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”Our alpine pastures are essential for both farming and leisure and must therefore be maintained. We want to make people aware that there are certain rules that apply when crossing these areas – for their own safety and for the protection of animals and nature. “



President of the Tirolean Chamber of Agriculture
Josef Hechenberger

”Only thanks to the work of our farmers can our pastures be preserved in their current form. I call on visitors to respect the signs, instructions and rules so that we can all continue to enjoy these pastures together. “

Please pay particular attention to the following signs:



Cows, sheep, horses – many different kinds of animals can be found on alpine pastures. They all want to be left alone to graze in peace. This sign indicates that there are animals grazing on this pasture. Please keep a safe distance. Cross the pasture quickly and quietly.



Mother cows have a strong instinct to protect their young from danger. Therefore, please do not stroke or disturb cows and calves. Keep a safe distance at all times. Walk around grazing animals leaving plenty of space, especially if you have a dog with you.



These signs show alternative paths leading around the pasture. Walkers with dogs in particular should take these alternative routes in order to avoid crossing pastures with grazing animals.

A mountain pasture is not a petting zoo!

Be careful when coming into contact with grazing animals. Visitors should be familiar with some basic behaviour patterns of grazing animals in order to avoid dangerous situations.

Herds of cows can be divided into three main categories:

Herds with mother cows

These herds are made up of mother cows and their calves. Mother cows have a strong impulsive instinct to protect their young. If adult males (bulls) are among the herd, please be particularly careful.

Herds of young cows

Young cows are high-spirited, very active and curious. They are not aggressive, but their boisterous nature can lead to uncontrolled movements.

Herds of dairy cows

Dairy cows are milked every day and therefore used to close contact with humans. Nevertheless, they also want to be left alone to graze in peace and enjoy their summer in the mountains.

Enjoying Austria's mountain pastures together

TEN RULES ON HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND GRAZING ANIMALS



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10 rules

on how to behave around grazing animals

Austria's farmers make an important contribution to maintaining our country's natural landscape. As a visitor, we ask you to treat this landscape with respect and to adapt your behaviour. The following ten rules indicate the correct way to act when crossing alpine pastures.

