

# SCHWARZSEE

## FOR THE MOST RELAXING FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Lake Schwarzsee, covering an area of 0.5 km<sup>2</sup>, nestles romantically in the Fribourg Pre-Alps. The small village that shares its 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 Brecca nature reserve, a natural heritage site of national importance, was hollowed out by glaciers and is one of the most beautiful and unspoilt Alpine valleys in Switzerland.

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 been an unrivalled visitor attraction for 33 years: ice palaces and grottos invite visitors to discover a fairy tale world of ice and light.

Pure magic! The illuminated ice slide is a real favourite with kids. There is also the new 'Light in the Forest' outdoor display where visitors of all ages will fall under the spell of the sweet animated forest creatures. The Schwarzsee skiing area is also very family-friendly.

Schwarzsee is ideal for an active summer holiday in the mountains. There is something for everyone: panoramic hiking trails and the 'Häxewääg' (Witch's Trail) for children, cool mountain bike routes, a bike trail and bike park, as well as a mini-golf course, stand up paddling, swimming, fishing, boating, a summer mountain coaster, monster scooters, and much more. Schwarzsee does its utmost to live up to its reputation as a destination for nature enthusiasts.

There are very many legends and fairy tales about Schwarzsee. Why is the lake called the 'Black Lake'? The giant Gargantua washed his muddy feet in the lake, turning the water dark and murky! >>



## ALPINE DESCENT



**Tradition** – The ‘désalpe’ 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 are popular with everyone, from families to visitors from all over the world. >>

## SENSE HEART TRAIL



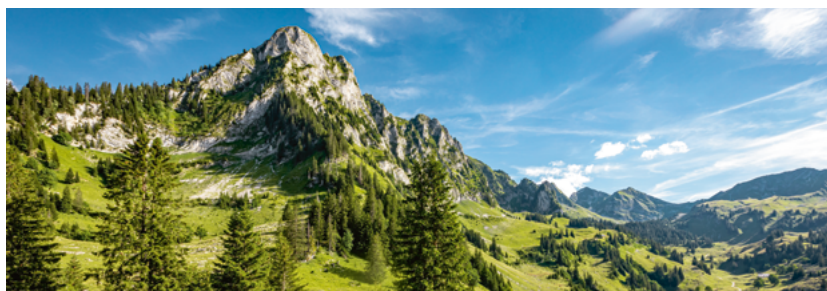
**E-bike round tour** – The 72-kilometre-long Heart Route Circular Trail No. 299 has every chance of achieving cult status. The Sense river is worth taking the time to explore: it is, after all, “an Alpine wild river of excellence” according to the WWF. The rolling Alpine foothills form natural river valleys with valuable pastureland, forests and hills and invite visitors to explore the area by e-bike or bicycle. The free Sense Heart Trail map can be ordered online. >>

## ICE PALACES



**Winter wonderland** – An enchanting, illuminated dream world awaits warmly dressed visitors two kilometres away from Schwarzsee. You can also observe the cute animated creatures in the new ‘Light in the Forest’ display. >>

## PRIMEVAL LANDSCAPE



**Round tour** – The four-hour walk around the wild and romantic landscape of the Brecca Valley begins with a chairlift ride to the top of the Riggisalp (1,493 m). Now a conservation area, this beautiful valley was hollowed out by glaciers. The limestone cliffs, whose white teeth stretch up to the sky above the green Alpine pastures, are truly magical. Along the way, stop for a fondue at the little Alpine restaurant St. Antoni Brecca (1,400 m), and finish with meringues and double cream at the Hubel Rippe Alpine hut (1,140 m). >>

## KEY DATES

- 19<sup>th</sup> c.** Sulphurous water is used for therapeutic baths
- 1996** The Brecca primeval landscape is registered in the Federal Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments of National Importance
- 2020** The playground ‘Dragonland Kaiseregg’ on the Riggisalp opens

## IN NUMBERS

- Population:**  
634 inhabitants (village),  
3,595 inhabitants (commune)
- Language:** German
- Altitude:** 1,047 m