Huts & Hiking

Huts, Mountains & Tarns



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to the Valley of Mountain Huts

Hiking across flower-strewn alpine meadows, enjoying the views from a mountaintop, breathing in the fresh air of the forest, and grabbing a bite to eat at a mountain hut — this is what an Alpine Summer in GrossarItal is all about.

As you explore roughly 400 km of marked hiking paths, discover the extraordinary diversity of nature in our Valley of Mountain Huts.

Why Valley of Mountain Huts?

Approximately 40 huts in GrossarItal open their doors to passersby throughout the summer months.

Such density and quality is unique, both in Salzburger Land and likely in all of Austria. That is why people have nicknamed our valley, with includes the hiking village of GrossarI and the mountaineering village of Hüttschlag, the "Valley of Mountain Huts".

For further information about hiking holidays in Grossarltal, please visit www.grossarltal.info/hiking

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All important information about our huts, along with tips for great hikes to area mountains and tarns, have been compiled for you in this brochure.

The German word "Alm" actually embraces two concepts: on the one hand it refers to an area of alpine pastures, on the other to a mountain hut. That said, every "Alm" in Grossarltal is tended with an abundance of care and love. Aside from looking after their guests, they have many other tasks to attend to. The animals need to be kept fed, the cows milked, cheese and butter produced, and a whole lot more. We actually owe our magical alpine meadows to the efforts of the hill farmers, allowing us to enjoy the breathtaking landscapes to the fullest.

To find out which huts are currently open, please click here: www.grossarltal.info/open-huts





Salzburger Almenweg



The Salzburger Almenweg is a long-distance hiking path through the Salzburger Pongau region. 4 of the 25 stages in total run through Grossarltal. And be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the "Almenweg

Schmankerl": At the huts along the Salzburger Almenweg in Grossarltal, they serve a selection of delicious specialties that you simply have to sample. Participating trailside huts display the symbol of the blue gentian.

Alpine Summer Huts



In Salzburger Land, 170 Alpine Summer Huts received certification based on a set of stringent criteria, guaranteeing guests a truly authentic hill-country experience. Here in Grossarltal, too,

many huts have received this prestigious recognition.

Austrian Hiking Seal of Quality



Grossarltal was the first region in Salzburg province and only the second region in all of Austria to receive the Austrian Hiking Seal of Quality. In order to continually assure high hiking

standards, hiking villages are subject to thorough, regular inspections.

Hohe Tauern Panorama Trail



The Hohe Tauern Panorama Trail is an extraordinary hiking experience on 17 daily stages panorama spanning a distance of 275 km. The start of the trail is next to Krimml Waterfalls, and it finishes at the mountaineering village of Hüttschlag.

Signage on Hiking Trails

All hiking trails in Grossarltal are uniformly marked with yellow trail signs. At popular starting points, you will also find detailed display boards with large panoramic images. Additionally, you will frequently encounter red-white-red markings along the trails, for example on trees and rocks, indicating that you are indeed on a marked trail.

Difficulty Levels:

- Easy (blue): Walking paths and simple hiking trails, often lanes cutting through forests and alpine meadows with minimal elevation changes.
- Moderate (red): Mostly mountain hiking paths, some of which may be narrower and quite precipitous. Steep stages along the path are possible. Surefootedness is occasionally required. Sturdy, ankle-high footwear is recommended.
- Difficult (black): Challenging mountain hiking paths and alpine trails, often narrow and steep. Surefootedness, a head for heights, and sturdy footwear are essential.

Classification as easy | moderate | difficult assumes ideal, summertime conditions. Depending on the weather, season, and snow conditions, this can easily change. Signage does not apply during the winter months.

On the yellow trail signs, you will find:

- » Difficulty level» Hiking destination
- » Refreshment opportunities
- » Hikina time*
- » Trail number



*) Calculation of hiking time: Approximately 300 meters of elevation gain and around 4 km distance per hour (uphill).



Hiking Map and Digital Touring Map

All hiking trails are clearly marked on the Grossarltal Hiking Map (published by Athesia Buch GmbH geomarketing). The mountain huts and hiking destinations described in this brochure can be found in the specified grid square (GSQ) on the hiking map. You can purchase the map for \leqslant 6.50 at the Grossarltal Tourist Office where, with your guest card, you will even receive a \leqslant 2.00 discount.

Additionally, all hiking routes can be viewed on Outdooractive and Komoot. These online route planners and navigation apps can be used for all kinds of hiking, biking, etc. Here, you can easily find essential information such as elevation profiles, time estimates, and tips for each tour using your smartphone or computer.

IMPORTANT: Local trail closures (e.g., due to storm damage or logging work) must always be observed!



Outdooractive



touren.grossarltal.info/en



Komoot



www.komoot.de/ user/grossarltal



Hiking Safely

"A summit only belongs to you once you have made it back down – until then, you belong to it." – Hans Hammerlander, South Tyrolean extreme climber.

Good planning of your hike or mountaineering tour is crucial to reaching the mountain hut or summit and returning to the valley safely. To ensure your hikes are enjoyable, please bear in mind the following tips:

Before the Tour:

- » Plan your hike or mountain tour in detail ahead of time. Information can be obtained from hiking maps, brochures, hiking portals (e.g., Komoot, Outdooractive), your hosts, or from staff at mountain huts.
- » Check the weather before you start. Weather can change rapidly in the summer. Turn back without delay if a thunderstorm threatens.

During the Hike:

- » Stay on marked trails.
- » Accurately assess your own abilities and those of your companions (especially children).
- » Hike at the pace of the slowest member of your group. Start slowly and take plenty of breaks.
- » Notify your hosts, hut staff, or friends of your hiking destination and planned return time.
- » Enter your destination and route in hut and summit logbooks provided. This may help locate you faster in case of an emergency.
- » Be aware of falling rocks, which can easily be dislodged by animals or other hikers.
- » Pack out your own trash and keep the mountains clean.
- » Avoid contact with grazing livestock (see page 10).
- » Be considerate of other trail users (hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers).
- » Avoid the habitats of wild animals (see page 11).



Equipment and Clothing:

- » A first-aid kit and a charged cell phone are vital in emergencies.
- » Sturdy shoes with a good tread are a basic requirement for all hikes.
- » Always carry enough to drink and a small snack.
- » Weather in the mountains can change quickly, so always have protection against the rain and cold.
- » Ensure you have adequate sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, head covering).
- » Always carry cash! Most mountain huts do not accept card payments.

Tip: Mountain huts that are accessible even in rain or bad weather are marked with a .

Any hiking equipment you need can be purchased at these sporting goods stores:

Sports Stores

Schuh-Sport Kendlbacher - Sport 2000

Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 210 info@sport-kendlbacher.com www.sport-kendlbacher.com

Intersport Lackner

Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 269 office@sport-lackner.at www.sport-lackner.at



Beware of Grazing Livestock

Alpine pastures are a habitat for grazing animals during the summer months. Always remember:

- » Avoid contact with livestock, do not feed the animals, and keep your distance.
- » Keep quiet and do not startle the animals.
- » Mother cows protect their calves; avoid encounters involving young animals, mother cows, and dogs.
- » Always keep dogs under control and on a short leash. However, if an attack by a grazing animal appears imminent, let your pet off the leash immediately!
- » Do not stray from hiking trails.
- » If livestock is blocking the path, bypass them, maintaining as much distance as possible.
- » If an animal approaches you: Remain calm, do not turn your back, step aside and allow the animal to pass.
- » Leave the pasture quickly if you notice any signs of the animals becoming restless.
- » Pay attention to fences! If there is a gate, use it, close it properly after passing through, and cross the pasture as quickly as possible.

Tip: Livestock are accustomed to being herded with a stick. That said, you may command more respect with a hiking stick. Often, merely raising the stick is all it takes.





Respect Your Boundaries

People who love nature do what they can to protect it.

Nature relies on respect and tolerance towards different creatures and plant species. We humans also have our own place here.

For our own safety and to protect the world around us, we need to follow a few simple rules:

- » Always stay on marked trails and heed what signs say:
- » Wild animals get used to humans on these trails and are able to avoid them. This helps prevent disruption to their resting zones and avoid causing them unnecessary stress.
- » Keep quiet and refrain from making loud noises.
- » Take all trash back home with you, never leave it in nature.
- » Keep dogs on a leash: Dogs running loose are a threat to young animals especially, both wildlife and livestock.







Trailheads

At the most popular starting points for hikes and mountain tours, you will find designated parking areas for hikers. These parking areas are signposted from the main roads. The map also shows you where these parking spots are located.

Important: Only park in designated areas to avoid obstructing agricultural and forestry vehicles or emergency responders!

Hiking Taxis & Buses

Hiking taxis and buses bring you easily and inexpensively to the best starting points for your hikes – no car necessary! Detailed information about schedules is available in the "Summer Information" brochure or at www.grossarltal.info/hiking-taxi. If you need a taxi at another time or to a different destination, you can also contact one of the taxi companies directly.

Tip: With a guest card, you can ride the bus throughout GrossarItal for just € 1.00 per person per trip. Hikes featuring a trailhead that is accessible by bus are marked with a . This lets you see at a glance which tours are doable using public transportation.

Three mountain huts are even accessible by car. These are marked in the brochure with a car symbol . Please note: For some huts, there is a barrier where you will have to pay a fee. Also: Taxis can take you to many other mountain huts. Regularly scheduled hut services provided by taxi companies are listed in the current events calendar at www.grossarltal.info/events. For additional taxi services, contact one of the taxi companies directly.

Taxi 600: +43 (0) 6414 / 600

Taxi Raab: +43 (0) 664 / 90 62 850





Guided Hikes

Explore the mountain world of Grossarltal and its alpine pastures together on a guided hike. Throughout the summer, weekly hikes led by trained mountain and hiking guides are offered to huts and summits in Grossarltal. Hiking opportunities include challenging mountaineering tours, scenic high-elevation hikes, captivating fairytale walks, relaxing yoga strolls, and very educational alpine flower hikes.

Fairytale Walks

Take part in guided Fairytale Walks during which you can enjoy nature whilst discovering mountain flowers and herbs, and listen to stories and flute music from Andrea Seer. www.erlebnis-wanderungen.com

Herb Hikes

Maria Feyersinger leads guided herb hikes. Experience the healing benefits of the forest with body, mind, and soul as you also discover the benefits of forest bathing. www.leib-und-seele.at

BER ESUND

Safety, expertise, and an intense mountain experience are the focus of the BERG-GESUND association. The program includes challenging summit tours as well as opportunities to slow down in nature, practice yoga amid alpine pastures, paraglide, and climb. Best of all: Their tours are free for guests staying at member establishments. www.berg-gesund.at



For exact dates, additional information, and registration, check the events calendar at www.grossarltal.info/events

Overnights at Mountain Huts



Have you always wanted to experience life in the mountains and even spend the night up at a hut? Well, that's just what vou can do at 20 mountain huts here in Grossarltal.

Please be aware:

- » Mountain huts are usually very basic (dormitory beds, simple sanitary facilities, etc.). When you book, check what you need to bring with you for the overnight stay.
- » Book your hut overnight well in advance. The huts generally have limited capacity for overnight stays, and multi-day hikes are very popular.
- » Most huts serve homemade and local products (bread, cheese, bacon, butter, etc.). Some also offer soups or simple hot meals.

Biking up to the Hut 🚴



Many mountain huts are accessible by mountain bike or e-mountain bike via forestry lanes. Pay attention to mountain bike signs and only ride on marked trails. More information can be found in the brochure "Biking in Grossarltal - Tours & Tips" (only in German).



Hiking Pins

When you hike to mountain huts, summits, and lakes in Grossarltal, you can also collect points that you can then use to purchase your handmade Salzburger Land hiking pin for $\leq 5.50 \ (\leq 3.50 \ \text{with guest card}).$

For children, in addition to the purchasable hiking pins, there are also free fun buttons.

How to collect points:

Via App: Download the "Summit Lynx" app on your smartphone and collect points during your hikes in Grossarltal in order to earn hiking pins.

Or with the Stamp Passbook: Stop by the GrossarItal Tourist Office to pick up your free passbook in which to collect stamps towards your hiking pins.









Sticker book

Collect stickers and learn all about life at a hill farm in the Alps. At the Grossarltal Tourist Office, you can pick up the free sticker book "Come with us to the Alm!" (only in German). It contains valuable information about mountain huts as well as life on the alpine pastures, farms, forests, and in nature. You can get stickers to go into the book directly from the mountain hut you are visiting.

Stroller-Friendly Paths



Families with young children will find Grossarltal, the Valley of Mountain Huts, ultra accommodating. We have numerous paths, for example, that are suitable for hiking with a stroller. Most of the tours lead you along a gravel pathway to a hut. A basic level of fitness is required whenever you hike with a stroller, since you will have to push the stroller uphill to reach most huts. However, the effort is definitely well worth it.

Playgrounds at Mountain Huts 🖼



Fun and games during your hike, and when you get to the mountain hut. Nature is the biggest playground. When hiking with children, always set aside extra time for balancing on tree trunks, listening to animal sounds, or splashing in the water. This makes the journey to the hut a very special experience. Many huts have great playgrounds with slides, swings, and much more. But the most magnificent playground is nature itself. Be sure to check out the tips in our brochure "Playful Hikes" (only in German).

Themed Paths

Hike from chapel to chapel and find the peace you long for. Engage all your senses and learn something new on fascinating nature walks. On the themed trails in Grossarltal, you will discover renewed sources of energy.

Chapel Hiking Path

Walks along the Chapel Path are a form of fitness for body, mind, and soul. Starting from the parish church in Grossarl, this pilgrimage way leads along footpaths and walking trails from chapel to chapel, taking you past the parish church in Hüttschlag and continuing to the valley head (about 17 km in total). The "Chapel Path" brochure (only in German) offers thought-provoking reflections, good wishes, and short texts to contemplate during the walk.

Hüttschlag Bible Path

At the end of GrossarItal, in Hüttschlag, this remarkable Bible Path has been created. It is a beautiful walk, with various stations depicting stories from the Old and New Testaments.





Way of the Cross

In an area of Grossarl known as Au, Georg Gruber ("Maurer Schorsch") meticulously crafted a Way of the Cross in the heart of the forest utilizing his extraordinary artisanal skills. This place is a special oasis of power and silence, and is considered one of the most beautiful spots in Grossarltal. Here, you will find both Hubertus Chapel and the Way of the Cross, consisting of 5 small chapels, each depicting three stations of Jesus' path to crucifixion.

Themed Trail "To the Alm"

On the way to the Modereggalm, you will discover the scenic, aptly named themed trail "To the Alm." Along this pathway, info boards describe life at a mountain hut in harmony with nature, along with the communal experience of hiking in the mountains. This is a project sponsored by Hohe Tauern National Park.

Nature Trail into Schödertal

This nature trail starts at the valley head in Hüttschlag (next to Gasthof Talwirt), passes by the Kreealm waterfall, and continues, first to the valley head, then into Schödertal. Some 50 info boards provide insights into natural history, folk medicine, and the history of Grossarltal. More information about the hike to Schödersee can be found on page 53.

Niggeltalalm (Igltalalm), 1.507 m

Hettegger Family - Brunnach Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 1255724 niggeltalalm@gmail.com

Start: Himmelsknoten parking area

Hiking time (out): ca. 1 hour Ascent: 200 vm

Trail No.: 31 | GSQ: I/5



The Niggeltalalm, also known as the Igltalalm, is most easily accessed via the forestry lane from the Himmelsknoten parking area. This over 90-year-old hut with its rustic dining room was lovingly renovated in 2001. Featuring a water wheel, a swing, petting animals, and cozy lounge chairs and bean bags, it is an ideal hiking destination for the entire family. During a break in your hike, as you munch on delicious, homemade products, there is much to see in Niggeltal; this valley boasts some of the most abundant wildlife in Grossarltal. With a bit of luck, you might even spot a chamois or marmots.

- » Just behind the hut is a beautiful cross.
- » An ideal stopover during a mountain tour up to the Heukareck.
- » The abundance of flowers in Niggeltal is quite unique.















Mooslehenalm, 1.449 m

Gruber Family - Mooslehen Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 8384 info@grossarlerhof.at

Start: Himmelsknoten parking area

Hiking time (out): ca. ½ hour

Ascent: 100 vm

Trail No.: 32 | GSQ: H/6



This easy hike is perfect for families with small children and/ or if you're pushing a stroller. Starting from the Himmelsknoten parking area, it takes about 30 minutes to walk along the forestry road to the Mooslehenalm. At the hut itself, there is ample space both inside and out for hungry hikers and bikers, who are treated to snacks, hot meals, and sweet pastries such as blueberry dumplings. Right next to the playground, goats and rabbits love to be petted gently by younger visitors. An overnight stay at the Mooslehenalm is a special highlight for families or groups of up to 13 people.

- » Full hiking loop: Niggeltalalm, Mooslehenalm, Viehhausalm.
- » An ideal stopover during a mountaineering tour to the Höllwand.















Viehhausalm, 1.640 m

Hettegger Family - Unterviehhaus Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 9216913 info@bauernhof-grossarl.at www.bauernhof-grossarl.at

Start: Himmelsknoten parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/4 hours

Ascent: 280 vm

Trail No.: 32 | GSQ: H/6



As you hike along the forestry lane past the Mooslehenalm, you will turn off onto a trail through the forest. The path continues over small steps and exposed roots up to the Viehhausalm. If you happen to be pushing a stroller or riding a bike, keep to the slightly longer but easier forestry lane. From the comfy hut terrace, you are treated to wonderful views of Grossarltal. A place where the lyrics of traditional Alpine songs are brought vividly to life, one reason why singers and musicians often gather here to play music together.

- » In the nature playground, everything is made from sustainable wood, including a large swing shaped like a chamois.
- » About 40 minutes walking distance from the hut and you will reach the Wetterkreuzsattel.



















Höllwand, 2.287 m - Heukareck, 2.100 m

Start: Himmelsknoten parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 7 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★

Tennköpfl or Schober.



From the starting point, this mountain tour begins by heading towards the Mooslehenalm. The route continues via the Schiedalm to the Schiedreitspitz. After a steepish climb, you reach a fork in the path. The trail to the right leads to the summit of the Höllwand, one of the few limestone peaks in Grossarltal. Descend the same way from the summit cross back to this junction, then continue in the direction of the Heukareck. On rocky terrain, the route initially crosses behind the Höllwand, then passes a hiking trail secured by a cable. Next, it descends slightly via an easier path before commencing the final ascent to the top of the Heukareck. From there, drop down to the Niggeltalalm, with short detours possible to the

Tip: Attentive nature watchers can often spot chamois in this area.



Aualm, 1.795 m

Lainer Family - Aubauer Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 341 info@aubauernhof.at www.aubauernhof.at

Start: parking area at the Aualmweg Hiking time (out): ca. 11/2 hours

Ascent: 370 vm

Trail No.: 34 | GSQ: G/7



The Aualm is a wonderful starting point for numerous hikes. From the parking area, it takes about 1 ½ hours via hiking paths to reach the hut. Alternatively, you can drive to the upper parking area (toll required), from where you have roughly a 20-minute walk to the hut. For persons with disabilities, there are a few parking spaces available in front of the hut itself. Your hike up is rewarded with a breathtaking valley view extending to the Hohe Tauern range. The milk from Pinzgauer cows is processed right there at the hut into valuable products such as cheese, butter, and yogurt. The big nature playground and animals to pet are certain to excite children.

- » An ideal stopover during a hike up the Schuhflicker.
- » Hike to Schuhflickersee or the Paarseen lakes.
- » Alpine hike from the Panorama- or Kieserlbahn lifts.



















Schuhflicker, 2.214 m - Schuhflickersee, 2.100 m

Start: parking area below the Aualm Hiking time (total): ca. 3 ¼ hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ***
Scenery & Experience: *****



GSQ: F/

From the Aualm, you can take the idyllic Almsteig or the trail to the Liechtensteinkopf and continue to the Aukopf. Here, you gaze out on two limestone mountains: on the right, the Arlspitze, which has several scrambling routes, and on the left, the Schuhflicker. The trail leads beneath the Arlspitze before reaching the final ascent to the summit of the Schuhflicker. A descent via the trail down to the Schuhflickersee is particularly beautiful, a lake you can already see from the summit. This small tarn is a wonderful photo op and perfect for a refreshing dip. After one final, short climb, you will descend across the broad cirque of the Aualm area back to the hut.

Tip: On the Schuhflicker, you can experience breathtaking sunrises and sunsets.



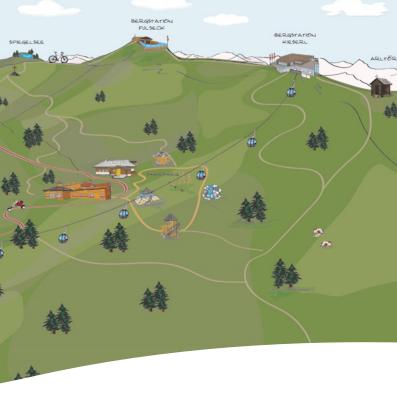


Lift Hikes

Hop aboard the Panoramabahn or Kieserlbahn gondolas for a comfortable ride up the mountain. The mountain terminals are ideal starting points for easy stroller-friendly walks as well as challenging tours of the mountains. Enjoy the comfy mountain restaurants along with an array of themed trails, bike routes, reservoirs, and more.

Action on Adventure Mountains

Looking for some action? How about a thrilling ride on a **mountain go-kart**? Bikers can take advantage of the **bike** link between Grossarl and Dorfgastein, or hurtle down the mountain on **single tracks**. In the **E-Trials Park** meanwhile, adventurers big and small can clock up lap after lap.



Summer Lifts in Grossarl

Pre-season: mid-May to end of June Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

High season: early July to mid-September - daily

Post-season: mid-September to the end of October

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Operating hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More information & prices: www.grossarltal.info/gondelbahn



Wolke 7, 1.954 m

Bergbund GmbH

Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 94100 info@wolke7grossarl.com www.wolke7grossarl.com

Start: Kieserlbahn mountain station

Hiking time (out): -

Ascent: -

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: F/10



Directly above the top station of the Kieserlbahn lift, you will find the modern, newly opened (2023) mountain restaurant. You can reach Wolke 7 effortlessly by gondola. However, there are countless opportunities for ambitious hikers as well. One highly recommended option is an alpine hike with breathtaking scenery from the Panoramabahn mountain station via the Kreuzkogel and Fulseck to Wolke 7. Additionally, Wolke 7 is an ideal starting point for a hike on the Schuhflicker or a leisurely stroll up the Fulseck. On the 360° panoramic terrace, you can enjoy the magnificent view while treating yourself to delicacies served by this mountain restaurant.

Tip: An ideal starting point for alpine hikes either to the Schuhflicker or the mountain station of the Panoramabahn lift.











Gipflstadl, 2.033 m

Rohrmoser Family - Hauserbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 6433 / 7339 info@hauserbauer.com www.hauserbauer.com

Start: Kieserlbahn mountain station

Hiking time (out): ca. ½ hour

Ascent: 80 vm

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: E/11



Hauserbauer's Gipflstadl is located at the highest point of the Grossarltal-Dorfgastein ski region: the Fulseck. The rustic hut and its fantastic sun terrace are popular not only with skiers but also hungry hikers. From the Kieserlbahn top station, you can take the beautiful alpine trail, climbing steadily towards the Fulseck and coming to Hauserbauer's Gipflstadl in about 30 minutes. For your return, you can either backtrack the same way or follow the hiking path in the direction of the Kreuzkogel across lovely high meadows as far as the Panoramabahn mountain station (walking time about 1 hour | also accessible with a stroller).

Tip: On the way to the Kreuzkogel, you will pass the Glocknerplatzl. This lookout point offers a breathtaking view of the surrounding mountains and the Grossglockner, Austria's highest peak.















Kreuzkogel, 2.027 m -Kieserl, 1.954 m

Start: Panoramabahn mountain station

Walking time: ca. 1 ½ hours

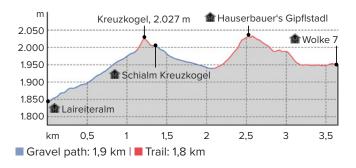
Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★
Scenery & Experience: ★★



GSQ: F/12

From the Panoramabahn mountain station, you can enjoy a leisurely hike across alpine meadows to your first summit, the Kreuzkogel. Continue on trail No. 36, which drops gradually for about 15 minutes before beginning your ascent to the highest point of the hike, the Fulseck, elev. 2,035 meters. A scenic alpine trail then descends gradually to the top station of the Kieserlbahn. Throughout your hike, you are treated to stunning views of the surrounding mountains.

Tip: Along the path, there are plenty of opportunities to take a refreshment break at mountain huts, play, or simply relax at one of the many quiet spots.



Schialm Kreuzkogel, 2.000 m

Laireiter Family Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 502 office@laireiter.at www.laireiter.at

Start: Panoramabahn mountain station

Walking time: ca. 1/2 hour

Ascent: 150 vm

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: F/12



From the Panoramabahn top station, you have about a 30-minute walk across mountain meadows to the Schialm. This short hike is perfect for the whole family and is very stroller-friendly. Consider making a brief stop at Naturplatzl. While skiers crowd this spot in winter, it becomes a popular hiking destination in summer. Just a few minutes from the Schialm is the Kreuzkogel. Children are thrilled by the small playground next to the hut, where they can play to their heart's content.

Tip: This area offers a variety of hiking opportunities. For instance, you can take easy hikes out to Spiegelsee or the Kreuzkogel, embark on a mountaineering expedition to the Schuhflicker, or complete a full hiking loop via the Harbachhütte back to the Panoramabahn top station.











Laireiteralm, 1.840 m

Laireiter Family Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 502 office@laireiter.at www.laireiter.at

Start: Panoramabahn mountain station

Walking time: -

Ascent: -

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: G/11



The Laireiteralm is located right at the summit station of the Panoramabahn lift, elev. 1.840 m. Whilst this is where skiers hit the slopes in winter, in summer hikers set off from here on various tours ranging in difficulty. The playground at the Laireiteralm, with a slide and go-karts, is a joy for kids. Thrill-seekers also get their fill of action here: hurtling down the lane on mountain go-karts or negotiating the single track by bike.

- » Mountains in Flames: The summer solstice is celebrated in particularly spectacular fashion at the Laireiteralm.
- » Ideal starting point for an alpine hike to the top station of the Kieserlbahn lift.













Harbachhütte, 1.683 m

Laireiter Family Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 502 office@laireiter.at www.laireiter.at

Start: Panoramabahn mountain station

Hiking time (out): ca. ½ hour

Descent: 120 vm

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: F/11



The Harbachhütte, operated by the Laireiter family, is ideal for a refreshment break and some quality time on the sunny terrace, both summer and winter. After riding up on the Panoramabahn gondola, the easiest and fastest route to the Harbachhütte leads via the forestry lane; perfect for the whole family and even usable with a stroller. After about 30 minutes, you'll already have reached the Harbachhütte at the foot of the Kreuzkogel. Either return the same way or take the hiking trail uphill, passing by the Schialm on the way to the Kreuzkogel, hiking down from there to the top station of the Panoramabahn followed by a comfortable ride back to the valley.

Tip: If you prefer not to hike uphill anymore, you can also drop down to the lift mid-stations instead.















Grossarl Path of the Senses

From the top station of the Panoramabahn, you can reach the Gehwolfalm in about 30 minutes. Just 5 minutes from the hut, you will discover the Path of the Senses. This pathway is based on the five elements: fire, water, earth, wood, and metal. From the wooden tower to the herb arbor and the pyramid, you will playfully discover each of the elements from one station to the next.

Tip: In the brochure for The Path of the Senses, you will learn all about the individual stations and have an opportunity to solve a puzzle. The brochure can be picked up at the Gehwolfalm.

Spiegelsee - Mountain lake

From the top station of the Kieserlbahn, it's about a one-hour hike via the Fulseck to Spiegelsee. If you start from the top station of the Panoramabahn, you will hike roughly 1½ hours, passing below the Kreuzkogel, until you reach the lake. Once there, on hot days, the popular Barefoot Path is a great way to cool off.

Ruhe Platzl - Places of Peace

The Ruhe Platzl are special spots on the mountain where you can feel nature and find peace. Relax on comfortable loungers, rustic wooden benches, and romantic porch-style swings.

Gehwolfalm, 1.675 m

Gschwandtl Family - Gehwolfbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 8646

info@gehwolfalm.com www.gehwolfalm.com

Start: Panoramabahn mountain station

Hiking time (out): ca. ½ hour

Descent: 130 vm

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: F/11



The easiest way to the Gehwolfalm is via the forestry road from the mountain station of the Panoramabahn. However, with so many hiking options in this area, the hut can also be reached via various other routes. Out on the big sun terrace or inside the rustic hut itself, hikers find plenty of space to rest and recuperate. The Gehwolfalm serves a selection of dishes including burgers, "Kaiserschmarrn", and soups, many of which feature ingredients produced in-house. For the return hike, you can take the same route or climb the Kreuzkogel, hiking from there back to the lift station. If you prefer to hike instead, trail No. 36 leads down to the lift mid-stations.

Tip: You will find the Grossarl Path of the Senses right next to the Gehwolfalm. This is a special place of power with stations to sharpen your senses and feel nature.

















Alpentaverne, 1.326 m

Unterkofler Family Tel.: +43 (0) 6414 / 500 info@alpentaverne.at www.alpentaverne.at

Start: lift mid-stations Hiking time (out): ca. 10 min

Asent: 50 vm

Trail No.: 36 | GSQ: H/10



Where hikers enjoy delicious meals, snug dining rooms, and stunning views from the terrace in summer, skiers are able to recharge their batteries in winter. Many routes lead to the Alpentaverne, with something for everyone. From the lift midstations (Panoramabahn and Kieserlbahn), you only have about a 10-minute uphill hike to the Alpentaverne. Starting from the top station of the Panoramabahn, the downhill hike takes about 1½ hours. From Grossarl, the hike to the Alpentaverne will take you about 1 ½ hours: Follow the "Rodelberg" road as far as the turn-off for the hiking trail leading to the Alpentaverne.

- » For all-out action, check out the E-Trials Park next to the Alpentaverne.
- » Reservations and opening hours: www.e-trial-park.at.















Gamssteig

The Gamssteig trail starts from the scenic plateau by the mountain station of the Panoramabahn. From the Gamsjaga-Platzl, a raised lookout hide with two telescopes, it winds down a romantic path in a series of switchbacks.

Tip: Collect stamps in the Gamsjaga Pass and complete the Gamsjaga Challenge (available at the lift ticket offices).

Himmelreichsee - Mountain Lake

From the Panoramabahn mountain station, it is about a 15-minute downhill walk to the Himmelreichsee. There, children can enjoy the "nature cinema", various play elements, and stations with fascinating information about life amid the alpine pastures.

Tip: At the valley station, you will receive a small puzzle booklet. With it, you can discover exciting facts about life at a hill farm with the help of Maria the dairymaid.



Aigenalm-Paulhütte, 1.280 m

Kreuzer Family - Paulbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 75003083 gkreuzer19@gmail.com

Start: Paulbauer parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/2 hours

Ascent: 380 vm Trail No.: 41 | GSQ F/13



The hike to the Aigenalm-Paulhütte begins at the Paulbauer in Niederaigen. The trail leads alongside a meadow before turning onto the forestry road. On the way up, you can take shortcuts via idyllic forest paths. Just before reaching the hut, you will see Aigenalm chapel. The last stretch to the Aigenalm-Paulhütte is flat. Once there, you can enjoy tasty snacks with a selection of homemade products. Fancy something sweet? The "Kaiserschmarrn" comes highly recommended! Children get to play and have fun on the slide or petting the animals.

- » A detour to the Aigenalm chapel is definitely worthwhile.
- » Hikes with a baby stroller are only possible from the Mandldorf parking area.





















Aigenalm-Mandlhütte, 1.342 m

Kreuzer Family - Mandlbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 699 / 12332658 kreuzer.alois@aon.at

Start: Mandldorf parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/4 hours

Ascent: 380 vm

Trail No.: 41 | GSQ: F/14



The Aigenalm-Mandlhütte is easy to reach and nestled beautifully amid the mountainous landscapes at the back of Aigenalm valley. At the fork to the Aigenalm-Paulhütte, the Mandlhütte is not vet visible, but after just a few more minutes, you'll actually come to the hut. Once there, you can enjoy a delicious snack with fresh farmhouse bread, still baked in traditional fashion inside a wood-fired oven. In late summer. peace & guiet returns to this hut as the hill farmers move their animals down to the Mandl-Hoamalm.

Tip: Gamssteig: This hiking trail leads from the Panoramabahn mountain station through the forest and downhill to the Aigenalmen. There, you will discover small info stations and opportunities for the kids to collect stamps.





















Bachalm, 1.535 m

Egger Family - Untereben Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 2026083 unterebenhof@aon.at

Start: parking area at Untereben farm Hiking time (out): ca. 2 hours

Ascent: 630 vm

Trail No.: 42 | GSQ: G/15



From the parking area at Untereben farm, the hike to the Bachalm begins along idyllic path No. 42B past the Hasler-Heimalm (not staffed). Continue on the forestry road or take shortcuts through the forest until you reach the Bachalm. Once there, you can truly enjoy the sense of peace and wonderful biodiversity of nature. A special feature of this particular hut is its open fireplace. And you will find yet another highlight outside: probably the most photographed toilet in Grossarltal!

- » The Bachalm is an ideal intermediate stop during extended tours, such as to the Frauenkogel.
- » Insider tip for mountain bikers.









Harbachalm, 1.612 m

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Start: Hinterfeld parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/2 hours

Ascent: 450 vm

Trail No.: 43 | GSQ: H/19



The Harbachalm is located in the area of the Tofernalm, the only miner's hut from the 17th century still in existence, and still welcoming guests. You can either hike the entire way along the forestry road or take to a hiking trail for the final stretch. In that case, you will cross a small bridge and hike across an idyllic alpine meadow to the Harbachalm. The hut is run by the Gschwandtl family. Lydia, a trained cook, treats hikers to specialties such as pulled beef (home-raised) and various varieties of homemade ice cream.

- » Menu with lots of variety.
- » Also accessible via a trail directly from Hüttschlag, hiking time + 1 hour.

















Gamskarkogelhütte, 2.465 m

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Start: Hinterfeld parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 4 ¼ hours

Ascent: 1.260 vm Trail No.: 43 | GSQ: F/19



The Gamskarkogelhütte stands on the summit of the Gamskarkogel, the highest grass mountain in Europe. This Alpine Association hut is actually one of the oldest mountain refuges in the Alps. From here, you have a breathtaking view extending from the Grossglockner, across the Dachstein and the Niedere Tauern, to the Hohe Tauern. Sunrises and sunsets are particularly beautiful, making overnight stays extremely popular (up to 20 people possible). The food at the hut varies depending on availability, since all supplies have to be brought up by helicopter or on foot. You have many options for the hike up, including from the Bachalm, Harbachalm, Aigenalmen, and from Gastein.

- » Online reservations for overnight stays are recommended.
- » Bike & Hike: First ride to the Tofernalm, then hike to the hut.













Gamskarkogel, 2.467 m - Frauenkogel, 2.424 m

Start: Hinterfeld parking area Walking time: ca. 8 ¾ hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ******

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: F/19

Full hiking loop across the highest grass mountain in Europe - this mountain tour is a really special experience. From the Harbachalm in Toferntal, you hike uphill over magical alpine meadows to the Gamskarkogel. Right next to the summit cross, you will be able to reenergize at the Gamskarkogelhütte. Then, after a brief descent, you will climb up to the Frauenkogel with its impressive summit cross. On the way down, enjoy the wonderful view, turning right at the Schmalzscharte. After the steep descent, you definitely deserve a refreshment stop at one of the Aigenalmen. You can also make your way down via the Bachalm and the picturesque Frauenkar.

Tip: For this tour, we recommend making use of the hiking taxi.



Reitalm, 1.600 m

Hettegger Family - Unterharbach Tel.: +43 (0) 676 / 7011530 unterharbach@gmail.com

Start: Hebsanger parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/4 hours

Ascent: 330 vm

Trail No.: 44 | GSQ: J/20



This easy hike along the forestry lane to the Reitalm is ideal for the whole family and in any weather. As the forest clears, you enter a valley basin with a stream flowing through it. From there, it's uphill again before reaching the hut. Children will get to enjoy a small pond with a raft, many animals to pet, a wooden slide, and swings. Meanwhile, the grown-ups can relax on the large sun terrace and enjoy a snack of homemade products or fresh cakes. With a bit of luck, you will be able to spot wildlife on the opposite side of the valley or even hear the rutting call of stags in the fall.

- » Overnight stays are possible in bunkrooms.
- » A hill festival at the Reitalm takes place annually on August 15th.
- » Also accessible directly from Hüttschlag, hiking time + 1 hour.





















Rosskarkopfscharte, 2.185 m

Start: Hebsanger parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 5 3/4 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ***

Scenery & Experience: ***



This tour starts at the Hebsanger parking area, following the forestry road to the Vorderkaseralm. A trail now leads through the forest, then above the tree line across enchanting alpine meadows to the Rosskarkopfscharte. This is where you cross from Hubalmtal Valley to Reitalmtal. Now, you will hike downhill on the narrow alpine trail to the Reitalm, where you can grab a bite to eat after the beautiful hike. Finally, enjoy a leisurely walk down the forestry road back to your original starting point.

Tip: This region is rich in wildlife, and in autumn, you can often hear the stags bellowing their rutting call.



Vorderkaseralm, 1.719 m

Strobl Family - Einöden Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 9357735 strobl-stalln@aon.at

Start: Hebsanger parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1 ¾ hours

Ascent: 420 vm

Trail No.: 45 | GSQ: K/20



From the Hebsanger parking area, hike uphill on the forest road uphill through the forest to the Vorderkaseralm. At the top, the view opens up, treating you to the sight of wonderful alpine meadows and the surrounding mountains of Hubalmtal. If you're looking for peace and relaxation in nature, this is definitely the place for you. Enjoy a "Brettljause" platter and homemade cake either in front of the hut or in the dining room, and leave the stresses of everyday life far behind. If you have sharp ears, you might well hear stags bellowing in the distance during late summer and fall. This area is particularly rich in wildlife.

- » You can also make your way up from the Hubalm via a beautiful, somewhat steeper alpine trail.
- » Hiking loop across the Rosskarkopfscharte and Reitalm.









Hubalm, 1.311 m

Gruber Family - Reitbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 650 / 4541707 info@reitbauernhof.com www.reitbauernhof.com

Start: Hubalmweg parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/4 hours

Ascent: 270 vm Weg Nr.: 46 | PQ: L/21



The Hubalm, situated in a romantic valley basin, is a popular hiking destination for the whole family. From the parking area in Hüttschlag, you have two hiking options: the forest road or the old Hubalm trail (No. 46B). The latter is a natural, idyllic path through the forest. Both eventually lead past the Hubalm chapel and then alongside the stream. Here, you'll find beautiful spots for a short break or a cool dip in the water. Around the hut, you will find a playground, grazing cows, and animals to pet. Two dining rooms with a big, tiled stove guarantee a warm, cozy atmosphere even in bad weather, making those delicious snacks taste twice as good.

Tip: Full tour via the Vorderkaseralm to the Rosskarkopfscharte and Reitalm to Hüttschlag.













Hühnerkaralm, 1.700 m

Berger Family - Vorderaschau Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 4354954 aschaubauer@aon.at

Start: Hubalmweg parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 2 ½ hours

Ascent: 670 vm

Trail No.: 46 | GSQ: M/22



The Hühnerkaralm is nestled amid the beautiful mountains in upper Hubalmtal. From the Hubalm, you hike steeply uphill for about 1½ hours to the Hühnerkaralm. There, you can enjoy homemade products on the cozy terrace or in the rustic dining room. In front of the hut, you'll hear nothing but the trickling of the fountain. The tranquility and simplicity of this place make the steep climb well worthwhile. If you want to experience the simple alpine lifestyle, without a mobile signal or access roads, you can even spend the night at the Hühnerkaralm.

Tip: Hiking tour via the Hühnerkarscharte to the Moderegg- or Hirschgrubenalm.











Hühnerkarscharte, 2.048 m

Start: Hubalmweg parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 6 ½ hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: N/22

The first intermediate stop on this tour, the Hirschgrubenalm, is reached via a forestry road from the car park just above the elementary school in Hüttschlag. At the junction just after the flood barrier on the stream, take the path on the left to the Hirschgrubenalm, where you can enjoy a bit to eat before continuing your tour. Now, through the forest on a narrow alpine trail to the Aschlreitalm (not a refreshment point). Above the tree line, you will hike across idyllic high meadows to the Hühnerkarscharte, the site of a cross. Your descent begins on a narrow trail to the Hühnerkaralm, continuing on a steeper path to the Hubalm. Both huts are perfect for a break and a snack of regional products. Finally, return to the starting point via the forestry road or the old Hubalm trail after the small chapel.

Tip: This hike is doable in the opposite direction. The descent is also possible via the Modereggalm to the valley head in Hüttschlag.



Hirschgrubenalm, 1.564 m

Gruber Family - Oberneureit Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 5324058 info@oberneureit.at

Start: Oberneureit parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1 1/4 hours

Ascent: 360 vm

Trail No.: 47 | GSQ: N/20



Hike uphill from the Oberneureit parking area along a picturesque forest path and forestry lane. Shortly before the hut, you will pass a small pond with a place to rest. Soon after that, you will see the over 100-year-old Hirschgrubenalm hut and a broad alpine meadow. In front of the hut, there is plenty of space for guests, and for the kids: small petting animals, and a tree to climb on. After your hike, enjoy a snack with freshly baked bread, homemade butter, and cheese. You can also enjoy homemade products during a delicious breakfast after an overnight stay at the Hirschgrubenalm.

- » The Hirschgrubenalm is very popular with mountain bikers.
- » Hiking tour to the Hühnerkaralm and Hubalm.
- » Hike across to the Modereggalm.



















Keeskogel, 2.884 m

Start: parking area at the valley head Hiking time (total): ca. 12 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★
Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



The starting point is the valley head in Hüttschlag. A steep trail leads to the Modereggalm. Briefly follow the marked path uphill, then continue via unmarked trails. The path is relatively flat at first, leading to the foot of the glacier to the "Lienlacken". From here, you will only encounter scree, stones, boulders, snow, and ice - still about 600 vertical meters from the summit. The final ascent takes you across the glacier. Depending on snow and crevasse conditions, decide whether to climb to the summit from the left or right. The last 100 meters are rocky again, and the final stretch along the ridge on the right side of the saddle also requires some scrambling.

Important: The alpine tour to the highest peak and only glacier in Grossarltal is only possible with very good physical condition and a local mountain guide. The best time of year: June and July.



Modereggalm, 1.720 m

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Start: parking area at the valley head Hiking time (out): ca. 2 hours

Ascent: 650 vm

Trail No.: 50 | GSQ: O/22



The Modereggalm is located at the entrance to Hohe Tauern National Park. The hike starts at the valley head in Hüttschlag, leading uphill through forest and alpine meadows. The strenuous climb is well worth it, as you will be treated to a fantastic view of the highest mountain, and only glacier in Grossarltal, the Keeskogel. Inside the rustic, cozy hut or out on the pleasant terrace, enjoy a selection of homemade products such as various cheeses, fresh bread, and sweet pastries.

Tip: Themed Trail "To the Alm" nature walk: Along this path, you will find info boards with pictures and descriptions of life and work on hill farms inside Hohe Tauern National Park.











Schödersee, 1.440 m

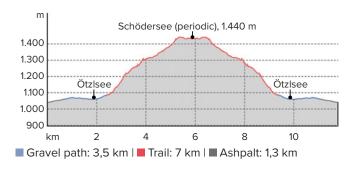
Start: parking area at the valley head Hiking time (total): ca. 3 ¾ hours Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★ Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: R/24

The hike starts at the valley head in Hüttschlag, taking you on a wide gravel path with almost no incline to the Ötzlsee, an idyllic destination for a walk. After this small lake, the actual ascent begins. Accompanied by the sounds of rushing water, you will hike steadily uphill via a rocky trail. When you reach a flatter section and can no longer hear the water (it flows underground at this point), you're almost at the Schödersee. After the final few meters, past a small patch of forest, you will indeed discover Schödersee nestled amid the Hohe Tauern mountains.

Tip: Schödersee is a periodic lake, only filled with water during the snowmelt and after heavy rainfall. Experienced mountaineers may choose to hike to the Arlscharte.



Kreealm-Kreehütte, 1.483 m

Aichhorn Family - Vorderkree Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 1290458 vorderkree@aon.at www.bauernladenstueberl.com

Start: parking area at the valley head Hiking time (out): ca. 1½ hours

Ascent: 440 vm

Trail No.: 51/724 | GSQ: Q/21



From the valley head in Hüttschlag, you can either hike on the forestry road or the hiking path past the waterfall to the Kreealm. Just before the hut, you will pass a small chapel, an inviting spot for a break. A few minutes later, you will come to the Kreehütte, the lower of the two Kreealms. Here, you can enjoy traditional snacks with many local products and fresh farmhouse bread. To accompany your cup of coffee, your hostess Greti loves nothing more than to serve her homemade cakes. If you stay overnight, you can experience a cozy evening at the hut and use the grill equipment out front.

- » Hike to the top of the Mureck or Nebelkareck.
- » Ideal waypoint for long-distance hikers. Possible hikes include, for example, the Tappenkarsee or Ellmautal.

















Kreealm-Bichlhütte, 1.570 m

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Start: parking area at the valley head Hiking time (out): ca. 1½ hours

Asecnt: 470 vm

Trail No.: 51/724 | GSQ: Q/21



To reach the upper of the two Kreealms, the Bichlhütte, enjoy a leisurely hike either along the forestry road or the forest path. At the start of the hike, you will pass Kreealm waterfall. Just before the hut, a chapel invites you to pause and collect your thoughts. The expanse of alpine meadows at the entrance to Hohe Tauern National Park boasts some of the richest plant- and wildlife in the side valleys of Grossarltal. Sample a wide selection of farm-fresh delicacies: from a traditional "Jause" to bacon and eggs, soups with various dumplings, and sweet "Kaiserschmarrn" pancakes. Next to the hut, the kids will discover a playground with a small pond.

Tip: A detour to Kreealm waterfall is highly recommended during the hike up.



















Mureck, 2.402 m (über Murtörl)

Start: parking area at the valley head Hiking time (total): ca. 7 ¼ hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty:

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: S/22

At the transition to Lungau and near the source of the River Mur, the longest river in Styria, you will discover your destination, known as the Murtörl. From the valley head in Hüttschlag, hike past Kreealm waterfall and on the forestry road or hiking trails to the two Kreealms. Continue uphill through a larch forest to a vast alpine cirque. On the north side of this cirque, a steeper hike brings you to the Murtörl. After another 20 minutes, you will have reached the summit cross on the Mureck, which locals also call the "Little Schöderhorn."

Tip: A high-alpine tour to the top of the Weinschnabel. This tour is only possible with a local mountain guide.



Glettenalm, 1.760 m

Gruber Family - Maurach Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 1664723 maurachbauer@gmail.com

Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 2 ¼ hours

Ascent: 530 vm

Trail No.: 52 | GSQ: Q/19



Beneath the Klingspitz, the valley widens into a large alpine basin. Nestled amid the high meadows and mountains is the Glettenalm. From the Hallmoosalm parking area, hike on the forestry road or trails through forest. Just before the hut, there is a small, newly built chapel where you can take a short break. Here, you have a beautiful view of the surrounding peaks and the Keeskogel, the highest mountain in Grossarltal. After a bite to eat (a selection of homemade products), you will be ready to continue your hike or drop back down to the valley.

Tip: Bike & Hike: Ride out to the Glettenalm, then hike to the top of the Kreuzeck or Hierzeck.













Kreuzeck, 2.204 m

Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 6 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: Q/18

The hike up the Kreuzeck starts at the Hallmoosalm parking area in Hüttschlag. After a short stretch on the forestry road, turn left into the forest and follow the path to the Karteisalm (not a refreshment point). Then, hike through a beautiful alpine cirque to the Karteistörl. From here, you have a stunning view of Tappenkarsee, the largest mountain tarn in the Eastern Alps. At this point, you are just a few minutes from the summit of the Kreuzeck. Descend via the marked trail to the Glettenalm, which you can actually already see from the Kreuzeck. After an energizing snack at the Glettenalm, return to the Hallmoosalm parking area via the forestry road. Alternatively, after a short distance on the road, hike down pathway No. 52A.

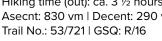
Tip: The Kreuzeck is also a popular winter destination for ski tourers.



Tappenkarseehütte, 1.820 m

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Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 3 ½ hours Asecnt: 830 vm | Decent: 290 vm





The Tappenkarseehütte is located in the neighboring valley of Kleinarl, slightly above the legendary Tappenkarsee. Various routes lead to the Alpine Association hut. One of the most popular circular tours starts at the Hallmoosalm in Hüttschlag. First, hike a short distance along the forestry road, then turn onto the trail into the forest. Continue hiking over broad alpine meadows to the Karteistörl. From here, you already have a stunning view of the big mountain lake. The descent to the Tappenkarseehütte begins here. Having reached the hut, reenergize with the help of a hearty snack and perhaps a plate of sweet, three-colored "Kaiserschmarrn".

Tip: You also have the option of hiking up from Kleinarl via an idyllic trail. Parking is available at the Jägersee (walking time: ca. 3 ½ hours) or at the Schwabalm (walking time: approx. 2 ½ hours).











Tappenkarsee, 1.762 m

Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 7 hours

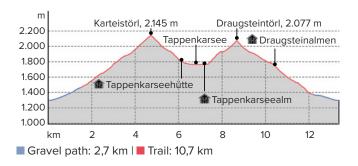
Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★
Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: R/16

From the Hallmoosalm parking area, hike along the forestry road, then through the forest to the Karteisalm (not staffed). Continue uphill through a broad alpine cirque to the Karteistörl, where you will see the Tappenkarsee, the biggest mountain tarn in the Eastern Alps. Enjoy the views as you drop down to the Tappenkarsee. Standing right by the lake is the Tappenkarseehütte, an Alpine Association hut offering delicacies such as "Kaiserschmarrn" and blueberry pancakes. Continue hiking alongside the lake as far as the Tappenkarseealm, where you can again recharge your batteries prior to the ascent. A steeper path now leads uphill to the cross on the Draugsteintörl. From there, follow the hiking path to the Draugsteinalmen. After a well-deserved refreshment stop, return to the starting point of this tour.

Tip: Alternatively, a high-alpine hike leads directly from the Karteisto the Draugsteintörl, treating you to a stunning view of the lake.





Draugstein, 2.359 m

Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 6 hours

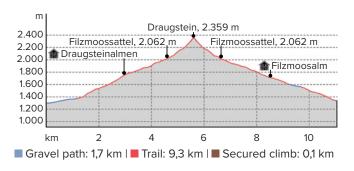
Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



In Hüttschlag, set out from the Hallmoosalm parking area via an idyllic hiking path to the two Draugsteinalmen. Continue hiking uphill across alpine meadows to the Filzmoossattel, where your actual ascent of the majestic Draugstein begins. Here, surefootedness and a head for heights are a must: You will hike uphill through a series of switchbacks along the ridgeline to the summit. The most difficult sections are secured with cables. Once at the top, walk just a few more meters along the ridge to the summit cross, and enjoy the stunning views extending from the Hohe Tauern mountains to the Dachstein. Descend via the same route, then hike over wide-open alpine meadows to the Filzmoosalm. After a snack of delicious homemade products, hike back to the Grundlehen parking area via a classic alpine trail or the forestry lane.

Tip: The starting points can be reached by hiking taxi and bus.



Draugsteinalm-Steinmannhütte, 1.778 m

Huttegger Family - Steinmannbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 6417 / 265 info@steinmannbauer.at

www.draugsteinalm.at

Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1½ hours

Ascent: 460 vm

Trail No.: 54 | GSQ: P/15



The left hut of the two Draugsteinalmen, as viewed from below, is the Steinmannhütte. From the Hallmoosalm parking area, take the hiking trail leading to the Steinmannhütte. The hill farmers process all their milk into cheese and butter right there at the hut. Their other award-winning products, such as yogurt, specialty cheeses, bread, bacon, sausage, schnapps, and liqueurs, are produced at the Steimannbauer organic farm and sold at the farm shop in Hüttschlag. After enjoying these delicacies, you can either continue your hike or even stay at the hut overnight.

- » Their outstanding products are also available at the shop on the Steinmannbauer farm in Hüttschlag.
- » A high-alpine hike to the Kreuzeck is possible.











Draugsteinalm-Schrambachhütte, 1.778 m

Aichhorn Family - Hinterschrambach Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 7670652 aichhorn klemens@aon.at

Start: Hallmoosalm parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1½ hours

Ascent: 460 vm

Trail No.: 54 | GSQ: P/15



At the foot of the Draugstein lies the Draugsteinalm with the Schrambachhütte, majestically overlooking the valley. Here, the milk of 11 cows is processed into butter and various cheese specialties. Free-roaming, ultra-happy pigs greet hikers with contented grunts at the gate. The countryside kept in such good shape by the farm family and animals here can be enjoyed on hikes to the Schrambachhütte from various directions. Whilst partaking in a selection of homemade products, the hosts are more than happy to chat with hikers about life and work in the hill country.

- » Enjoy views that are a treat for the eyes and the soul.
- » Be sure to try the various cheeses made here by the dairy farmers!









Bichlalm, 1.731 m

Andexer Family - Unterbichl Tel.: +43 (0) 650 / 4103915 sepp.a@gmx.at

Start: Finsterwald parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 13/4 hours

Ascent: 440 vm

Trail No.: 56 | GSQ: K/13



For a leisurely hike, follow the forest road to the Bichlalm starting from the Jaitlehen parking area above Hotel Lammwirt, which will take you about 2 hours. For a more challenging hike, try the route via the "Himmelsleiter", starting from the Finsterwald parking area. You will hike on a steep trail up through the forest until the trees clear and you can see the Bichlalm. The last stretch is almost flat along the forestry lane. At the hut, enjoy homemade products and the breathtaking view. Just above the hut is a beautiful memorial cross, and a few meters away you will find a wooden bench with marvelous mountain views.

Tip: You can also begin this hike directly from the town center of Grossarl, which adds about 1 extra hour of walking time.

















Remsteinkopf, 1.945 m

Start: Finsterwald parking area
Hiking time (total): ca. 4 ¼ hours
Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★
Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: L/13

From the Finsterwald parking area, first follow the easy hiking path, which then takes you through forest and becomes somewhat steeper. Due to how steep it is and the many exposed roots, this trail is nicknamed the "Stairway to Heaven". The view opens up, and you can now see the Bichlalm. Hike briefly along the forestry lane, then, just before the hut, take the path to the left. From the wider hiking path, turn right and hike uphill across alpine meadows to the Remsteinkopf. Backtrack via the same route, past the Bichlalm, and down to the Finsterwald parking area.

Tip: Alpine hike: Grundlehen - Filzmoosalm - Filzmooshörndl - Remsteinkopf - Bichlalm - Grossarl town center or Hotel Lammwirt.





Filzmooshörndl, 2.189 m

Start: Grundlehen parking area Hiking time (total): ca 5 ½ hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ******

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



GSQ: N/14

From the Grundlehen parking area, hike via the trail through the forest to the Filzmoosalm. Continue uphill over broad alpine meadows to the Filzmooshörndl. During your descent, we suggest a detour to the Filzmooshöhe with its unique summit cross. The cross is decorated with a wooden sun, with a round stone in the center. The cross itself is made from gnarled tree trunks. From here, return across the cirque to the Filzmoosalm and, after a short rest, hike the rest of the way back down to your starting point.

Tip: The cross on the Filzmooshörndl is a highlight in its own right. It was made from a larch tree that grew nearby and is crafted from a single piece. The crossbar is formed by two branches.



Filzmoosalm, 1.710 m

Huber Family - Prommegg Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 3906640 senner@filzmoosalm.at www.filzmoosalm.at

Start: Grundlehen parking area Walking time: ca. 11/4 hours

Ascent: 350 vm

Trail No.: 57 | GSQ: O/13



The hike to the Filzmoosalm starts at the Grundlehen parking area in Ellmautal. An idyllic trail leads you through the forest, passing small streams along the way. In one location, a special place of power has been created next to the water. The Filzmoosalm is operated by the whole family. The milk from the Pinzgauer cows is used to make cheese specialties, butter, yogurt, and much more. Around the hut, you will find a nice playground and many animals to pet.

- » The homemade ice cream comes from the milk produced right here. Their blueberry flavor is particularly popular.
- » Brief detour to the Draugsteinlacke. Walking time 1/4 hour.
- » Card payments are accepted at the Filzmoosalm.























Berggasthof Loosbühelalm, 1.769 m

Heigl Family - Klausbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 676 / 4409518 info@loosbuehelalm.at www.loosbuehelalm.at

Start: Grundlehen parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/2 hours

Ascent: 420 vm

Trail No.: 60 | GSQ: P/12



This hike via a pleasant forest path from the Grundlehen parking area takes about 1½ hours. The mountain inn is an insider tip for lovers of goat milk and goat cheese. However, homemade schnapps, bacon, sausage, and cow milk products from the Klausbauer farm are also offered. Additionally, warm meals and various pastries are served throughout the day. Children love the playground with a slide, a big tower to climb on, and much more. Overnight stays are also possible in cozy pine and larch rooms (up to 42 people). One absolute highlight: the pine sauna.

Tip: The Loosbühelalm is open in winter for snowshoers, ski tourers, and winter hikers. Toboggan rides are also great fun.























Weissalm, 1.723 m

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Start: Grundlehen parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1 1/4 hours

Ascent: 350 vm

Trail No.: 61 | GSQ: O/11



The Weissalm is a popular hiking destination. From the Grundlehen parking area, you will hike to this "Alm" along an idyllic trail through the forest. The hut still has an open fireplace. They mainly offer homemade products including sausage, bacon, various cheeses, butter, juices, schnapps, and liqueurs. A special feature of the Weissalm is the lovingly decorated interior. Here, you will find antique tools reminding you of the hard work done in the mountains in earlier times. You can also spend the night here, escaping the hustle and bustle of the outside world completely.

- » The area around the Weissalm is extremely rich in minerals. Many crystal finds can be admired inside the hut.
- » The Gründegg and Trögseen are reachable via the Weissalm.













Ellmaualm, 1.794 m

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Start: Grundlehen parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 11/2 hours

Ascent: 420 vm

Trail No.: 62 | GSQ: O/10



Following a very natural alpine trail, you will hike through pastures and a spruce forest from the Grundlehen parking area up to the Ellmaualm. Located on the sunny side of Ellmautal, it offers a fantastic panorama of the surrounding mountains. Recharge your batteries there with the help of a "Brettljause" or a cheese dumpling soup before exploring one of the many other hiking opportunities in this area. Or experience a cozy evening at the hut, staying overnight right there at the Ellmaualm.

Tip: Alpine hike: Grundlehen - Ellmaualm - Saukaralm -Gerstreitalm – Grossarl town center. This circular tour is very accessible using public transportation (bus 541).



















Trögseen, 1.980 m - Gründegg, 2.168 m

Start: Grundlehen parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 5 ½ hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ****
Scenery & Experience: *****



This hike starts at the Grundlehen parking area in Ellmautal. The path leads you through forest to the Ellmaualm, then across broad alpine meadows. Continue from the Ellmaualm over the beautiful meadows to a very special natural gem: the Trögseen. The surrounding mountains are reflected in these small tarns, creating a magical sight indeed. Your ascent progresses steadily uphill, a ridgeline bringing you to the Gründegg. We recommend dropping down to the Weissalm, where you can treat yourself to delicious snacks or homemade pastries. Return via the alpine trail to the starting point of the tour at the Grundlehen.

Tip: This hike is particularly beautiful during rhododendron season and in the autumn.





Saukarkopf, 2.048 m

Start: Vorderstadluck parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 5 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



PQ: L/9

A beautiful hiking path leads from the Vorderstadluck parking area through alpine meadows and patches of forest to the Saukaralm, the highest staffed hut in Grossarltal. From here, you will hike uphill on a trail leading to the Stuhlwand, a small plateau and the summit immediately preceding the Saukarkopf. Here, the steeper part of your ascent begins, including a number of high stone steps during the final meters. Your efforts are rewarded with stunning views from the summit. Hike down via the same route. A detour to the Gersteitalm is worthwhile. And from there you can hike all the way back to the car park.

Tip: This hike is particularly beautiful in autumn when the larches turn golden, and the visibility seems almost endless.



Saukaralm, 1.820 m

Knapp Family

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Start: Vorderstadluck parking area

Hiking time (out): ca. 2 hours

Ascent: 620 vm

Trail No.: 65 | GSQ: K/8



This hike to the highest mountain hut in Grossarltal leads via a trail from the Vorderstadluck farm, taking about 2 hours. The path takes you across beautiful alpine meadows and through small stretches of forest to the Saukaralm, Alternatively, you can reach this hut via the forestry road from the Saukaralm car park on Sonneggweg in just over 2 hours. From the big terrace in front of the hut, enjoy a one-of-a-kind view extending from the Hohe Tauern to the Hochkönig, and then to the Tennengebirge and Hagengebirge. Not open daily: Opening hours can be found in our current listing of mountain huts (page 4).

- » The starting point for the "Bella Cascinaia" via ferrata is just 5 minutes from the hut (difficulty rating: D/E).
- » If you start the hike right in the town center of Grossarl, taking the "Hertas Rast" hiking path, you will add ca. 1 hour of walking time.











Gerstreitalm, 1.575 m

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Start: Vorderstadluck parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1 1/4 hour

Ascent: 350 vm

Trail No.: 65 | GSQ: K/9



The Gerstreitalm, built in 1998, is located on the sunny side of Ellmautal. The hike to the Gerstreitalm from the Vorderstadluck parking area via an idyllic trail will take you about 1 hour. Alternatively, begin right in the center of Grossarl, using the "Hertas Rast" path (+ 1 hour). Another option: Hike up via the Rosensteinweg and Heugathalm, hiking time (depending on your starting point): 11/2 - 3 hours. Treat yourself to homemade farm products out on the comfortable terrace or in the rustic dining room.

- » Full hiking loop: Hike up via forest path No. 65A & return via forestry road No. 66 and hiking path No. 65.
- » The Gerstreitalm is an ideal waypoint for tours to the Saukaralm and Saukarkopf.















Heugathalm, 1.235 m

Hettegger Family - Oberheugath Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 73484610 oberheugath@aon.at www.heugathalm.wordpress.com

Start: Rosenstein parking area Hiking time (out): ca. 1/2 hour

Ascent: 140 vm

Trail No.: 66 | GSQ: K/7



It is just a 30-minute hike from the Rosensteinweg parking area to the Heugathalm. The path follows a forestry road, also usable with a stroller. For a somewhat longer hike, start in the center of Grossarl. The path leads 250 meters north of the "Grossarl Nord" entrance to town (approx. 150 m after Hotel Waldhof) and, in about 1½ hours, passes Einöden and the Rosenstein farm on the way to the Heugathalm. Due to its ready accessibility and a lovingly designed playground with petting animals, the Heugathalm is especially popular with families. Additionally, the small dairy there processes milk into cheese, butter, and more.

- » Live music is often performed here.
- » Hiking loops of varying distances possible.
- » Ideal excursion in any weather and for all ages.





















Penkkopf, 2.011 m

Start: parking area by the Breiteneben gate

Hiking time (total): ca. 5 1/2 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



The hike up is from the parking area next to the Breiteneben gate, leading via the forestry road or shortcuts through the forest past the Breitenebenalm and along the hiking path to the Grosswildalm. Continue uphill over alpine meadows until you reach the Penkkopf after about 3 hours. At the top, enjoy a stunning panoramic view. Hike back down via a beautiful alpine trail to the Karseggalm. Now follow the relaxing alpine trail down to the Breitenebenalm and back to your original starting point.

Tip: The hike to the Penkkopf combines wonderfully with a tour to Gründegg and the Trögseen lakes.



Grosswildalm, 1.778 m

Laireiter Family - Rattersberg Tel.: +43 (0) 650 /2240090 info@rattersberghof.at www.rattersberghof.at

Start: parking area by the Breiteneben gate

Hiking time (out): ca. 2 hours

Ascent: 560 vm

Trail No.: 67 | GSQ: O/8



From the parking area by the Breiteneben gate, hike on the forestry road or the forest path to the Breitenebenalm. Then, follow the idyllic hiking path through the forest. As the forest thins out, you will reach the Grosswildalm (elev. 1.778 m). In the area of the Grosswildalm, many different hikes are possible, including to the Penkkopf, Karseggalm, or even into Ellmautal. The Grosswildalm is a great opportunity to reenergize for all of these tours with the help of a selection of delicious homemade products.

Tip: Bike & Hike: After riding up by mountain bike, the hike to the top of the Penkkopf is particularly beautiful.









Breitenebenalm, 1.420 m

Sepp Hemetsberger

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www.breitenebenalm.at

Start: parking area by the Breiteneben gate

Hiking time (out): ca. 3/4 hour

Ascent: 170 vm

Trail No.: 70 | GSQ: M/7



An inviting sun terrace, a large playground, the Alpine zoo, cozy dining rooms, and the small museum attract hikers and mountain bikers to the Breitenebenalm no matter what the weather. From the parking area by the Breiteneben gate, hike on the forestry road or the hiking path up through the forest to the hut. Hikes with strollers are possible on the forestry road. Sepp, who took over the kitchen at the Breitenebenalm in 2023, is known for his good cooking. With his great team, he treats his guests to roast pork, cheese dumplings, fresh salads, burgers, "Kaiserschmarrn", sweet buns, blueberry pancakes, and many other delectable dishes.

Tip: Guests of the Breitenebenalm are also welcome to drive all the way up to the hut.





















Karseggalm, 1.603 m

Gruber Family - Eggbauer Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 9962188 eggbauer@aon.at

Start: parking area by the Breiteneben gate

Hiking time (out): ca. 11/2 hours

Ascent: 380 vm

Trail No.: 70 | GSQ: N/6



At over 400 years old, the Karseggalm is the oldest staffed mountain hut in Grossarltal. The open fireplace in this hut is particularly impressive, where daily cooking and cheese-making are still done in two large copper kettles. Various types of cheese are produced here, including full-flavored "Knetkäse", a specialty of Grossarltal, smoked over the fireplace. The Karseggalm can be reached via the Sonneggweg, past the Breitenebenalm, or via a somewhat steeper path from the Unterwand farm, passing the Unterwandalm (hiking time for either route: approx. 1½ hours).

Tip: Once a week, you can watch cheese being made (check the local events calendar for dates and times).















Unterwandalm, 1.600 m

Gratz Family - Unterwandhof Tel.: +43 (0) 664 / 4536438 unterwond@gmail.com

Start: Sonneggbrücke parking area

Hiking time (out): ca. 2 hours

Ascent: 410 vm

Trail No.: 70 | GSQ: M/5



You have different hiking routes to the Unterwandalm to choose from. Your starting point is the parking area by the Sonneggbrücke. Using the forestry road, you will hike for about 2 hours; if you take the path through the forest, you will reduce your hiking time by up to ½ an hour. Alternatively, hike from the Breitenebenalm via the Karseggalm to the Unterwandalm. Another option is to start from the parking area by the Breitenebenalm gate, taking you on a steep 1-hour climb leading past Unterwand farm. The homemade "Kaiserschmarrn" at the hut is particularly popular. Enjoy complete relaxation on the sun terrace and in the rustic dining rooms, often accompanied by traditional folk music and song. They really love making music here.

Tip: A detour to the Way of the Cross created by "Maurer Schorsch" is highly recommended.





















Kitzstein (Gabel), 2.037 m

Start: Sonneggbrücke parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 5 3/4 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★

Scenery & Experience: ★★★★



From the parking area by the Sonneggbrücke, hike on the forestry road and then on the steeper trail leading uphill to the Unterwandalm, the first stop on this tour. Continue at the same elevation to the Karseggalm, then uphill to the Kitzstein, also known as the "Gabel." After a break on the summit, you will hike downhill on a steeper path. Dropping down from the main ridge, you will pass a special place of power: the "Cosmic Cross." Continue downhill on the forestry road to the Maurachalm, where you can enjoy a bite to eat before hiking back via the Muggenfeldalm (not staffed) and forest shortcuts to your starting point.

Tip: The summit treats you to a stunning view of the Hohe Tauern, Tennengebirge, Hagengebirge, and Dachstein mountains.



Maurachalm, 1.620 m

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Start: Sonneggbrücke parking area

Hiking time (out): ca. 2 hours

Ascent: 470 vm

Trail No.: 71 | GSQ: N/4



The northernmost mountain hut in Grossarltal is accessible via the forestry road from the Sonneagbrücke (hiking time: approx. 2 hours) or along the hiking path from the Eggriedl (hiking time: approx. 1 hour). A pleasant hiking path also leads from the mountain stations of the Alpendorf and Grafenbergbahn Wagrain lifts (each approx. 1 hour). In bad weather, two cozy dining rooms provide ample space to warm up and reenergize. Best done, of course, with a selection of homemade products, freshly made farmhouse donuts, and fine schnapps. Live music and song performed by your hosts make this an especially idyllic experience.

- » Your hosts love to make music.
- » Unique alpine residents and definite guest favorites: the alpacas.



















Sonntagskogel, 1.849 m

Start: Sonneggbrücke parking area Hiking time (total): ca. 5 hours

Physical Condition & Difficulty: ★★★
Scenery & Experience: ★★★



GSQ: N/3

From the parking area by the Sonneggbrücke, hike on trail No. 71, either along the forestry road or taking shortcuts, to the Maurachalm. Now follow the wide path behind the hut, downhill through a short stretch of forest, then at a steady elevation across a broad alpine cirque. From there, hike uphill on a narrow trail through a brief expanse of forest to the forestry lane, then follow it to the Sonntagskogelbahn mountain station. The last few minutes are on a narrow trail to the summit at 1.849 m. Once at the top, enjoy the impressive mountain vistas.

Tip: On the way back, make a detour to the "Gsteng" mountain lake and walk all the way around its banks.



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