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NEW LIFE ON THE KLEWENALP



Two years ago the "Klewenalpbahn" went into bankruptcy. Like so many other alpine railways and cable cars, the "Klewenalpbahn" suffered greatly from reduced patronage, particularly in winter times because of lack of snow. Although the cable cars never actually stopped operating, all plans for renovation and future developments came to a halt.

At long last, after 2 years in the wilderness, a rescue plan was set up by a group of interested parties: The owners of the Alp, the "Gemeinde Beckenried", the owners of holiday homes on the Alp, politicians from Nidwalden, local personalities, private investors, the Federal Government and the authorities of the Canton Nidwalden. The 20 year old cable

cars had to be replaced, the mountain restaurant renovated, a new terrace with bar was built and a series of new tourist facilities and attractions built on the Klewenalp itself. Amongst these were the creation of a children's zoo, a Marmot park, a children's rock climbing park and paths have been improved to connect the Klewenalp with the nearby "Emmetten-Stockhütte" cable cars. Special paths will be made available for the mountain bikies and a training school for hang-gliders put into operation. The difference in altitude of some 1000 M between the Klewenalp and the Vierwaldstättersee is a great attraction for enthusiasts of this sport. Since 'landings' will often occur in the lake itself, special instructions are given on how to handle such 'wet' landings.

Wintersports are also to be developed with the building of new skilifts and tow bars. The future will tell whether all these efforts will generate new interest and attract more tourists to the Klewenalp.

OPPOSITION TO POWER STATIONS ON THE RHINE

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