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This terrestrial photograph was taken during the HMRSC-IX post-symposium field excursion on 20 September 2006. It shows the north-eastern face of Großglockner (3798 m), the highest peak of Austria. The Großglockner Massif is located in the Hohe Tauern within the National Park area. The photograph shows the upper part of the slope down to the largest glacier of Austria "Pasterze". From this famous and well known glacier one of the traditional mountain routes goes up via the "Hofmannskees" and the "Adlersruhe" (3451m, alpine). The ascent to the summit proceeds along the so called "Glocknerleitl" (glaciated small and steep slope) up to the Kleinglockner (3770m). The difficult arête between the Kleinglockner and Großglockner is the exit of the famous "Pallavicini couloir" (a more than 500 m high steep angled climbing route in ice and rock). Down below on the Glockner Kees (glacier) huge crevasses can be recognised.