repair things instead of replacing them, and we build most of our own bedroom furniture and do our own building projects where we can. If you have a room in the Old Chalet, your bed was built by a Pinkie!



Point 2

The Guest Kitchens

Take a look in the recycling centre. What can you recycle? Are the guests recycling properly? It is very important that they do. If things are put in the wrong containers the KISC staff have to sort them out and that is not a very nice job!

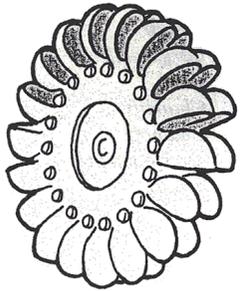
Can you see all the lights around the building? We use energy saving light bulbs and a lot of the lights are timed and on motion sensors to save energy too. We also have signs asking the guests to turn off the lights as they leave a room.



Point 3

The Bridge

Look back at the Chalet, can you see the chimneys? Is there smoke coming out of any of them? The Chalet uses a wood burning stove to heat the rooms and all the water. This is a very efficient system and environmentally friendly.



You are standing over the River Kander. It is that creamy colour because the water has melted from the Kanderfirn Glacier, 14 Km away. Its full of minerals from the glacier. These minerals are very bad for your stomach so don't drink it!

85% of our electricity here in the village is generated in the hydro electric power plant that uses an underground river that flows from the lake in Oescheninsee.

Point 4

Campsite Gate

From the entrance of the campsite you can see an avenue of trees. All of the original trees on the campsite were planted by Scouts from all over the world. Most were planted before the 1931 World Rover Moot, held at the Centre. The chief forester planted nearly 30,000 trees in one summer, with the help of local Swiss Scouts.

Point 5

BP Circus

Some of the trees have damaged bark. A lot of this is caused by animals. On the campsite, however, much of the damage is due to careless Scouts. Even small cuts to the bark are very harmful to a tree as the growing part of the tree is just underneath the bark. Please be careful with the trees.

Many of the trees in Switzerland are sick as a result of the combination of air pollution, climate and the bark beetle (which attacks already sick trees, eventually killing them). Look at the trees. You can see that many of the fir trees have needles missing and ill-looking branches. Sick trees are easier to blow down in a storm.

One type of Bark Beetle



Point 6

Sunny Sauna!

Can you see our Finnish Sauna and new toilet block? If you walk around to the back of the buildings you can see the solar panels on the roof. All of the hot water for the showers is heated by the sun. This energy is free and we will never run out of sunshine!

Point 7

Tower Power

The tower is heated using a very special heating system. Can you see the train tunnel? (Please do not try to get close to the tunnel, the trains come out very fast!) The tunnel is very wet inside, and the water that comes out of the tunnel is warm. We take all that water and we use it to heat the tower. This saves a lot of energy and it works all year round.



Point 8

The New Wood Compound

Do you remember how the Chalet is heated? Almost all of the wood that we burn to heat the Chalet and the water comes from our own forests. Each Spring and Autumn we cut down trees from the campsite and the Higgledy Piggledy Woods. We manage our trees responsibly, we never cut down a tree unless we really need to and we have a forester who helps us look after our trees. The wood we use in the wood burning stove is stored for at least two years so it's very dry and burns very cleanly.

Point 9

The Filfalle

The Filfalle is an area of marsh protected by Swiss Law. Wetlands like this are very rare in Switzerland. The Filfalle contains many unusual plants, insects and animals. Before the Lötschberg tunnel was built the whole campsite was like this. We are very proud of the Filfalle, and we take our duty to protect it very seriously.

