

Media release

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Successful Clean-up Day on Gemsstock

Nearly 60 people gathered at the valley station of the Gemsstock gondola in beautiful weather last Saturday. They had come to participate in Clean-up Day, which the SkiArena had organised together with the NGO Summit Foundation. After fortifying themselves with a small snack, they set out into the terrain, in some cases at up to 3,000 metres above sea level, collecting things that don't belong in the countryside. As in the past, the litter was weighed and sorted so that it could be disposed of properly. Hot topic during the after-work refreshment: Who made the most unusual find?

This year, Clean-up Day was held on Gemsstock for the first time. That gave the roughly 60 volunteers the unique opportunity to take the gondola in summer up to Gurschen and Gemsstock. As another highlight, the teams on Gurschen took the chairlift back to the mid-station. This exclusive ride brought a smile especially to the faces of the 17 children on hand.

Interesting finds

Once again, surprising items were found: ancient skis, hotel key cards, jewellery and articles of clothing. Under the chairlift, there were a great number of cigarette butts, tissues and snack wrappers. The workers also found SkiArena material on and alongside the ski pistes that had been snowed over. At the valley station, the Summit Foundation weighed the trash bags, and then the material was sorted. In all, about 260 kilogrammes of litter was collected, most of it recyclable. To the great joy of the children, the prize for the most unusual find went to two girls, who found a metal wheel in the middle of the countryside.

Figures



Nearly 60 volunteers, including 17 children



About 260 kilogrammes of litter



About 80 percent of the litter was recyclable



A 5-franc coin, a 2-franc coin and a necklace

Andermatt Responsible

Clean-up Day was carried out as part of [Andermatt Responsible](#), our initiative for tourism operations in the Andermatt region that are environmentally friendly and preserve resources. The [Andermatt Responsible Progress Report 2022](#) provides an overview of current ESG projects, key environmental figures and the carbon footprint of the Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG and the Andermatt Swiss Alps Group.

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The SkiArena Andermatt Sedrun operates the ski areas Gemsstock, Nätschen-Gütsch-Schneehüenerstock and Sedrun-Oberalp. The cableways transport about 500,000 guests per year. The SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun also operates 13 mountain catering operations, the Swiss Snowsports School Andermatt and the sport shop Gleis 0. The operating company Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG is a subsidiary of Vail Resorts.

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