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## **Press release**

SWISS SLACKLINE – Swiss Slackline Federation

# **Transalp Waterline Tour #5 – Slackline extravaganza above the water**

***- The fifth waterline tour through Switzerland is going to take place from the 1st to the 7th of September 2014***

***- Swiss Slackline, the umbrella organisation of the swiss slackline associations, is organising the Transalp Waterline Tour***

***Bern, August 2014: The most beautiful waterline spots Switzerland has to offer and a world record attempt of over 300 meters (~1000 ft) – all this and more is waiting for over a hundred slackliners from Switzerland and Europe, who have signed up for the tour***

The Transalp Waterline Tour starts directly after the Bern City Slack, which is the biggest Swiss slackline festival (29.-31. August) in the country, and visits the most beautiful waterline spots in Switzerland for the fifth time already. It starts out with waterlines over the Aare in Berne and continues via Sion and the Gotthard pass (2100 meters above sea level) to Flims. Each stop offers the possibility of rigging up to 20 lines. There will be everything: from novice lines starting at 15 meters (~45 ft) up to the world record attempt in Flims with a length of over 300m (~1000 ft).

Over 100 slackliners from Switzerland and all over Europe have already signed up for the 5<sup>th</sup> Transalp Waterline tour, using Facebook. The participants will be traveling together from spot to spot, by car or public transportation. Depending on the weather the nights will be spent on campgrounds, in cars, tents, hammocks or simply in a sleeping bag below the stars.



The tourstops:

- **Bern – Monday, 1st of September**

Lines will be rigged over the Aare river at different locations along the river. The city offers a breath-taking setting for the slackliners, skilfully balancing on their synthetic webbings.

- **Sion – Tuesday and Wednesday, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September**

On Tuesday morning the tour continues to Sion. Several waterlines will be rigged over the idyllic lake called Les Iles, which is right at the foot of the Alps. The slackliners stay on the campground, which is right next to the spot, until the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

- **Gotthard pass – Thursday and Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September**

Several ice-cold lakes, sometimes even framed with snow, are waiting to be rigged with waterlines, 2100 metres above sea level – a wetsuit is recommended against the cold. The slackliners will continue to Flims in the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

- **Flims – Saturday and Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September**

The beautiful Cauma Lake in Flims is going to be rigged with a bunch of waterlines, including a water-spaceline, where three lines are connected in the middle. It is also in Flims, where the waterline world record attempt will take place.

The most beautiful locations, the best slackliners, one world record attempt and breath taking imagery – the 5th Transalp Waterline Tour, from the 1st to the 7th of September 2014, promises all of this. Directly after the tour many will travel to the Dolomites to visit the highline festival on the Monte Piana. Never have there been as many slackline festivals and active slackliners as in 2014. The sport is on the rise. Keep it slack!

More Information:

Facebook Event

[www.facebook.com/events/313913462096887](http://www.facebook.com/events/313913462096887)

Transalp Waterline Tour video from 2013:

<https://vimeo.com/83403651>

**Infobox:**

**Slacklining in Switzerland**

In 2006 the first slackline sets were sold in Switzerland. Together with Austria, Germany and Brazil one of the highest density of slackliners relative to the overall population can be found here. The sport was originally born in the climbing community in California. Over the course of the last few years, first slackline associations have formed in the urban centres of the country, which were combined to form Swiss Slackline, the Swiss Slackline Federation.

Basic Principles of Slacklining:

[www.swiss-slackline.ch/grundsaeetze.html](http://www.swiss-slackline.ch/grundsaeetze.html)

Commonly asked questions concerning the sport of Slacklining (german):

<http://www.swiss-slackline.ch/flyer.html>

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Abb. 1: Peter Auer on a 85m long Waterline over Caumasee, Flims, Graubünden

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Abb. 2: Jérémy Thétaz on a Space Waterline in Wallis

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**Abb. 3: Thomas Spöttl on a 105m long Waterline close to Sion, Wallis**

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