

A MOUNTAIN BIKE TOUR TO THE ALPE MELKÖDE

EASY

MOUNTAINBIKE



TOUR DESCRIPTION

This mountain bike tour leads into the Schwarzwassertal valley between Walmendinger Horn and Hoher Ifen. The route is gravel throughout and has a moderate gradient, so there are no steep climbs or descents to contend with. From the valley station of the Ifenbahn, pass the Herzsee lake and follow the hiking trail. Just before you reach the Alpe Melköde plateau, keep to the right and head for Alpe Melköde. The Alpe Melköde mountain hut is a great place to take a break before heading back down the valley, initially following the same route and then keeping to the right at the fork before the Herzsee lake to return to the starting point of the tour.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From the Auenhütte at the valley station of the Ifenbahn, take a mountain bike towards Melköde. The view of the beautifully situated Herzsee will soon open up. The further route leads us through the wild and romantic nature reserve Rüche. On both sides of the path there are huge boulders in a tangled mess - witnesses of a huge rock fall that went down centuries ago. The highest point of the tour is reached at the shrine on the left-hand side and we continue on the path on the right of the Melköde to Alpe Melköde, whose ancient settlement was inhabited all year round according to documents in 1612. The Alpe was recognized as a culinary hut by the GenussRegion Österreich. The way back is to Herzsee. There we take the right path and come back to the starting point.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide

144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg

112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network)

www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps

Solid footwear. Weatherproof clothing is recommended. Something to drink!

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips

This tour is also suitable for families with small children due to the gentle gradients and the fact that it does not take in any roads with traffic.

Further links

How do you consciously experience nature?

Nature is so much more than the backdrop for unforgettable mountain experiences. It is a habitat for animals and plants. It provides drinking water and supplies us with high quality food. Not only does it provide valuable raw materials such as wood, it also protects against avalanches and mudslides and regulates the climate. It is up to us to support nature in everything that it does for us. One thing is certain, together we can achieve more:

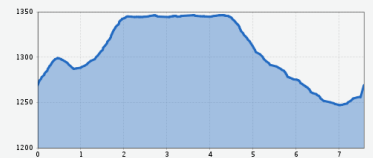
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↔ Distance
7.59 KM

🕒 Duration
2:15 H

⚡ Altitude meters
108 M

⚡ Highest point
1349 M



Condition



Best season

JAN FEB MAR APR **MAI** **JUN**
JUL **AUG** **SEP** **OCT** **NOV** DEC

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Take a deep breath and recharge your batteries, be outside and feel free. When we enjoy nature, we are guests in the living room of shy animals and rare plants. If you behave smart, they will be happy to share their living space with you in the future too.

Stay on paths and marked routes

If you follow the marked paths and routes, you are sure to come to new favorite places. In this way you also respect protected areas, because many animals and plants need special protection. Especially in winter, any disturbance unnecessarily costs the wild animals the strength they need to survive.

Avoiding twilight times

Standing on a mountain at sunrise is a special experience. The morning and evening hours are also the time when most wild animals are in search of food. If they are disturbed, they get stressed. If it cannot be avoided, please stay on the marked path, do not use a bright headlamp and enjoy the silence.

Stay clean & take rubbish with you

It goes without saying: You take rubbish with you again, on the mountain and in the valley. Please also organic waste, because it is composted much more slowly at altitude. You can dispose of the rubbish properly at home or in your accommodation - please remember that there are no rubbish bins in public spaces in Kleinwalsertal.

On the natural toilet

If you are looking for a quiet place, please be at least 50 m away from water. Bury excrement or cover it with a large stone. Use fallen leaves or recycled toilet paper and put the paper back in the trash bag.

On tour with a dog

Are you always in control of your four-legged partner, even if he gets his nose for marmots, deer or other wild animals? You are both on the safe side on a leash. Keep dogs on a short leash near grazing cattle. If an attack by a grazing animal is foreseeable: leash off immediately. There are numerous dog stations in the valley for the disposal of dog bags. The farmers and alpine farmers thank you because manure in meadows and fields contaminates the feed and makes grazing cattle sick.

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Consideration for other athletes and those looking for relaxation

Everyone loves to enjoy a special piece of earth for themselves. But most of the time we are not traveling alone. No problem, because there is enough space. Allow time, open the way in an accommodating manner, provide support when someone needs help and always give a smile. So nothing stands in the way of friendly cooperation and relaxed enjoyment of nature.

Appreciating the preservation of the cultural landscape

Alpine landscapes are touching with their contrast: Imposing peaks and natural forests alternate with gentle valleys, well-tended meadows and pastures. In the Kleinwalsertal too, this delightful landscape at three altitudes is no coincidence, but the result of an interplay of natural and cultural landscapes. Behind this is the work of farmers, alpine and forestry as well as hunters. With their work, they ensure that the attractiveness of the recreation and leisure area and the diversity of species are preserved. We already say thank you if we stay on the marked trails and enjoy regional products.

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Safe on tour - for you and others

Whether on a ski or snowshoe tour in winter or on a mountain tour in summer, anyone who is out and about in alpine terrain has to be well prepared. This includes careful information and tour planning as well as the right equipment. Correctly assessing alpine dangers requires a lot of knowledge and experience. Why not learn from professionals and go on tour with one of the experienced guides?

Nature experience map, scale 1:12,000; Kleinwalsertal tour map (with hiking guide), scale 1:25,000; DAV hiking map, scale 1:25,000; the respective cards are available for a fee in the Walserhaus Hirschegg.

Morning **6 °C**
MOUNTAIN

13 °C
VALLEY

Noon **5 °C**
MOUNTAIN

15 °C
VALLEY

Evening **5 °C**
MOUNTAIN

13 °C
VALLEY